

# City of Alexandria

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



## **Action Docket - Final**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

**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. (Councilman Chapman arrived during docket item #2.)*

**2. Closed Meeting.**

[16-6271](#)

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

*City Council went into closed meeting to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding actual or probable litigation; specifically, probable litigation regarding certain environmental matters; pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia.*

*City Council reconvened the meeting and adopted the resolution pertaining to the closed executive session. (RES. NO. 2762)*

**Other**

[16-6199](#)

6:45 P.M. - Alexandria Transit Company Annual Stockholders Meeting.

*City Council met with the Alexandria Transit Company for the Annual Stockholders meeting from 6:45 to 7:00 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:**

[16-6270](#)

The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2017; and  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2017.

*City Council approved the public hearing meeting minutes of February 25, 2017, with the noted correction from Councilmember Lovain, and the regular meeting minutes of February 28, 2017.*

**PROCLAMATIONS**

5. [16-6191](#)

Presentation of the 2016 CIVIC Awards.

*City Council presented the 2017 CIVIC Awards.*

6. [16-6192](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring March as the 15th Annual March for

Meals Month.

*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

7. [16-6213](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring March 30, 2017 as City of Alexandria Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.  
*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*
8. [16-6214](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring the 2017 Living Legends Inductees.  
*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

### **ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

- \* **Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (Councilman Smedberg)**
- \* **WMATA (Councilman Smedberg)**
- \* **Long Range Education Facilities Work Group (Vice Mayor Wilson)**
- \* **ARHA Redevelopment Committee (Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**
- \* **Workforce Development Center Coalition (Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Bailey)**
- \* **Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (Councilwoman Pepper)**

*City Council gave their reports.*

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

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR (9-16)**

#### **(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

9. [16-6266](#) Receipt of the Following Resignations From Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Beautification Commission
    - Danielle Griffith
    - Patrick DeLeonibus
  - (b) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission

Gwendolyn B. Lewis

(c) Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission  
Robert Sennewald

10. [16-6265](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force  
1 Member From and Representing a Community Organization With Specific Outreach to the African-American Community
  - (b) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee  
1 Representative of the City's Small Business Community, Including the Retail, Restaurant or Hospitality Sectors
  - (c) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee  
1 Citizen Member
  - (d) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission  
1 member who shall be City staff, identified by the City Manager
  - (e) Commission on Aging  
1 Citizen Member, Who Shall Be 60+ Years of Age or Older
  - (f) Commission on Employment  
1 Business Representative From Among Recognized Area Businesses, Including Minority-owned and Small Businesses
  - (g) Park and Recreation Commission  
1 Member From Planning District III
  - (h) Traffic and Parking Board  
1 Citizen Member
  - (i) Waterfront Commission  
1 Citizen Member Who Does Not Live East of Washington Street and South of King Street, East of Washington Street and North of King Street, or East of Washington Street and North of Pendleton Street

**(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

11. [16-5690](#) Consideration of Receipt of FY 2017 Second Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.
12. [16-6189](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2017.
13. [16-6194](#) Consideration of a Fiscal Year 2018 Grant Application to the Virginia Commission for the Arts for a Local Government Challenge Grant for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.
14. [16-6255](#) Consideration of a Lease Agreement With ARP Waterfront, LLC For the Use of a Portion of the City Marina Plaza For Outdoor Dining Associated With Special Use Permit #2017-0002.

**(Ordinances for Introduction)**

15. [16-6209](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Section 9-301 (Review Required) Under Section 9-300 (Signs Within The Old and Historic Alexandria, Parker-Gray and 100 Year Old Building Districts) of Article IX (Signs) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in Accordance With the Text Amendment Approved By City Council as Text Amendment No. 2016-0008.
16. [16-6236](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Section 2-4-116 of Article P (Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS) of Chapter 4 (Committees, Boards and Commission) of Title 2 (General Government) of the City of Alexandria Code.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

