

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

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 the members of Council were present except Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Pepper who arrived during executive session, and Councilman Smedberg who was absent.

2. Closed Meeting.

6:00 p.m. - Consideration of a Closed Meeting to Discuss the Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property.

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss or consider the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the City and to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding the resolution of probable environmental litigation; specifically, the possible improvement projects; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711 (A)(3) and (7) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution pertaining to the closed executive session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 2811)

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

4. City of Alexandria Employee Choir Performance in Recognition of Black History Month.

The City of Alexandria Employee Choir performed a selection of songs in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Month.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

***ARHA Redevelopment Committee (Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

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

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

***Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Vice Mayor Wilson)**

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

Councilman Smedberg was absent from the meeting.

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

Councilman Smedberg was absent from the meeting.

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

Councilman Smedberg was absent from the meeting.

***Transportation Commission (Councilmember Lovain)**

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

***Update from the Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors (Councilwoman Pepper)**

City Council gave reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager, Mark Jinks reported about the City being selected as one of 20 finalists in the search for a second Amazon Headquarters. The City Manager did state that Potomac Yard coupled with Crystal City, and Eisenhower Avenue were two of the Alexandria sites being considered along with other sites in Northern Virginia. Further, Mr. Jinks reported that Amazon stated it will be working with candidates to dive deeper into the individual proposals and expect to make a decision in 2018.

Karl Moritz, Planning Director, and Helen McIlvaine, Housing Director gave a presentation to City Council about the Andrew Adkins redevelopment project. Mr. Moritz reported that ARHA and CRC shared a conceptual site plan with the community and with council which has been refined to 60 onsite replacement units and 60 off site replacement units. Also, Mr. Moritz discussed the financial models that were developed to shine a light on financial sustainability long-term and the proceeds that ARHA would receive from the units with the deepest levels of affordability possible. Mr. Moritz also provided a description of the site plan with information regarding the number of units both on and offsite, and the willingness of ARHA to accept vouchers for the market rate building for families earning 80% of the median income. Mr. Moritz noted that the refined concept plan is being designed and will be shared with the community in the future. Mr. Moritz stated that all project design, architecture, design of open space, and a plan for relocating existing residents and acquiring the offsite redevelopment units will be coming forth soon. Mr. Moritz stated that staff has planned to bring the rezoning plan and possible master plan amendment before Council in June.

City Manager Oral Report

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (5-10)**(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

5. Consideration of a Renewal Grant to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for an Aggressive Driving/DUI Interdiction Program in FY 2019.
6. Consideration for a New Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles to Promote Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety in FY 2019.
7. Consideration for a New Grant to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for a Program to Reduce Aggressive Driving and Speeding in FY 2019.
8. Consideration of Appointment of Viewers for VAC #2017-0009 (1600 North Frazier Street); VAC #2017-0011 (1615 North Frost Street); and VAC #2017-0012 (4001 Lawrence Avenue).
9. Consideration of Appointment of Viewers for VAC #2017-0010 (4905 Maury Lane).
10. Consideration of Appointment of Viewers for VAC #2017-0008 (2410 and 2460 Mill Road).

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

5. City Council (1) approved the grant application to the Virginia DMV in the amount of \$30,375, which will provide funds to the Police Department to operate a DUI/aggressive driving interdiction program in the City; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

6. City Council (1) approved the grant applications to the Virginia DMV in the amount of \$5,000, which will provide funds to the Police Department to operate a pedestrian and bicycle safety program; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

7. City Council (1) approved the grant application the Virginia DMV in the amount of \$20,000, which will provide the funds to the Police Department to operate aggressive driving and speeding enforcement in the City; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

8. City Council received the three viewers appointed by Mayor Silberberg and will have the City Clerk notify them of their appointment and responsibilities. Mayor Silberberg selected the following viewers:

David Kaplan

John LaValle

Ann Tucker (chair)

9. City Council received the three viewers appointed by Mayor Silberberg and will have the City Clerk notify them of their appointment and responsibilities. Mayor Silberberg selected the following viewers:

Jason Dechant

Shelli Vasser Gilliam (chair)

John Humphrey

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Raighne Delaney

Jeannette Ankoma-Sey (chair)

Dan Solomon

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

11. Update on the 2018 General Assembly Session.

City Council approved the legislative positions subject to the removal of HB 640 and HB 256, and ask the legislative committee to look at recommendations on those two pieces of legislation.

12. National Airport Aircraft Noise Update.

City Council received the update.

13. Consideration of a Grant Application to the FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Funding for Firefighter Training Classes.

City Council (1) approved the submission of a grant application to the federal government for \$900,000 for paramedic training and firefighter training classes; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

(Ordinances and Resolutions are approved by Roll-Call vote)

14. Consideration of a Resolution for a Competitive Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Primary Extension Improvement Program Funding. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council (1) adopted the attached resolution (attachment) to apply for a Primary Extensions 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 agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia that may be required to received these funds should the requested allocation be approved. (RES. NO. 2812)

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Silberberg reported that she will be attending the US Conference of Mayors meeting beginning on January 24, 2018. While at the meeting Mayor Silberberg reported that there will be a discussion about inclusiveness and equity, which is a continuation of meeting at Gracie Mansion in New York where a statement was released following a discussion with prominent civil rights leaders.

Councilman Bailey thanked the Council members for attending the renaming ceremony of the recreation center to Leonard Chick Armstrong, and thanked the renaming committee for their support. Councilman Bailey also reported about the service of Leonard Chick Armstrong and the turnout at the ceremony.

Mayor Silberberg reported that there was a ceremony at T.C. Williams where a number of athletes and coaches were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame by ACPS.

CLOSED MEETING CONTINUED (if needed)

15. Consideration of City Council Schedule.
- City Council received and approved the schedule.*

OTHER

16. Consideration of a Closed Meeting to Discuss the Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property.