

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, December 13, 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.

2. Closed Meeting.

[16-5956](#)

6:00 P.M. - Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel and Staff Regarding Pending or Threatened Litigation.

City Council went into closed executive session to consult with staff and legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation and the possible resolution or settlement of such litigation, specifically, threatened litigation involving utility infrastructure and threatened contract litigation for a City owned building, both pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council adopted the resolution certifying the closed executive session. (RES. NO. 2750)

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:

[16-5941](#)

The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2016; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2016.

City Council approved the public hearing meeting minutes of November 12, 2016, and the regular meeting minutes of November 29, 2016.

PROCLAMATIONS

5. [16-5797](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing December 31, 2016, as Fair Weather Night for First Night Alexandria.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

6. [16-5943](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Sandy Modell on Her Retirement From DASH.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

*** Patrick Henry Advisory Group (Councilwoman Pepper)**

*** Northern Virginia Regional Commission (Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Bailey)**

*** WMATA (Councilman Smedberg)**

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

City Council gave their reports.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (7-15)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

7. [16-5944](#) Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
 Anita Winsor
- (b) Beautification Commission
 Sylvia Winterling
- (c) Board of Architectural Review - Old and Historic District
 Kelly Finnigan Mechling
 John von Senden
- (d) Commission on Employment
 Sylvester C. "Duke" Myers
- (e) Environmental Policy Commission
 John Irizarry
- (f) Park and Recreation Commission
 Michael Peter
8. [16-5955](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee
 1 Representative of an Employer in the City Who Employs at Least 100
 Employees
- (b) Beautification Commission

1 Citizen Member

(c) Building Code Board of Appeals

1 Citizen Member

(d) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission

1 City Staff Member, Identified by the City Manager

(e) Commission on Aging

1 Citizen Member

(f) Commission on HIV/AIDS

2 Citizen Members

(g) Commission on Information Technology

1 Student Representing T.C. Williams High School

(h) Economic Opportunities Commission

1 Representative of the Commonwealth's Attorney

1 Representative of Councilman Bailey

(i) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission

1 Planning District III Representative

1 Christ Church Representative

(j) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board

1 Resident Member Who is Neither a Landlord or a Tenant (Homeowner)

(k) Park and Recreation Commission

1 Member From Planning District II

(l) Social Services Advisory Board

1 Citizen Member

(m) Waterfront Commission

1 Representative From the Pleasure Boat Lease Holders at Alexandria Marina

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

9. [16-5820](#) Consideration of a Grant Application for FY 2018 Funding for Continuation of the Alexandria Transportation Demand Management Program and Adoption of a Resolution. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
10. [16-5931](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation For a Grant in the Amount of \$350,000, to Acquire Real Property Known as the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House Located at 517 Prince Street for Historic

Preservation and Open Space Purposes.

11. [16-5932](#) Consideration of a Grant Application for \$125,489 to the Institute of Museum and Library Services to Support the Conservation of the Recently Excavated 18th Century Ship.
12. [16-5937](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2016.

(Ordinances)

13. [16-5743](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 1 (General Provisions), Section 10-1-15.1 (Truck Traffic; Prohibited on Certain Streets; Penalty) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as Amended, by Adding Language to Prohibit Truck Traffic on West Linden Street Between Commonwealth Avenue and Russell Road.
14. [16-5899](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 10-3-924 (Failure to Yield Right-of-Way to Pedestrians in Specifically Marked Crosswalk) of Article B (Reckless Driving, Speeding, Etc.) of Chapter 3 (Operation of Vehicles) of Title 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as Amended.
15. [16-5900](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Owners of the Property Located at 505 S. Lee Street to Construct and Maintain an Encroachment into the Public Sidewalk Right-of-way at That Location For a Replacement Stoop Consisting of Stairs and a Landing.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the consent calendar, with the removal of items 9, 10, 11 and 14, which were heard under separate motions, as follows:

7. City Council accepted the following resignations with regret: (a) Anita Winsor, Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) Sylvia Winterling, Beautification Commission; (c) Kelly Finnigan Mechling and John von Senden, Board of Architectural Review - Old and Historic District; (d) Sylvester C. "Duke" Myers, Commission on Employment; (e) John Irizarry, Environmental Policy Commission; and (f) Michael Porter, Park and Recreation Commission.

8. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) appointed Holly Hanisiaan as the one representative of an employer in the City who employs at least 100 employees to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; (b) appointed Elizabeth (Beth) McElwain as the one citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (c) appointed Abdel-Rahman Elnoubi as the one citizen member to the Building Code Board of Appeals; (d) waived the residency requirement and appointed Laura Durham as the one City staff

member, identified by the City Manager, to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (e) reappointed Michael Kreps as the one citizen member to the Commission on Aging; (f) appointed Tameka Macon and Cedric Pulliam as the two citizen members to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (g) appointed Marjan Akter as the one student representing T.C. Williams High School to the Commission on Information Technology; (h) appointed Greg Parks as the one representative of the Commonwealth's Attorney and appointed Salina Greene as the one representative of Councilman Bailey to the Economic Opportunities Commission; (i) appointed Stephen Damm as the one Planning District III representative and Keith Moore as the one Christ Church representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (j) appointed Katie Dilks as the one resident member who is neither a landlord or a tenant (homeowner) to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; (k) appointed Matthew Walsh as the one member from Planning District II to the Park and Recreation Commission; (l) appointed Caitlin Fitzsimmons Galliker as the one citizen member to the Social Services Advisory Board; and (m) reappointed Jerry Bennis as the one representative from the pleasure boat lease holders at Alexandria Marina to the Waterfront Commission.

9. City Council: 1. adopted the resolution to apply for FY 2018 funding in the amount of \$240,942 which will be matched by \$60,235 of City funds, for a total program of \$301,177 for the continuation of the City's TDM services with Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT); and 2. authorized the City Manager to submit the resolution and enter any agreement with the State required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved. (RES. NO. 2751) (separate motion)

10. City Council authorized the City Manager to: 1. approve and submit a grant application to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation in January, 2017; 2. accepted a grant of \$350,000, if awarded from VOF with the understanding that the property be acquired for historic preservation and open space purposes subject to open space, exterior architectural and interior woodwork casements as specified by VOF and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources; and 3. execute all necessary documents that may be required. (separate motion)

11. City Council authorized the City Manager to: 1. approve the grant application to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) (submitted December 1) for \$125,489; 2. approved the acceptance of funds from IMLS for \$125,489, if the grant is approved; and 3. authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required. (separate motion)

12. City Council approved the monthly financial report.

13. City Council introduced the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing and final action on December 17, 2016.

14. City Council introduced the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing and final action on December 17, 2016. (separate motion)

15. City Council introduced the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing and final action on December 17, 2016.

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (16)

16. [16-5876](#)

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds by the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Alexandria for National Industries for the Blind. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

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

16. City Council adopted the resolution as recommended by the Alexandria Industrial Development Authority for the National Industries for the Blind. (RES. NO. 2752)

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

17. [16-5945](#) Alexandria Marketing Committee
1 Member With Experience or Expertise in the Following Areas:
Marketing/Communications, Advertising Agency/Public Relations, Media Buyer, Graphic Design/Production, and/or Media Relations/Media Outlet
City Council reappointed Kara Batt as the one member with experience or expertise in the following areas: marketing/communications, advertising agency/public relations, media buyer, graphic design/production, and/or media relations/media outlet to the Alexandria Marketing Committee.
18. [16-5946](#) Board of Architectural Review - Old and Historic District
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed John Goebel as the one citizen member to the Board of Architectural Review - Old and Historic District.
19. [16-5947](#) Children Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
3 Members Shall Be Community Members with Experiences as Parents, Guardians, Teachers and/or Expertise in Early Childhood, Youth or General Education Policy
2 Members Shall be Community Members with Expertise in Children, Youth and Family Issues, Public Safety, Medical/Health Relations Profession or Non-Profit Experience
City Council appointed Lydia Helgesen, Daniel Potter and Malka Zeefe as the three members who shall be community members with experiences as parents, guardians, teachers and/or expertise in early childhood, youth or general education policy and reappointed Glenn Hopkins and Gwendolyn Lewis as the two members who shall be community members with expertise in children, youth and family issues, public safety, medical/health relations profession or non-profit experience to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission.
20. [16-5948](#) Commission for Women
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Alyssa Cochran as the one citizen member to the Commission for Women.
21. [16-5949](#) Commission on Persons with Disabilities
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed Brian Miller as the one citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