*City Council adopted the consent calendar, as follows:*

*9. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Danielle Griffith and Patrick LeLeonibus, Beautification Commission; (b) Gwendolyn Lewis, Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; and (c) Robert Sennewald, Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission.*

*10. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) reappointed James B. Williams as the one member from and representing a community organization with specific outreach to the African-American community to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force; (b) appointed Michael Doyle as the one representative of the City's small business community, including the retail, restaurant or hospitality sectors; (c) reappointed Kerem Bilge as the one citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (d) reappointed Kate Garvey as the one member who shall be City staff, identified by the City Manager, to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (e) reappointed Alan Dinsmore as the one citizen member, who shall be 60+ years of age or older, to the Commission on Aging; (f) appointed LaJuanna Russell as the one business representative from among recognized area businesses, including minority-owned and small businesses, to the Commission on Employment; (g) reappointed Judith Coleman as the one member from Planning District III to the Park and Recreation Commission; (h) reappointed James Lewis as the one citizen member to the Traffic and Parking Board; and (i) reappointed John Bordner as the one citizen member who does not live east of Washington Street and south of King Street, east of Washington Street and north of King Street, or east of Washington Street and north of Pendleton Street, to the Waterfront Commission.*

*11. City Council received as information the FY 2017 second quarter capital projects status report.*

*12. City Council received the monthly financial report for the period ending January 31, 2017.*

*13. City Council authorized the City Manager to: 1. submit a grant application in the amount of \$5,000 to the Virginia Commission for the Arts' Local Government Challenge Grant Program; and 2. execute all necessary documents that may be*

*required.*

14. *City Council set this matter for public hearing on Saturday, March 18, 2017.*

15. *City Council introduced the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing and adoption on March 18, 2017.*

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## **ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (17-19)**

17. [16-6142](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First and Second Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt Supplement Number 120 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
18. [16-6143](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First and Second Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt Supplement Number 73 of the Zoning Ordinance. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
19. [16-6135](#) Consideration of a Resolution for a Competitive Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Primary Extension Improvement Program Funding. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

## **END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

17. *City Council adopted supplement number 120 of the City Code. (ORD. NO. 5054)*

18. *City Council adopted supplement number 72 of the Zoning Ordinance. (ORD. NO. 5055)*

19. *City Council adopted the resolution to apply for a primary extension improvement program funding allocation for \$1,000,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of City-maintained primary route extensions; and 2. authorized the City Manager to submit the resolution and enter into any agreement with the State that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved. (RES. NO. 2763)*

## **CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS**

20. [16-6256](#) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force  
1 Citizen Member  
*City Council reappointed Thomas Walczykowski as the one citizen member to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force.*
21. [16-6257](#) Alexandria Marketing Committee  
2 Members 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 James Dillon and Amanda D'Luhy as the two members 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.*

22. [16-6258](#) Beautification Commission  
1 Citizen Member  
*City Council appointed Seth Bishop as the one citizen member to the Beautification Commission.*
23. [16-6259](#) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee  
1 Member at Large  
*City Council appointed Joe Valenti as the one member at large to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee.*
24. [16-6260](#) Commission for the Arts  
1 Member Who Shall Represent the Public at Large, as an Arts Consumer or Participant  
*City Council appointed Tamsin Green as the one member who shall represent the public at large, as an arts consumer or participant, to the Commission for the Arts.*
25. [16-6261](#) Commission on HIV/AIDS  
1 Citizen Member  
*City Council appointed Alison Lesht as the one citizen member to the Commission on HIV/AIDS.*
26. [16-6264](#) Emergency Medical Services Council  
1 Citizen Member  
*City Council reappointed Steven Schindel as the one citizen member to the Emergency Medical Services Council.*
27. [16-6262](#) Park and Recreation Commission  
2 Members From Among the High School Youth of the City  
*City Council appointed Detriona Johnson and Conner Rex as the two members from among the high school youth of the City to the Park and Recreation Commission.*
28. [16-6263](#) Public Health Advisory Commission  
1 Citizen Who Shall Not Be a Health Professional  
*City Council appointed Arlene Hewitt as the one citizen member who shall not be a health professional to the Public Health Advisory Commission.*

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

29. [14-5006](#) Consideration of the Open Space Master Plan 2017 Updated Implementation Strategy.  
*City Council received the Open Space Master Plan 2017 updated implementation*

*strategy and authorized the City Manager to proceed with its implementation.*

30. [16-6060](#)

Consideration of the Acquisition of the Property Located at 517 Prince Street and the Associated Lifetime Lease for the Current Owner, and Conservation Easements for Open Space and Historic Preservation.

