

City of Alexandria

*301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314*



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Silberberg called the meeting to order and the Deputy City Clerk called the roll. All the members of Council were present, with Councilman Chapman and Councilman Bailey arriving during the Executive Session.

2. Closed Meeting.

[14-5352](#)

6:00 P.M. - Consideration of a Closed Meeting for the Discussion Concerning the Expansion of an Existing Business, Discussion of the Investment of Public Funds Where Bargaining is Involved, and Discussion of Plans Related to the Security of a Governmental Facility.

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:03 p.m to discuss the expansion of an existing business/investment of public funds where bargaining is involved and to discuss the plans related to the security of a governmental facility; specifically, the possible investment of public funds in a large commercial redevelopment through various incentives where bargaining is involved, where, if made public, the financial interests of the City would be adversely affected and discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to possible terrorist activity for a specific governmental facility (non-specific threat); pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711 (A)(5), (6) and (19) of the Code of the Virginia.

City Council reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the Executive Session. (RES. NO. 2729)

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council observed a moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

[14-5320](#)

The Special Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2016;
The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2016; and
The Public Hearing Minutes of May 14, 2016.

City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the special meeting minutes of May 5, 2016, the regular meeting minutes of May 10, 2016, and the public hearing meeting minutes of May 14, 2016.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

*** City Council-School Board Subcommittee (Vice Mayor Wilson and Mayor Silberberg)**

- * **Potomac Yard Metro Implementation (Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilman Smedberg)**
- * **ARHA Redevelopment Work Group (Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**
- * **Quality of Life Committee (Vice Mayor Wilson and Mayor Silberberg)**
- * **Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Vice Mayor Wilson)**
- * **Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (Councilman Bailey and Councilman Chapman)**
- * **Workforce Development Coalition (Councilman Bailey and Councilwoman Pepper)**
- * **METRO (Councilman Smedberg)**
- * **Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (Councilman Smedberg)**
- * **Virginia Railway Express (Councilman Smedberg)**
- * **Transportation Planning Board (Councilmember Lovain)**

City Council gave their reports.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)

CONSENT CALENDAR (5-8)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

5. [14-5244](#) Consideration of Acceptance of a Grant Award From the Securing the Cities (STC) for the National Capital Region (NCR), U.S. Department of Homeland Security Domestic Nuclear Detection Agency, District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA).
6. [14-5268](#) Consideration of an Application for the Renewal of the Justice Assistance Grant for the Police Department's Part I Crimes Task Force.
7. [14-5272](#) Consideration of a Proposed Lease of Office Space at Bankers Square for the Accounting and Purchasing Divisions.
8. [14-5284](#) Consideration of Authorization for the City Manager to Sign a Revised Net Benefits Agreement Regarding the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station between

the National Park Service and the City of Alexandria.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception on docket item #8, which was considered under separate motion. The City Manager's recommendation was as follows:

- 5. City Council: (1) approved acceptance of a grant award for \$4,229; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.*
- 6. City Council: (1) approved the grant application (due in late June 2016) to the Department of Justice in the amount of \$31,713; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.*
- 7. City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a new lease for 5,949 square feet office space at Bankers Square, 100 block of North Pitt Street, which would extend occupation of this space by City divisions for a period of 10 years (through 2026).*
- 8. City Council authorized the City Manager to sign the proposed revised Agreement regarding the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station between the National Park Service (NPS) and the City of Alexandria, also commonly referred to as the "Net Benefits Agreement." (separate motion)*

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (9)

9. [14-5339](#) Consideration of a Resolution Establishing the City's FY 2017 Virginia Retirement System Contribution Rates. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar by roll-call. The approval was as follows:

- 9. City Council approved the resolution increasing the employee Virginia Retirement System (VRS) contribution rate for applicable General Schedule, Sheriff, and Fire Marshals/Medic salary scale employees from 4% to 5% for FY2017. (RES. NO. 2730)*

WORK SESSION

10. [14-5293](#) Work Session: Waterfront Implementation, Including Interim Fitzgerald Square and Waterfront Common Elements.
- City Council held the work session on the Waterfront Implementation, including Interim Fitzgerald Square and Waterfront Common Elements.*

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION (60 min.)

11. [14-5351](#) Consideration of the Alexandria City Council Code of Ethics and Conduct and

Ethics Pledge.

City Council approved the Ethics Pledge and Code of Conduct with the following amendments:

In the Pledge:

- In the first line, delete "and appointed officials" from the sentence;

-Amend Item 2, taking no action that will result in, and avoiding even the appearance of, personal gain or conflict of interest.

In the Code of Conduct:

- Move the first paragraph to the end of the document and amend it to read as follows, "This Code and its associated Ethics Pledge are aspirational, not legal, in nature. They call Alexandria officials to the highest levels of ethical behavior rather than prescribing a legal minimum of ethical behavior. As such, they do not supersede federal, state, or local law. They do not confer any additional duties beyond those required under existing law and they do not confer any right or cause of action that does not apply under existing law. They are intended to inspire Alexandria officials to make Alexandria a national model of ethical conduct."

-In the opening paragraph, delete "and appointed officials." This code of conduct will only apply to the Mayor and members of Council at this time.

-Amend subsection (a) to read as follows, "Participate in a professional development activity on ethical leadership that could include a class, workshop, conference or as part of a Council retreat at least once per term;"

- Amend subsection (b) to read as follows, "Engage, at least once per term, in community dialogue of ethics in governance via activities such as:" and add (iii) under subsection (b) to read as follows, "Incorporating ethical discussions into already existing community speaking opportunities;"

-Amend subsection (d) to read as follows, "Include in a public hearing during each term a review of the effectiveness of this code of ethics and conduct." Delete the annual ethical leadership award from the sentence.

12. [14-4881](#)**Oral Update on Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project Implementation.**

City Council received the update on Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project.

13. [14-5340](#)**Consideration of a Fund Balance Policy Related to the Alexandria City Public Schools.**

City Council endorsed the proposed Alexandria City Public Schools Fund Balance Policy.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

OTHER

14. [14-5251](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) received the revised Council Schedule and the proposed FY 2017 Council Schedule; (2) approved the FY 2016 Council Schedule for May and June; and (3) docketed the proposed FY 2017 Council Calendar for June 14, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

Closed Meeting

15. [14-5353](#) Consideration of a Closed Meeting for the Discussion Concerning the Expansion of an Existing Business, Discussion of the Investment of Public Funds Where Bargaining is Involved, and Discussion of Plans Related to the Security of a Governmental Facility.

This closed meeting was not needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 pm.

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 City Council, become the official record of the meeting and of Council decisions made at the meeting.