

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Saturday, January 28, 2017

9:30 AM

Council Chambers

City Council Public Hearing

OPENING

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 Smedberg arriving at 9:35 a.m. and Councilman Chapman arriving at 9:43 a.m.

2. Public Discussion Period.

The following persons participated in the first portion of the public discussion period:

1. William Rivers, 15 West Mount Ida Avenue, representing the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics, spoke about the partnership with the City to bring the City's aquatic needs and improvements to fruition and he stated he hoped to continue the partnership and keep the momentum going in this fiscal year.

2. Michael Doyle, 124 Princess Street, spoke about pedestrian safety in the City and described how he suffered extensive injuries after being hit while crossing the street in Old Town. Mr. Doyle offered the following suggestions for improving pedestrian and traffic safety: (a) have more rigorous traffic enforcement, particularly at stop signs; (b) provide reading materials about safety measures to pedestrians and drivers; (c) advertise about basic pedestrian safety and guidelines with large signage at crosswalks; and (d) provide flags at stops for pedestrians to use when crossing the street to increase awareness and visibility.

3. Paula Glaser, 827 Wolfe Street, representing the Burgess Square Homeowners Association, expressed concerns about the proposed Alfred Street Baptist Church expansion, and she spoke about the non-sanctuary space increasing the amount of traffic and capacity of the church enormously. Ms. Glaser noted that the parking analysis is based solely on the sanctuary seating and she questioned whether the building even qualifies as a church under the City's current zoning ordinance.

4. Mary Lutz, 2 East Spring Street, spoke in support of continuing with the improvement to pool at Chinquapin and she noted that there are many people who support moving forward with the improvements, both in the City and in surrounding areas. Ms. Lutz noted that the community is not happy they have to reiterate their desire to have improvements to Council again.

5. Bert Ely, 200 South Pitt Street, spoke about the proposals to amend or repeal the City's 72-Hour parking rule. Mr. Ely stated that before there are any changes to the rule there needs to be more public discussion about the options that would be offered for amendments and whether the rule should be uniform for the whole City or varied by neighborhoods.

6. Ronald Gouchenour, 3011 Hickory Street, spoke about the changes to the public discussion period during the beginning of the Saturday public hearing meetings and offered suggestions for enforcement of the 72-Hour Parking rule.

7. *Dino Drudi, 315 North West Street, spoke about the funding challenges the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority is experiencing and he offered suggestions on how the funding and the governance of the authority might be improved.*

8. *Rahkia Nance, 7000 Irwell Lane, Alexandria, spoke in protest of hatred that was moving into the Alexandria community and she requested that City Council remain receptive to the concerns of the citizens and uphold the ideals outlined in their Statement of Inclusiveness.*

9. *Jennifer Peltak, 2936 Vermont Avenue, spoke in protest to there being an alt-right hub in the City and she requested that the City Council issue a statement on the City's values and a statement that explicitly denounces white supremacy. Ms. Peltak urged the Council to remain vigilant to harassment, calls to action or any other threatening behavior that might show up in the Alexandria community.*

10. *Mary Leonard, 805 Wolfe Street, spoke in opposition to the expansion of the Alfred Street Baptist Church and she noted that people would be displaced from the 22 housing units that would be demolished with the proposed expansion.*

11. *Mike Leonard, 805 Wolfe Street, spoke about the mass and scale of the proposed Alfred Street Baptist Church expansion and he pointed out that the proposed building would be larger than the most existing structures in the City, including City Hall.*

12. *Dorian Belz, 456 West Glebe Road, representing Casa Chirilagua Board of Directors, introduced his mentee, Alexis. Alexis thanked Mr. Belz and City Council for all the contributions to make Casa Chirilagua successful. Mr. Belz reported on the positive work they were doing in the community and how it impacts the City and makes it thrive through inclusiveness and expanding the world view. Mr. Belz stated that the organization would soon move into the Conservatory at Four Mile Run and they would keep Council updated on events to celebrate the move. Alexis presented Mayor Silberberg with a token of appreciation from Casa Chirilagua.*

13. *Pamela Zitron, 807 Wolfe Street, read a letter that she had published in the newspaper to the Board of Architectural Review about the Alfred Street Baptist Church expansion and her disappointment with the treatment the surrounding residents received at the Board of Architectural Review's hearing.*

14. *Neil B. Jurinski, 334 Commerce Street, spoke about pedestrian safety and he described injuries his wife suffered when she was hit by car while in a crosswalk. Mr. Jurinski suggested that the timing on red lights be changed to allow pedestrians lead time to cross the street safely.*

15. *Chris Morrell, 421 South Columbus Street, spoke about the parking and traffic concerns that the neighborhood had regarding the expansion of the Alfred Street Baptist Church.*

[This period is restricted to items not listed on the docket. The first 15 speakers will be heard under item #2 at the beginning of the meeting. Any remaining speakers will be heard at the conclusion of the docketed items.]

