

# **City of Alexandria**

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



## **Action Docket - Final**

**Saturday, October 15, 2016**

**9:30 AM**

## **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.*

### 2. Public Discussion Period.

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

*The following participated in the public discussion period:*

1. Charles Smith, 7611 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, general counsel for the union representing City employees, local 3001, spoke to a union contract that was negotiated with the City 40 years ago, but because of the Dillon rule, the union contracts were outlawed. He spoke to the contracts and preservation of the good relationships that had been created. He asked that Councilmembers meet with their union leaders.

2. Barbara Beach, 614 S. Royal Street, spoke to the quality of life in her neighborhood in the southeast quadrant of old town and noted that trees were removed without need or explanation along Union Street, and a bike share location was erected at Safeway without neighborhood input or notice and she asked that it be removed. Ms. Beach spoke to the number of directional signs in the area, and she requested that the ordinance to amend adult biking to prohibit sidewalk biking in the Old and Historic District.

3. Scott Leaf, 814 Duke Street, spoke about his concerns with pollution, road congestion, parking and traffic, both presently and in the future if there is expansion at the Alfred Street Baptist Church, noting that Alfred Street is only 24 feet wide, versus the parallel road, Columbus Street, which is 36 feet wide. Mr. Leaf said it is important that Council decide on the parking on the east side of Alfred Street on Sundays. He also spoke to Truman Alley, which is used as a pass-thru, and Alfred Street Baptist Church uses a mini-bus on Sundays and they drive through the alley. Mr. Leaf also spoke about buses in Old Town leaving their engines running while parked.

4. Nancy Jennings, 2115 Marlboro Drive, president, Seminary Hill Association, Inc., spoke to the quality of education in Alexandria and that ACPS and School Board chose option A-1 for the expanded Patrick Henry School and Rec Center, which she said is a waste of money. She spoke to a proposed resolution the School Board will vote on next week and the problems with the resolution.

5. Frank Putzu, 1423 Juliana Place, said the time has come for an outside independent audit and inspection of ACPS management of finances and compliance with special use permit requirements, and that Council control appropriations to

*ACPS until the independent audit is complete. He spoke to the rationale for Patrick Henry and the explanation of the figure and the overrun costs for other school projects. Mr. Putzu asked Council for help in knowing how the funds are being managed.*

*6. Janice Grenadier, 15 W. Spring Street, spoke to her issues with the justice system, her jailing and torture and her \$50 million suit against the Alexandria Police.*

*7. Nancy Kelly, 2402 Cameron Mills Road, spoke to the exterior design of the firehouse that will replace station 3 at Cameron Mills Road and Monticello Avenue, noting that people are worried about the new building design. She said the exterior is problematic and the current structure is red brick, but the new station is industrial in design with a lot of dark block material, has nothing in common with the neighboring homes or the church across Monticello, and it will stick out like a sore thumb. She asked that the design harmonize with the neighborhood.*

## **REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

### **ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR (3-5)**

#### **Planning Commission**

3.    [16-5785](#)           Special Use Permit #2016-0055  
2307 A Mount Vernon Avenue (Parcel Address: 2305 Mt Vernon Avenue) -  
The Happy Tart Bakery  
Public Hearing and Consideration of requests for: (A) a restaurant with  
outdoor dining; and (B) a request for a parking reduction; zoned:  
CL/Commercial Low.  
Applicant: Emma Cech  
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0
  
4.    [16-5786](#)           Development Special Use Permit #2016-0028  
2318 Mill Road - Mill Race Block 17  
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for an amendment to an existing  
Development Special Use Permit (DSUP2002-0002) to allow flexibility for both  
office and retail uses in ground floor space; zoned CDD #2/Coordinated  
Development District #2.  
Applicant: Carlyle Overlook, LLC, represented by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney  
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0
  
5.    [16-5787](#)           Development Special Use Permit #2016-0027  
CDD Concept Plan #2016-0001  
2461 Eisenhower Avenue  
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for an amendment to  
previously-approved Coordinated Development District Concept Plan Special  
Use Permit #2014-0007 and Development Special Use Permit #2000-0028 to  
allow flexibility for office or retail use on the ground floor of the existing  
building; zoned CDD #2/Coordinated Development District #2.  
Applicant: 2461 Eisenhower Acquisitions, LLC, represented by M. Catharine

Puskar, attorney

Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0

## 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. (separate motion)*

5. *City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.*

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

None.

## REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

### Planning Commission (continued)

6. [16-5788](#)      Encroachment #2016-0006  
505 South Lee Street  
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for an Encroachment into the public right-of-way for a front stoop, including steps and railing; zoned: RM/Residential Medium-Townhouse.  
Applicant: Mark Warner & Lisa Collis, represented by Scot McBroom, architect  
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0  
*City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.*
7. [16-5789](#)      City Charter Section 9.06 #2016-0002- FOR INFORMATION ONLY  
2403 Potomac Avenue - Potomac Yard Rail Corridor  
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for Planning Commission to review whether the proposed acquisition of property is consistent with the City of Alexandria Master Plan pursuant to Section 9.06 of the City Charter.  
Applicant: City of Alexandria  
Planning Commission Action: The request is consistent with the City's Master Plan 6-0  
*City Council received the report as information.*

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)**

**DEFERRAL/WITHDRAWAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Planning Commission (continued)**

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*The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.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.*