

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, September 27, 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.

[16-5701](#)

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

City Council adjourned into closed executive session to consult with legal counsel regarding actual or pending litigation; specifically, consultation with legal counsel regarding the possible settlement of a pending personnel matter where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the City's negotiating posture; pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia. (RES. NO. 2740)

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 Meeting of City Council:

[16-5700](#)

The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2016.

City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of September 13, 2016.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

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

*** WMATA (Councilman Smedberg)**

*** Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (Councilman Chapman and Councilman Bailey)**

*** Quality of Life Committee (Vice Mayor Wilson and Mayor Silberberg)**

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

*** Transportation Planning Board (Councilmember Lovain)**

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City Council gave their reports.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)**CONSENT CALENDAR (5-6)****(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

5. [16-5617](#) Consideration of the Submission of a Competitive Grant Application to the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee for Funding of Educational Stormwater BMP Signs.
6. [16-5629](#) Consideration of the Receipt of Results of Fiscal Year 2016 Fair Housing Testing.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the consent calendar, as follows:

5. City Council: 1. approved a competitive grant application, due October 1, 2016, to the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee, for funding in the approximate amount of \$15,000 to design, fabricate, and install educational stormwater BMP signs (the exact amount to be determined by the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee by May 2017 to June 2017); and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program.

6. City Council received the results of the fair housing tests for discrimination in rental housing on the basis of disability conducted in FY 2016.

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

7. [16-5661](#) Discussion of Police Data Sharing.

City Council received the report.
8. [16-5600](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Initiate the First Five-Year Extended Term of the Comcast Cable Television Franchise Agreement. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council: 1. approved a resolution that initiates the first five-year extended term of the Comcast cable television franchise agreement; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to implement the first five-year extended term of the franchise agreement with Comcast of Virginia, Inc. (RES. NO. 2741)
9. [16-5693](#) Consideration of a Proposal to Secure an Additional Cable Television Franchise or Broadband Internet Franchise.

City Council: 1. directed the City Manager to proactively identify companies that would be interested in negotiating a cable television franchise or telecommunications franchise (for broadband internet) in the City of Alexandria that could leverage a

City-owned fiber optic network; and 2. directed the City Manager to bring forward to City Council an ordinance advertising for a new franchise agreement once an interested company or companies have been identified.

10. [16-5608](#)

Disposition of City-Owned Real Estate at 912, 916, 920 King Street, 116 South Henry Street and 120, 122 and 122 ½ North Patrick Street.

City Council: 1. declared City-owned property located at 120, 122 and 122 1/2 North Patrick Street as surplus property and authorized the City Manager to seek offers of bids as described in the City Real Estate Disposition Policy; and 2. authorized the City Manager to issue a request for proposals for the disposition, sale and redevelopment of City-owned property at 912, 916, 920 King Street, 116 S. Henry Street and 120, 122 and 122 1/2 N. Patrick Street for no less than 90 days to include a provision that proposals shall not result in a net loss of total off-street parking spaces compared to the existing conditions (85 parking spaces) following the process detailed in the City Real Estate Disposition Policy, with an amendment to read: "Plus, at a minimum, meeting the parking requirements of new development."

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Mayor Silberberg said that last week she announced that there was a collaborative partnership with the National Arboretum to plant a tree, which was done at Oronoco Bay Park, and this is the beginning of a partnership in terms of other trees being donated as well as being a resource for the City. Mayor Silberberg said she spoke to the City Manager about the tree canopy and her focus on it and the signing on to the City Parks Alliance. She said the annual tree sale has begun at the Buddy Ford Nature Center, and she encouraged the citizens to green up Alexandria. She said that last night she attended the Beautification Commission's annual awards ceremony where it honored citizens and businesses with awards for the way they have beautified the land where they are. She thanked the National Arboretum for their generosity and their partnership. Mayor Silberberg said she spoke with the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Activities about the tree canopy and greening the City, and focusing on planting the tree wells but also the City staff will focus on cleaning up and planting trees and doing more with the medians.

2. Mayor Silberberg said she was at an event today on Capitol Hill where Senator Elizabeth Dole launched an initiative called Hidden Heroes, and it is very exciting what she is doing. The idea is to support military caregivers. She said she was thrilled to be there and witness the emotional collaboration that came with the event. Hidden Heroes has put together a resolution asking that cities adopt it and she asked that Council adopt the resolution in October, noting that she has signed on as a City. One part of the resolution is to have a day of observance in May during Military Appreciation Month and to have a day of recognition and/or an event and she has asked General Bob Wood to ask his group of volunteers and he said they would organize an event if asked. The other task in the resolution is being a resource and they will discuss that. She asked Council to think of the possibility of having a commission to focus on the needs of veterans and their caregivers and those that are active duty as well.

3. Mayor Silberberg said the King from the capital of Ghana came to City Hall and it was a warm exchange, and that conversation happened because of former Mayor Bill Euille.

4. Mayor Silberberg extended her thanks to Arlington National Cemetery and Fire Chief Dube and the Alexandria Fire Department, as the Fire Department is

celebrating its 150th anniversary. There was a full honor wreath ceremony recognizing the fire department at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on September 19. She said it was a very moving ceremony.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Jinks said it is budget season and he said they spent the summer doing after action on the budget and how to improve the process. He said they announced and invited the community members to have a budget public briefing, to provide the public with an idea of the status of the budget and what some of the issues are, as well as hear from them, on October 13 at Patrick Henry School. He said they have also asked City boards and commissions to provide their input on the budget and what their priorities are.

Ms. Triggs gave an update on the City's Wellness Activity, noting that the City held a wellness event for its employees last week where the City employees were challenged to explore ways to be accountable for their own wellness, to see healthy food choices, to visit a health mobile to get screening and sign up for activity tracking. She said the City Manager has challenged the department heads to track their activity. Ms. Triggs challenged Council to challenge each other with activity and wellness.

OTHER

11. [16-5659](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: 1. received the updated City Council Schedule which includes the Annual Art on the Avenue Festival (Mount Vernon Avenue) on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.; and 2. approved the Council schedule.

Closed Meeting Continued (If Needed)

12. [16-5702](#) Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Actual or Pending Litigation.

The continuation of the closed meeting was not needed.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:05 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.

