

# **City of Alexandria**

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



## **Action Docket - Final**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

**7:00 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 the members of Council were present.*

**2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

*City Council participated in a moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:**

[18-7145](#)

The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2017.

*City Council approved the regular meeting minutes for November 14, 2017.*

**PROCLAMATIONS****4. [18-7167](#)**

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing December 31, 2017, as Fair Weather Night for First Night Alexandria.

*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

**5. [18-7169](#)**

Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring First Responding Organizations to the June 14, 2017 Simpson Stadium Incident.

*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

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

**\*Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) (Councilman Smedberg)**

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

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

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

**\*Transportation Commission (Councilmember Lovain)**

**\*Environmental Action Plan Steering Committee (Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Pepper)**

*City Council gave the reports.*

**ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

*City Manager Jinks reported on the improvements at the King-Quaker-Braddock Intersection, noting the goals of the project was to improve safety of all uses and reduce the clutter at the intersection and improve operations and emergency readiness of the intersection. City Manager Jinks also reported that improvements included the installation of mast arms for lane designation, improved pedestrian signals, new signage and pavement markings, thermal video vehicle detection, reduction of cost for the improvement by \$6 million dollars and the installation of hydrogen power fuel cell battery backup system. City Manager Jinks noted that the results of all the improvements has created a smarter and safer intersection for all users, reduced traffic delays during peak hours, and the service road improvements have eliminated pedestrian conflicts and the potential for rear-end crashes on Quaker Lane. City Manager Jinks reported that the City refinanced \$36 million dollars of bond debt last week, saving the City \$3 million dollars and he noted that the pending federal tax legislation may limit certain future bond refinancing. City Manager Jinks noted that the transaction was completed before the Treasury State and Local Government Series (SLGs) window closed and the City was able to refinance at an interest rate of 1.9% over the 15-year life of the bonds. City Manager Jinks announced that Hillary Orr has been promoted to Deputy Director of Transportation and Transit with Transportation and Environmental Services and Khattab Shammout was hired as the Deputy Director of Right-of-Way and Development Services with Transportation and Environmental Services.*

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)****CONSENT CALENDAR (6-14)****(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

6. [18-7170](#) Receipt of the following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Commission for the Arts  
Lisa Baranello
  - (b) Commission for Persons with Disabilities  
Katie Filous  
Mark Fries
  - (c) Human Rights  
Randolph Sengel

(d) Sister Cities Committee  
Natascha Syre O’Leary

(e) Transportation Commission  
Christine Michealis

7. [18-7171](#)

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

(a) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force  
1 At-Large Member from and Representing the Youth of the City of Alexandria  
1 Representative from the Business Community

(b) Archaeological Commission  
1 Representative from Planning District III  
1 At- Large Member

(c) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee  
1 Member Designated by Councilmember Lovain (tem concurrent with Council member term)

(d) Building Code Board of Appeals  
1 Alternate Member

(e) Commission on Persons with Disabilities  
1 Citizen Member

(f) Community Policy and Management Team  
1 Director of the Alexandria Juvenile Court Services Unit

(g) Community Criminal Justice Board  
1 Representative of the Business Community Recommended by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

(h) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee  
1 Representative of Gadsby’s Tavern Museum  
1 Member Nominated by the Federation of Civic Associations

(i) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
1 Member at-Large Representing Alexandria Civic Associations

(j) Sister Cities Committee  
1 Citizen Member

(k) Waterfront Commission

1 Representative from the Old Town Civic Association

1 Representative from the Founders Park Community Association

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

8. [16-6777](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2017.
9. [18-7140](#) Consideration of Proposed Charter Amendment for the 2018 General Assembly Session.
10. [18-7146](#) Receipt of Viewers Reports for the Vacation of the Public Right-of-Way at 116 West Alexandria Avenue and for the Vacation of the Public Right-of-Way at 118 West Alexandria Avenue.

