City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314

Action Docket - Final

Saturday, April 16, 2016

9:30 AM

Council Chambers

City Council Public Hearing

OPENING

1 Calling the Roll.

Mayor Silberberg called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of City Council were present, with the exception of Councilman Smedberg, who was absent.

14-5224 Calling the Roll

2 Public Discussion Period.

14-5225 Public Discussion Period

[No more than 30 minutes. This period is restricted to items not listed on the docket.]

The following persons participated on this item:

1. Edith Lam, 1108 Jefferson Street, a volunteer with the Virginia Cooperative Extension, spoke for increased awareness of the VCE and free educational program that is offered in Alexandria and Arlington.

2. Reginald Morris, 1108 Jefferson Street, staff member with the Virginia Cooperative Extension, spoke about the VCE program and providing educational outreach to the community.

3. Mimi Goff, 1313 Bishop Lane, spoke about the need and problem with overcrowding at the City schools.

4. Helen Desfosses, 400 Madison Street, Apt. 1201, chair, Alexandria Library Board, spoke about the Library budget funding.

5. Gary Carr, 216 Aspen Street, spoke in support of the restoration of the running track at George Washington Middle School and to fully fund the School Board's budget.

6. Lance Spencer, 1108 Vassar Road, representing the Clover College Park Civic Association, spoke to the dangerous high speed cut through traffic in Clover College Park for cars trying to bypass Quaker and Duke Street.

7. Julia Hart, 4515 Willard Avenue, Apt 1212S, Chevy Chase, Maryland, said she is an ACPS teacher and she spoke of funding for the City schools.

8. Stefanie Mills,1340 Braddock Place, a teacher with ACPS, spoke in support of funding for the City schools for pre-k education.

8. Lorna Eaton, 1340 Braddock Place, a pre-k teacher with ACPS, spoke in support of funding for the pre-k education.

9. Amy Salleh, 1340 Braddock Place, a pre-school teacher with ACPS, spoke in support of pre-k funding for the schools.

10. Sarah Adams, 1005 N. Daniel Street, Arlington, a pre-school teacher with ACPS, spoke in support of pre-k funding for the schools.

11. Beth Pellowitz, 1340 Braddock Place, an early childhood special education teacher with ACPS, spoke in support of pre-k funding for the schools.

12. Molly McCabe, 1340 Braddock Place, a kindergarten teacher with ACPS, spoke in support of pre-k funding for the schools.

13. Jane Richardson,1340 Braddock Place, an early childhood education teacher with ACPS, spoke in support of pre-k funding for the schools.

14. Alan Dinsmore, 205 Aspen Street, representing the Commission on Aging, spoke of Council moving expeditiously on the consolidation of programs with the Charles Houston Center and moving to restore the funding of staff and programming at the Center; the dental program and restoration of funds in the amount of $57,914 for the program; and the complete street programs funding in the CIP in the amount of $557,000, which may not be sufficient for continuation of the pedestrian safe streets.

15. Janice Grenadier,15 W. Spring Street, spoke of her illegal jailing and torture in Alexandria, and she spoke of the City Attorney's writing of a report on the reporting of misconduct of a Judge.

16. Dorothea Peters, 4513 Peacock Avenue, spoke about the Patrick Henry School and Rec Center, thanking the School Board for telling the architect not to have access on Latham and she spoke of option 1-A/D, which allowed access onto Latham. She said she was concerned about re-districting schools in Alexandria and asked for support of option 1-A.

17. Jody Manor, 103 N. Alfred Street, owner of Bittersweet, said their main street is under stress and there are declining sales tax revenue. He said the commercial building Bittersweet is in has declined in value over the last eight years, and that should be a grave concern, noting that 20 businesses have closed in the last year. He said they need to look at solutions, and they need to look at a public/private partnership that gets everything to work together, and a professional study needs to be made of how the assets can work together and there needs to be money in the budget for that study.

18. Liz Parker, 700 N. Lathan Street, a member of the Patrick Henry Advisory Group, spoke of the plan for a driveway and parking lot on Latham Street. She said the School Board voted unanimously to limit design options to emergency only access on Latham Street. After that, in the community advisory meeting, the project team discussed trade-offs, and she urged Council to support the School Board decision for only emergency access on Latham Street.

19. Linda Hauenstein, 4807 Peacock Avenue, spoke of the Patrick Henry project, noting that option A was the overwhelming favorite from the community, and there is a new option 1-A which includes bus access on Latham, and she said neighbors oppose option 1-A over concerns about safety issues for the children. She noted they applaud the School Board decision that only access be allowed for emergency vehicles.

20. Basim Khan, 2 E. Glebe Road, executive director, Neighborhood Health, spoke in support of the Casey Clinic, noting that in 2004, they served 1,900 residents and now serve 7,500 low-income residents. He said they serve about 3 out of 4 Alexandrians living in poverty, and the goal is to serve all the residents.