*City Council authorized the City Manager to: 1. acquire the real property located at 517 Prince Street; 2. signed the lease agreement with the current property owner to allow him to reside at the subject property for the rest of his natural life or an earlier time of his choosing, which the seller is reserving unto himself as part of the sale of the property; 3. signed the Conservation Easement Agreements with the Virginia Department of Natural Resources and the Virginia Outdoors Foundation for an open space easement on the property, and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources for a historic architectural preservation Easement on the house; and 4. executed all documents that may be required.*

31. [16-6022](#)

Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2017 (Fiscal Year 2018).

*City Council: 1. passed the proposed ordinance on first reading after establishing the tax rates to be advertised for residential and commercial real property and personal property; and 2. set the ordinance for public hearing on Saturday, April 22 and second reading and final passage on Thursday, May 4, 2017. The maximum rates authorized by City Council in the ordinance reflect: 1. a base real estate tax rate on residential, commercial and industrial property for calendar year 2017 of \$1.13 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, which is three cents above the City Manager's proposed budget and is a 5.7 cent increase over the current rate. The FY 2018 proposed budget recommends a real estate tax rate of \$1.10 to fund the base budget and presents a supplemental CIP with tax funding options for City Council consideration; 2. assumed in this proposed amount is the continued dedication of 0.6 cents for affordable housing and the continued dedication of 0.5 cents for the storm water infrastructure trust fund account for the first half of Fiscal Year 2018; 3. assumed in the proposed amount is the continued reservation of 2.2 cents of the real property tax rate for transportation projects; 4. a Special Services District tax is proposed to continue to be levied on all real property located in the Tier 1 Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District at the current rate of \$0.20 per one hundred dollars of valuation; 5. a personal property tax rate on vehicles for calendar year 2017 of \$5.00 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2018 proposed budget recommends a vehicle personal property tax rate of \$5.00 to fund the base budget and presents a supplemental CIP with tax funding options for City Council consideration; and 6. a tangible business personal property tax rate for calendar year 2017 of \$4.75 per one hundred dollars of assessed value and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 per hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2018 proposed budget recommends a tangible personal property tax rate of \$4.75 and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 to fund the base budget and presents a supplemental CIP with tax funding options for City Council consideration. City Council asked the City Manager to come back with a recommendation on the composition to create a Joint Ad Hoc Alexandria Municipal Facilities Plan Steering Committee with the responsibility to supervise the development of a joint Alexandria municipal facilities plan to serve as an input to the City Manager and School Board's FY 2019 budget proposal; incorporate the work of the Long Range Educational Facilities Plan, the 2017 ACPS Redistricting Effort, Alexandria Housing Master Plan, Fire Station Location Study, as well as initial findings of the ongoing Strategic Facility Planning process and any other applicable efforts; provide recommendations for on-going governance of joint municipal facility implementation, including staffing,*



*community engagement, construction management, financing, etc.*

- 32. [16-6269](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the Alexandria City Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2017.

*City Council introduced the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing on March 18, 2017.*

**ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

*None.*

**ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

*Mr. Jinks thanked the snow commander and all folks from all the City departments who got the streets in good shape today.*

**OTHER**

- 33. [16-6237](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

*City Council adopted the Council Schedule.*

**CLOSED MEETING CONTINUED (IF NEEDED)**

- 34. [16-6272](#) Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel and Staff Regarding Actual or Threatened Litigation.

*The continuation of the closed meeting was not needed.*

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*The meeting adjourned at 10:57 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.*