### **(Ordinances)**

11. [18-7128](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Braddock Road Metro Station Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2017-0005 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.
12. [18-7130](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 064.02 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the properties at 413 and 417 North Columbus Street from, RM/Residential Medium to CD/Commercial Downtown in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2017-0002.
13. [18-7155](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way at 116 West Alexandria Avenue (VAC No. 2017-0005).
14. [18-7157](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way at 118 West Alexandria Avenue (VAC No. 2017-0006).

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

*City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of docket item #14, which was considered under separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations*

were as follows:

6. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Lisa Baranello, Commission for the Arts; (b) Katie Filous and Mark Friese, Commission for Persons with Disabilities; (c) Randolph Sengel, Human Rights Commission (d) Natascha Syre O'Leary, Sister Cities Committee; and (e) Christine Michaelis, Transportation Commission.

7. City Council made the following appointment to boards, commissions and committees: (a) appointed Lillian Vagnoni as the at-large member from and representing the youth of the city of Alexandria, and reappointed Juan Nelson Zavaleta as the representative from the business community to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force (b) appointed Esther White as the representative from Planning District II and reappointed Mark Ludlow as the at-large member to the Archaeological Commission; (c) appointed Richard McPike as the member designated by Councilmember Lovain to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (d) appointed Michael Wheeler as the alternate member to the Building Code Board of Appeals; (e) appointed Amy Blackwood as the citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (f) reappointed Michael Mackey as the director of the Alexandria Juvenile Court Services Unit to the Community Policy and Management Team; (g) reappointed Elizabeth Jones Valderrama as the representative of the business community recommended by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce to the Community Criminal Justice Board; (h) appointed Kristen Eastlick as the representative of Gadsby's Tavern Museum and appointed Severiano Ortiz as the member nominated by the Federation of Civic Associations to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (i) appointed Kelly Spradley-Kurowski as the member at-large representing Alexandria Civic Associations to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (f) appointed Christopher Doorley as the citizen member for the Sister Cities Committee; and (g) appointed Robert Cvejanovich as the representative from the Old Town Civic Association, and Beth Gross as the representative from the Founders Park Community Association to the Waterfront Commission.

8. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

9. City Council scheduled the proposed Charter change for public hearing on Saturday, December 16, and approved its inclusion to the 2018 City Legislative Package following the public hearing.

10. City Council received the viewers reports for the vacation of the public right-of-way at 116 West Alexandria Avenue and for the vacation of the public right-of-way at 118 West Alexandria Avenue.

11. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on December 16, 2017.

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14. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on December 16, 2017. (separate motion)

**ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (15-17)****(Resolutions are approved by Roll-Call Vote)**

15. [18-6960](#) Consideration of a Resolution Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to Make Changes to the VDOT Inventory of Roadways in Alexandria that are Eligible for Annual Maintenance Payments from the State's Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
16. [18-7016](#) Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds by the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
17. [18-7127](#) Consideration of a Revised Competitive Grant Application Resolution to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 and FY 2020 Revenue Sharing Program Funding. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

**END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR**

*City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approvals were as follows:*

*15. City Council (1) adopted the resolution requesting VDOT update the list of roadways and lanes in the City that are eligible to receive annual maintenance payments from the State; and (2) authorized the City Manager or his designee to forward the resolution to the VDOT. (RES. NO. 2800)*

*16. City Council received and adopted the Resolution as recommended by the AIDA. (RES. NO. 2801)*

*17. City Council: (1) adopted the amended resolution to apply for a FY 2019 & FY 2020 Revenue Sharing Program funding allocation from the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Citywide street and alley reconstruction and resurfacing of major roads; (2) authorized the City Manager to submit this resolution and enter into any agreements with the state that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved; and (3) committed to fund the City's local share of preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction (as applicable) of the projects under agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation in accordance with the project financial documents. (RES. NO. 2802)*

**CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS**

18. [18-7172](#) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee  
1 Citizen Member  
  