21. Carol James, N. Vail Street, spoke of open space at Patrick Henry, stating that the new A-1 plan further reduces the green space at the site. She noted that the community pointed out to the consultant that they removed green space, and they were told they were planting a row of trees, but she said landscaping is not open space and does not promote recreational use. She said the site proposal is inconsistent with the City's own needs assessments, which stipulates people want open space, and that is their number one concern.

22. Bert Ely, 200 S. Pitt Street, on behalf of the Old Town Civic Association, spoke of the concerns of a possible creation of business improvement districts (BID) in the City, noting that it is a special tax district in a defined geographical area. He said a key motivation from some in organizing a waterfront/King Street BID arises from dissatisfaction with the quality of City services along King Street and along the waterfront. Mr. Ely went over numerous questions Council should consider before authorizing any BID.

23. Brittany Pierce Lipinski, S. Glebe Road, an early childhood special education teacher with ACPS, spoke in support of pre-k funding.

24. Jeannie Frank, 3700 Fort Worth Avenue, spoke of the planning for street striping on Ft. Williams Parkway for bike lanes, parking places and crosswalks and have been told it would be done as soon as resufacing programs is completed in the Spring, and she and her husband oppose the striping.

25. Jack Sullivan, 4300 Ivanhoe Place, representing the Seminary Hill Association, spoke to the expansion of Patrick Henry and the Rec Center and the issues - the subtle change in option A and A-1, and to the turfing of the fields. He said a study said that in the long run, turf fields are more expensive than natural grass, so accepting figures that turf is less expensive in the short-term isn't necessarily so.

26. Jerusalem Brown, 1306 Madison Street, spoke of the ECLI program and thanked Council for funding the Hopkins House ECLI program and investing in human services.

27. Merhawit Gebremedhin, 4291 Seminary Road, #307, spoke of the ECLI program at Hopkins House and thanked Council for investing in human services.

28. Marivel Meruvia, 3321 Slade Court, spoke of the ECLI program at Hopkins House and thanked Council for investing in human services.

29. Cory Pena, 307 Buchanan Street, spoke of her concern for the pre-k center and that it would remove 400 at-risk students from their neighborhood and put them in a pre-k center outside of their neighborhood in order to alleviate overcrowding.

30. Julie Jakopic, 3210 Landover Street, spoke to Hopkins House Early Childhood Learning Institute and to the problem with putting 400 students in one building, noting that they need the little kids to get everything they need.

31. Emma Garcia, 205 S. Whiting Street, spoke of support for investments in human services and said she participates in SCAN's parenting class and noted how it's helped her with her parenting skills.

32. Glenda Salmeron, 5249 Duke Street, Suite 308, spoke of how her life is better because of Council's investment in human services and the help she received when she was pregnant and as a new parent.

33. Eby Aka, 4744 Kenmore Avenue, #202, thanked Council for the great job they have done through the years for the early childhood programs.

34. Hamid Mitchell, 6034 Morgan Court, spoke of the investment in human services, noting that he is a past participant in PLTI and SCAN.

35. Joan Drury, N. Royal Street, spoke of the ethics discussion from past Tuesday's meeting, and she said it's not about Council's ethics, but the ethical decision making based on values of the citizens. She also spoke to the traffic impact studies and she said her question is does building development and increasing density and height in new development overshadow public safety.

36. Richard Merritt, 2729 Franklin Court, spoke in support of the one cent increase in property tax, as co-chair of the Alliance for Alexandria's Uninsured, noting that the General Assembly has shut the door on expanding the Medicaid program. He asked Council to make a significant investment in improving access to primary care services for those citizens that are not being cared for in health insurance.

37. Dolores Viehman, 1309 Prince Street, spoke on behalf of Senior Services of Alexandria to speak to the importance of human service organizations and of the senior clients they serve through the Meals on Wheels program.

38. Dan Hawkins, 1405 Roundhouse Lane, #301, the other co-chair for the Alliance for Alexandria's Uninsured, spoke of the concern for the unmet health care needs of the poor and underserved residents of the City and spoke of the health fair that was held with no City funding. He said they request that the City invest more funding to improve funding for primary care services.

39. Stacy Chittick, 108 Lake Cook Drive, said she is a parent and is a PTA president and spoke in support of fully funding the ACPS budget.

40. Kelli Back, 417 Earl Street, spoke on behalf of Washington United Methodist Church and as a member of the Alliance for Alexandria's Uninsured, in support of using revenue from a tax increase for increased access to primary care services for the City's most vulnerable residents.