22. [16-5950](#) Environmental Policy Commission
1 Representative From the Field of Environmental Sciences (e.g., Environmental/Sanitary Engineering, Ecology, Geology, Botany, Hydrology, Chemistry) or Who Have Alexandria Waterfront Expertise
City Council appointed Praveen Kathpal as the one representative from the field of environmental sciences (e.g., environmental/sanitary engineering, ecology, geology, botany, hydrology, chemistry) or who have Alexandria waterfront expertise to the Environmental Policy Commission.
23. [16-5951](#) Library Board
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed Helen Desfosses as the one citizen member to the Library Board.
24. [16-5952](#) Sister Cities Committee
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Esther Petrilli-Massey as the one citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee.

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

25. [16-5960](#) Worksession with the Alexandria City Public Schools in Regard to their Proposed Purchase of 1701 Beauregard for a New West End Elementary School
City Council held a work session on the proposed acquisition of 1701 Beauregard with representatives of the Alexandria City Public Schools.
26. [16-5965](#) Oral Presentation on Pedestrian Safety.
City Council received the report.
27. [16-5871](#) Consideration of Adoption of the Arts and Culture Master Plan.
City Council received the Arts and Culture Master Plan and scheduled it for public hearing and adoption on Saturday, December 17, 2016.
28. [16-5884](#) Consideration of Loan and Grant Requests from the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation for the Redevelopment of Carpenter's Shelter and for Adoption of a Resolution Designating the Carpenter's Shelter Site a Revitalization Area.
City Council received the report and noted that adoption would be on December 17, 2016.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Mayor Silberberg noted that the Scottish Christmas Walk was a huge success and kudos to the Campagna Center for their hard work. Dignitaries were in town from the

Sister City in Dundee, Scotland.

2. Mayor Silberberg said thanks to the Alexandria Fire Department for their compassion at the funeral of Charlie Lyon yesterday.

3. Mayor Silberberg said people are stepping forward to help with the Snow Buddies Program, which is being coordinated by the City.

4. Mayor Silberberg said that yesterday they issued a statement regarding a new initiative that came out of New York City on mental health for the Cities Thrive Coalition, and the City signed on to the initiative.

5. Mayor Silberberg said there was a rally for Rose Cruz in Del Ray at certain restaurants and she thanked Del Ray for stepping up to help the family.

6. Councilwoman Pepper shared a piece of artwork she received by the Educational Association of Alexandria on attending classes in the school system, and she attended three classes, one of which was an art class. She said she also attended a class on children seeing themselves as candidates for going on to college.

7. Councilman Chapman said that last week he went to the new MGM Casino and while there, he talked to a number of folks about how the City makes an impact on pulling people to Alexandria, and he said he spoke with Charlotte Hall on what they are doing to connect the visitors to Alexandria as well.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Jinks, City Manager, reported that the City recently held its annual employee public service awards, which recognized 300 employees for their service in five-year increments. The total number of years they were recognizing was 5,000. Mr. Jinks also said the City has now launched a giving catalogue on the City's website, which is where one may find opportunities to make donations, buy things, opportunities to give, plant a tree or buy a bench, for example.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

29. [16-5942](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Establish an Ad Hoc Veterans Commission Advisory Group. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council: 1. approved the resolution establishing an Ad Hoc Veterans Commission Advisory Group; and 2. authorized the City Manager to appoint the seven members of the Advisory Group. (RES. NO. 2753)*

OTHER

30. [16-5933](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.
- City Council adopted the schedule.*

CLOSED MEETING CONTINUED (IF NEEDED)

31. [16-5957](#) Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel and Staff Regarding Pending or Threatened Litigation.

The continuation of the closed meeting was not needed.

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The meeting adjourned at 11:38 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.