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR (3-9)**Planning Commission**

3. [16-6098](#) Special Use Permit #2016-0077
1508 Mount Vernon Avenue - Junction Bakery & Bistro
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for an amendment to SUP #2015-0102 to allow off-premises alcohol sales; zoned: CL/Commercial Low.
Applicant: Noe Landini
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0
4. [16-6099](#) Special Use Permit #2016-0083
311 North Henry Street
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to continue operation of a non-complying general automobile repair use; zoned: CL/Commercial Low.
Applicant: Prime Auto Care, Inc., represented by Robert Byrnes
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0
5. [16-6100](#) Special Use Permit #2016-0084
4251 Eisenhower Avenue - Public Recycling & Mulch Drop-off Center
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for an extension of a previously approved Special Use Permit (DSUP #2007-0026) to continue use of the City recycling and mulching facility; zoned: POS/Public Open Space.
Applicant: City of Alexandria Department of Transportation & Environmental Services
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0
6. [16-6101](#) Special Use Permit #2016-0085
1601 Duke Street (sub-parcel addresses: 1601A, 1603 & 1607 Duke St) - VINCI School
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to operate a private academic school; zoned: OCH/Office Commercial-High.
Applicant: Vinci Education Corporation, represented by Mark Yoo, architect
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0
7. [16-6103](#) Special Use Permit #2016-0090
307 North Washington Street
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for a parking reduction with setback and open space modifications; zoned: CD/Commercial Downtown.
Applicant: Hart Washington Street, LLC
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0
8. [16-6104](#) Encroachment #2016-0009
119 King Street - The Wharf Restaurant
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for an encroachment into the

public right-of-way for a retractable awning; zoned: KR/King Street Retail.
Applicant: Potomac Restaurants, LLC, by Mike Brumagin
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0

9. [16-6106](#) Special Use Permit #2016-0086
400 Tennessee Avenue
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to construct a new single-family dwelling on a developed substandard lot; zoned: R-8/Residential Single-family. Applicant: Larry and Brenda Kahan, represented by Duncan Blair, attorney
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0

END OF ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the action consent calendar, with the exception of docket items #8 and #9, which were considered under separate motions. The approval was as follows:

3. *City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.*
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7. *City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.*
8. *City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation. Council requested that a policy regarding retractable awnings be brought to Council for consideration as soon as possible. (separate motion)*
9. *City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation. (separate motion)*

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

10. [16-6121](#) Public Hearing and Adoption of the Proposed FY 2017 to FY 2022 City Strategic Plan.
City Council adopted the proposed FY2017 to FY2022 City Strategic Plan with amendments.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

Planning Commission (continued)

11. [16-6107](#) Development Special Use Permit #2015-0021
4213 & 4141 Duke Street - Taco Bell
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for a Development Special Use Permit and site plan with modifications to the zone transition setback and to

the additional setback from the centerline of Duke Street, to construct a new restaurant building with outdoor dining and a drive-through facility and associated site improvements; zoned: CG/Commercial General & CC/Commercial Community.

Applicant: Taco Bell of America, LLC, represented by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney

Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0

NOTE: 1/23/17 - THE APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED DEFERRAL OF THIS ITEM TO THE FEBRUARY 25, 2017 PUBLIC HEARING MEETING.

12. [16-6105](#)

Text Amendment #2016-0008

Sign Regulations in the Historic District

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Text Amendment to Article IX Section 9-300 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding regulations for signs in the historic districts.

Staff: City of Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning

Planning Commission Action: Initiate Text Amendment and Recommend Approval 6-0

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.

OTHER

13. [16-6058](#)

Public Hearing and Consideration of an Appeal of the Old & Historic Alexandria District Board of Architectural Review's November 16, 2016 Decision to Approve a Permit to Demolish & Capsulate and a Certificate of Appropriateness at 317 South Lee Street. Appellant: Mary Palmer

City Council affirmed the Board of Architectural Review's decision and denied the appeal.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Please note that City Council approved the following ordinances as a block by roll-call vote.

14. [16-6011](#)

Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Final Passage of an Ordinance Authorizing the Owners of the Property Located at 310 South Saint Asaph Street to Construct and Maintain an Encroachment into the Public Sidewalk Right-of-way at that Location for a Front Stoop Consisting of Steps and a Landing. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted an ordinance authorizing the owners of the property located at 310 South Saint Asaph Street to construct and maintain an encroachment into the public sidewalk right-of-way at that location for a front stoop consisting of steps and a landing. (ORD. NO. 5048)

15. [16-6013](#)

Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Section 7-202 (Permitted Structures) under Section 7-200 (Permitted Structures in Required Yards), and Section 7-2505 (Free

Standing Garages to the Rear of the Main Building) under Section 7-2500 (Infill Regulations for Single- and Two-Family Residential Zones); both of Article VII (Supplemental Zone Regulations) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in Accordance with the Text Amendment heretofore Approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2016-0007. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted an ordinance to amend and reordain Section 7-202 (Permitted Structures) under Section 7-200 (Permitted Structures in Required Yards), and Section 7-2505 (Free Standing Garages to the Rear of the Main Building) under Section 7-2500 (Infill Regulations for Single-and Two-Family Residential Zones); both of Article VII (Supplemental Zone Regulations) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with Text Amendment heretofore approved by City Council as Text Amendment No 2016-0007. (ORD. NO. 5049)

16. [16-6092](#)

Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Final Passage Of Ordinances Amending Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation), Chapter 12 (Taxicabs and Other Vehicles for Hire) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as Amended. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted ordinances amending Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation), Chapter 12 (Taxicabs and Other Vehicles for Hire) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. (ORD. NO. 5050 and ORD. NO. 5051).

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

DEFERRAL/WITHDRAWAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Planning Commission (continued)

None.

City Council continued the Public Discussion Period at the time. The following persons participated in the public discussion period:

16. Janice Grenadier, 15 West Spring Street, spoke about corruption in the City.

17. Victor Justes, 2151 Jamieson Avenue, speaking on behalf of the Friends of the Beatley Central Library, spoke about the contributions that Beatley Central Library make and how they enrich the community. Mr. Justes requested continued support for Beatley Central Library and all the libraries.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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.