41. Jamie Conrad, 107 W. Maple Street, said he and his wife attend Emmanuel Church on the Hill and he said he is co-chair of his church's outreach committee who decides which charities and causes get money they generate from their pumpkin sales. He spoke to the need for expansion of Medicaid to provide health insurance for the working poor and for three years the General Assembly has turned its back on these people. He said the Alliance for Alexandria's Uninsured have worked to raise funds but it is not enough. He said allocating four percent of the proposed one cent increase could make a difference in a lot of lives.

42. Robert Dugger, 10 Wolfe Street, spoke in support of pre-k education funding, noting that nothing raises the per capita income for a region better than high quality child care, and he asked Council to convene all the City's non and for profit public and church child care providers and develop a plan on how to use the early care and learning professionals to open new facilities to handle the 400 kids they are concerned about.

43. Gregory Sepper, 104 Cameron Mews, spoke in support of investment in human services needs, notingt he the works at Carpenter's Shelter, and he spoke of the homeless and their work in helping those individuals.

44. Gwendolyn Lewis, 4950 Brenman Park Drive, #110, said she is a member of the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission, and the founder of the Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria, and she said their mission is to empower an increased student achievement and reduce the drop out rate in City schools. She said to improve the graduation rates among black and hispanic students, the City and ACPS should support the expansion of programs that address issues that contribute to dropping out of high school.

45. David Kaplan, 418 Queen Street, spoke about the maximum tax rate, and he spoke to the back-log of projects in the CIP and said setting the tax rate that funds capital investments is the prudent and responsible thing to do. He spoke to the complete streets program, which is funded in the CIP, and asked for support of the bike and pedestrian master plan.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR (3-5)

Planning Commission

3 14-5172 Special Use Permit #2016-0011
823 King Street (parcel address: 821 King Street) - Sweetgreen
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to operate a restaurant; zoned: KR/King Street Retail. Applicant: Sweetgreen
Planning Commission Action: Recommended Approval 7-0

4 14-5173 Encroachment #2016-0002
700 South Pitt Street
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for an encroachment into the public right-of-way for a fence; zoned: RM/Residential Medium-Townhouse.
Applicant: Thomas Campbell
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-1

5 14-5174 Special Use Permit #2015-0128
4800 Brenman Park Drive - Dog Park
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to add lights to and to expand the Ben Brenman Dog Park; zoned: CDD #9/Coordinated Development District #9. Applicant: Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

END OF ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the consent calendar, with the removal of item #4, which was considered under separate motion, as follows:

3. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.

4. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation, with an amendment to require that the encroachment expires after one year and asked staff to proceed with a vacation application and come back to Council when they are prepared to do so. (separate motion)

5. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

6 14-5162 Public Hearing on the Draft Fiscal Year 2017 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development.

City Council held the public hearing on the draft Fiscal Year 2017 action plan for Housing and Community Development and docketed the plan for final Council action on May 10, 2016.

7 14-5188 Public Hearing an Consideration of the Report of the City Council Naming Committee on a Proposed Plaque to be Installed on the Washington Street Urban Deck in Memory of Ronald F. Kirby.

City Council held the public hearing and approved the recommendation of the City Council Naming Committee on a plaque to be installed on the Washington Street Urban Deck in memory of Ronald F. Kirby.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

Planning Commission (continued)

8 14-5176 Master Plan Amendment #2015-0005
Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to include the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan as a section of the Transportation Master Plan Chapter of the City's Master Plan. Staff: Department of Transportation and Environmental Services
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation, with the amendments as recommended and endorsed by the Transportation Commission and the Planning Commission.

9 14-5175 Coordinated Development District Concept Plan #2015-0005
1050, 1100, 1200, 1200 A North Fayette Street & 1219 First Street (parcel address 1225 First Street) - Braddock Gateway
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for an amendment to a previously-approved CDD Conceptual Design Plan to change the use programing on the site, building height and configuration, and road location and circulation; zoned: CDD #15/Coordinated Development District #15.
Applicant: Jaguar, L.C., represented by Mary Catherine Gibbs, attorney
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation, with an amendment to correct conditions 52 and 54 to correct the language so it notes the housing contribution is $5 million.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

10 14-5094 Public Hearing on an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2016 (Fiscal Year 2017). (Adoption is Scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2016.)

City Council held the public hearing and scheduled the ordinance for second reading and final passage on May 5, 2016.