*City Council appointed Herbert Thomas as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee.*
19. [18-7173](#) Beautification Commission

1 Citizen Member

*City Council reappointed Monica Murphy as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission.*

20. [18-7176](#)

Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission

2 Members with Expertise in Children, Youth, and Family Issues, Public Safety, Medical/Health Related Profession or Nonprofit Experience

*City Council granted a residency waiver and reappointed Tammy Mann and appointed Stephen Eric Parker as the two members with expertise in children, youth, and family issues, public safety, medical/health related profession or nonprofit experience to the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission.*

21. [18-7174](#)

Commission for the Arts

1 Member who shall be a Professional in Fields Relevant to Arts and Cultural Development including Cultural Planning, Marketing, Finance, Funding, Tourism, Promotion, Nonprofit Organizational Development, and Real Estate Development

*City Council appointed William Kurowski as the member who shall be a professional in fields relevant to arts and cultural development including cultural planning, marketing, finance, funding, tourism, promotion, nonprofit organizational development and real estate development to the Commission for the Arts.*

22. [18-7175](#)

Landlord-Tenant Relations Board

1 Landlord Representative

*City Council appointed Wynn Hunsaker as the landlord representative to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board.*

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

23. [18-6970](#)

Oral Presentation from the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) about COG Programs and Activities.

*City Council received the presentation.*

24. [18-7168](#)

Receipt of the Community Action Plan from North End Quality of Life Work Group.

*City Council received the final report from the North End Quality of Life work group and thanked them for their service.*

25. [18-7064](#)

Consideration of the Vision Zero Action Plan.

*City Council received the Vision Zero Action Plan and docketed it for public hearing and adoption on December 16, 2017.*

26. [18-7107](#)

Winter Weather Preparation Update.

*City Council received the update on winter weather preparation.*



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

1. Councilman Chapman reported that he was selected to service on Governor-Elect Northam's Policy Council on Local Government. Councilman Chapman pointed out that the group would be responsible for compiling a report for the governor-elect and his cabinet on the challenges local governments have with state government and ways to build and improve the relationship between the two entities.

2. Councilman Chapman reported that GO Virginia released a press release about grants that support collaborative projects to grow and diversify regional economies around the Commonwealth, noting that the City received money for several projects. Councilman Chapman highlighted the Northern Virginia Tech Talent Pipeline Initiative, a project that will be a regional effort to build up existing computer services and cybersecurity clusters to attract and retain skilled, highly qualified workers for the workforce in the area.

3. Councilman Chapman congratulated City Manager Jinks on receiving the Institute for Regional Excellence Leadership Award as the 2017 Inspiring Leader from the Council of Governments in October.

4. Mayor Silberberg reported that the Annual Scottish Christmas Walk was a tremendous success and she thanked Lord Provost and Lady Provost Borthwick from Dundee, Scotland for attending the festivities. Mayor Silberberg thanked the Sister Cities Committee for all their hard work during the weekend's event. Mayor Silberberg noted that the Campagna Center coordinated many volunteers to staff the events of the weekend and they raised money for the programs they sponsor to support children in the community.

5. Mayor Silberberg reported that the 16th Annual Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights was held last Saturday night and she noted that USA Today ranked the parade eighth among the best holiday parades in the country.

6. Mayor Silberberg reported that Neighborhood Health, Inc., held its 20th Anniversary Celebration Gala on Thursday night and thanked all work have served with the organization through the years.

7. Mayor Silberberg reported on the Smart 911 system and encouraged all residents and visitors to enroll in the program. Mayor Silberberg gave a detailed description of the Smart 911 system and noted that residents can enroll via the City's website. Mayor Silberberg reported that the system allows residents to enroll themselves, anyone who lives in their home, pets, and to include medical information, as well as home and work contact information, into the highly secured system to help dispatchers during an emergency call.

## OTHER

27. [18-7143](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

*City Council received and approved the City Council Schedule.*

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*The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 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 of Council decisions made at the meeting.*