

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

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.

[16-5838](#)

Calling the Roll

2. Closed Meeting.

[16-5811](#)

6:00 P.M. - Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Consultation With Legal Counsel and Staff Regarding Actual or Probable Litigation.

City Council went into closed executive session to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding actual or pending litigation and the possible settlement thereof, and to discuss the negotiation and award of a public contract, specifically the litigation and possible settlement of litigation involving employees, litigation and possible settlement of a certain environmental matter, and the negotiation of a contract involving public utility infrastructure where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the City's negotiating posture, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(a)(7) and (29) of the Code of Virginia.

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

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:

[16-5806](#)

The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2016;
The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2016; and
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2016.

City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of September 27, 2016, the regular meeting minutes of October 5, 2016, and the public hearing meeting minutes of October 15, 2016, with the noted amendment from Mayor Silberberg on the October 5 minutes.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

*** City/Schools Subcommittee (Vice Mayor Wilson and Mayor Silberberg)**

*** WMATA (Councilman Smedberg)**

*** Virginia Railway Express (Councilman Smedberg)**

*** Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (Councilman Smedberg)**

*** Transportation Planning Board (Councilmember Lovain)***** Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (Councilwoman Pepper)***** Workforce Development Center Coalition Meeting (Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Bailey)**

City Council gave their reports.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)**CONSENT CALENDAR (5-9)****(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

5. [16-5684](#) Consideration of Grant Applications to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Transportation Projects Eligible under the Transportation Alternatives Program and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program.
6. [16-5746](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Land Conservation Fund, and Acceptance of a Grant Award of \$900,000, to Acquire Real Property Known as the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House Located at 517 Prince Street for Historic Preservation Purposes.
7. [16-5688](#) Consideration of Adopting the 2016 City of Alexandria Emergency Operations Plan Update.
8. [16-5715](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) to Fund Consultant Costs Related to the FY 2018 Route 1 South Corridor Plan.
9. [16-5749](#) Consideration of the Annual Board and Commission Attendance Report for Fiscal Year 2016.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the consent calendar, with the removal of item #6, which was considered under separate vote, as follows:

5. City Council: 1. authorized the submission of a \$800,000 grant application for a VDOT Transportation Alternatives Program grant for the Holmes Run Trail Connector; 2. authorized the submission of a \$400,000 grant application for a VDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program grant for pedestrian safety improvements at Seminary Road and Howard Street; and 3. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under these programs.

6. City Council authorized the City Manager to: 1. retroactively approve a grant application (submitted on July 28) to the Virginia Land Conservation Fund; 2.

accepted a grant of \$900,000 awarded from VLCF on September 14 with the understanding that the property be acquired for historic preservation purposes subject to open space, exterior architectural and interior woodwork easements as specified by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources; and 3. executed all necessary documents that may be required. (separate motion)

7. City Council approved and adopted the 2016 City of Alexandria Emergency Operations Plan update.

8. City Council approved submission of a grant application for the planned upcoming Route 1 study to VHDA in the amount of up to \$250,000.

9. City Council: 1. received the report; 2. vacated eight positions listed on page one and two of the report; and 3. authorized the City Clerk and Clerk of Council to advertise the vacancies.

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (10)

10. [16-5729](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of a Surplus Skid Steer from Transportation & Environmental Services to the Alexandria Transit Company. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the roll-call consent calendar, as follows:

10. City Council adopted a resolution to authorize the transfer of a surplus 2001 John Deere 270 skid steer from the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services to the Alexandria Transit Company. (RES. NO. 2742)

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

11. [16-5747](#) Consideration of Proposed City Legislative Package for the 2017 General Assembly Session.
- City Council: 1. received the proposals for the City's 2017 Legislative Package, as recommended by Council's Legislative Subcommittee and included in attachment 1 of the report; 2. scheduled the legislative package proposals for public hearing on Saturday, November 12; and 3. scheduled adoption of the Legislative Package for Tuesday, November 29.*
12. [16-5795](#) Fiscal Year 2018 BFAAC Work Plan Discussion.
- City Council held a discussion with members of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee.*
13. [16-5742](#) Oral Report on the I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension Project.
- City Council received the oral report on the I-395 Express Lanes extension.*
14. [16-5798](#) Oral Report on Fire Prevention Week/Alexandria Fire Department 150th Anniversary.

City Council received the report on Fire Prevention Week and the Alexandria Fire Department's 150th Anniversary.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Mayor Silberberg said the West End Lazarus Food Pantry opened October 24, on Mondays from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard Street.

2. Mayor Silberberg said she went to the Emmanuel Church on the Hill over the weekend for their annual pumpkin sale and got herself a pumpkin, and the pumpkin sale and church raises funds for the local non-profits. Mayor Silberberg said she purchased one of the famous apple crisps by a baker at the event.

3. Mayor Silberberg said the Fall native plant sale is on-going at the Buddie Ford Nature Center through October 30.

4. Councilmember Lovain spoke of the City-wide health clinic that will be held on Saturday, November 5 at 9:00 at George Washington Middle School, and it will help the uninsured in Alexandria. Councilmember Lovain said it will be for the purpose of screenings and to get folks into a regular system of care, and he encouraged everyone to spread the word.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Jinks, City Manager, noted that earlier this month they indicated that municipal interest rates were so low and they thought they could finance between \$20 and \$35 million in existing bonds. He noted that on Friday they took bids and they were able to finance a total of \$35 million, and the interest rate was 1.9 percent and they saved \$2.4 million over the life of the bonds.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

OTHER

15. [16-5748](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: 1. received the updated City Council schedule which includes: the annual City Council retreat which is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, at 8:00 a.m. and will be held at 2900 Business Center Drive; the City of Alexandria, City of Falls Church and Arlington County governing bodies joint meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron Street; the Annual Earth Day Event has been scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017 and the location will be determined at a later date; and the ACPD Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., in the Vola Lawson Lobby; and 2. City Council approved the Council schedule.

Closed Meeting Continued (If Needed)

16. [16-5812](#)

Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Consultation With Legal Counsel and Staff Regarding Actual or Probable Litigation.

At 10:25 p.m., City Council went back into closed executive session to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding actual or pending litigation and the possible settlement thereof, and to discuss the negotiation and award of a public contract, specifically the litigation and possible settlement of litigation involving employees, litigation and possible settlement of a certain environmental matter, and the negotiation of a contract involving public utility infrastructure where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the City's negotiating posture, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(a)(7) and (29) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened the regular meeting at 11:09 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution certifying the closed executive session. (RES. NO. 2743)

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The meeting adjourned at 11:10 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.