11 14-5155 Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Revise Title IX (Licensing and Regulations), Chapter 15 (Food Truck Vendors) of the City Code to Allow Regulations For On-Street Food Truck Vending. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance as recommended by staff to allow regulation for on-street food truck vending and asked staff to bring the locations to the Trafffic and Parking Board and docket it for May for Council approval of the locations, subject to the recommendations of the Traffic and Parking Board. (ORD. NO.4991)

12 14-5185 Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for the Support of the City Government for FY 2016. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the supplemental appropriation ordinance for the support of the City Government for FY 2016. (ORD. NO. 4992)

13 14-5056 Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Amend the Alexandria Community Services Board of the City Code. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance to amend the Alexandria Community Services Board membership. (ORD. NO. 4993)

14 14-5128 Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Amend Section 5-7-37 of the City Code to Allow Discretion in Requiring the Quarantine of Animals Who Have Been Vaccinated for Rabies After a Bite of a Person or of Another Animal. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance to allow discretion in requiring quarantine of animals who have been vaccinated for rabies after a bite of a person or another animal. (ORD. NO. 4994)

15 14-5191 Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Amend Section 5-2-27 of the City Code Penalty for Violating the Conditions and Restrictions of the Code of the City of Alexandria for Hauling of Waste Materials, Construction Materials, etc. from a Criminal Penalty to a Civil Penalty. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance on the penalty for violating the conditions and

restrictions for hauling of waste materials and construction materials from a criminal penalty to a civil penalty. (ORD. NO. 4995)

16 14-5140 Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Section 5-602 (Coordinated Development Districts Created, Consistency With Master Plan, Required Approvals) of Section 5-600 (CDD/Coordinated Development Districts) of Article X (Mixed Use Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in Accordance With the Text Amendment Heretofore Approved By City Council as Text Amendment No. 2015-0006 Approved By City Council on January 30, 2016 to Establish the Oakville Triangle CDD. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance to establish the Oakville Triangle CDD. (ORD. NO. 4996)

17 14-5134 Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Vacate City Right-of-Way at 418 West Braddock Road. (January 30, 2016) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance to vacate City right-of-way at 418 West Braddock Road. (ORD. NO. 4997)

18 14-5139 Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, By Adopting and Incorporating Therein the Amendment Approved By City Council on January 30, 2016 to the Potomac West Small Area Plan Chapter of Such Master Plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2015-0007 to Amend the Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Vision Plan and Urban Design Standards and Guidelines and No Other Amendments, and To Repeal All Provisions of the Said Master Plan as May Be Inconsistent With Such Amendment. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance for the Potomac West Small Area Plan Chapter of the Master Plan for Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Vision Plan. (ORD. NO. 4998)

19 14-5141 Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Sheet Nos. 025.01, 25.03, and 35-01 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," Adopted by Section 1-300 (Official Zoning Map and District Boundaries), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, By Rezoning the Property at 2000, 2100, 2200, 2316, 2320, 2412, 2514, 2610, 2700, 2706, 2800, 2920, 3000, 3006, 3014, 3100 - 3104, 3216, 3300, 3314, 3400 Jefferson Davis Highway; 400, 405 Fannon Street; 2500 Oakville Street; 300, 403, 405, 420 Swann Avenue; 300, 304, 308, 312, 400, 410, 420 434, 446 Calvert Aveh7e; 415-418 E. Raymond; 413, 415, 416-418, 420, 426-430 Hume Avenue (2900 Jefferson Davis Hwy); 414, 417, 419- 421, 423 Clifford; 401, 405, 406, 408-410, 412, 415 E. Glebe; 522 E. Mt Ida Avenue; 519 E. Howell Avenue; and 516, 518 E. Bellefonte Avenue from, CSL (Commercial Service Low), I (Industrial), R 2-5 (Residential) to CDD #24 (Coordinated Development District); in Accordance With the Said Zoning Map Amendment Heretofore Approved By City Council as Rezoning No.

2015-0004 Approved By the City Council on January 30, 2016 (Oakville Triangle). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance to rezone property for Oakville Triangle. (ORD. NO. 4999)

20 14-5142 Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of the Public Right-of-Way at 5000 and 5001 Echols Avenue (VAC No. 2014-0003 Approved January 24, 2015 as Part of the Fillmore Project). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way at 5000 and 5001 Echols Avenue. (ORD. NO. 5000)

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

DEFERRAL/WITHDRAWAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Planning Commission (continued)

21 14-5187 Special Use Permit #2016-0009
322 North Alfred Street (parcel address: 326 North Alfred Street) - Bright Mind Daycare
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to operate a daycare business; zoned: RB/Residential Medium-Townhouse. Applicant: Bright Mind Daycare
Planning Commission Action: Deferred to May 3, 2016 hearing

22 14-5189 Text Amendment #2016-0002
Sign Regulations
Public Hearing and Consideration of (A) initiation of a text amendment; (B) text amendment to Article IX of the Zoning Ordinance regarding regulations for signs allowed on properties in each zone. Staff: Department of Planning and Zoning
Planning Commission Action: Deferred to the May 3, 2016 hearing

City Council noted the deferrals.

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The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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Note: The action docket is a summary of Council's meeting deliberations prepared largely for staff follow-up. Formal minutes of the meeting, when approved by Council, become the official record of the meeting and of Council decisions made at the meeting.