

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, March 6, 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, with Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, and Councilmember Lovain arriving during the closed meeting.

2. Closed Meeting.

[18-7429](#)

6:00 p.m. - Consideration of a closed meeting to discuss or consider the disposition of publicly held real property and to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding pending litigation.

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:05 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 probably environmental litigation; specifically, the possible disposition of real estate in support of the resolution of specific environmental improvement projects; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(3) and (7) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution pertaining to the closed executive session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 2817)

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:

[18-7437](#)

The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2018.

City Council approved the minutes of the following meeting of City Council: the public hearing meeting minutes of January 20, 2018.

PROCLAMATIONS

5. [18-7434](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation honoring March as the 16th Annual March for Meals Month.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

6. [18-7347](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Celebrating the 8th Regional Housing Expo to be Held in Alexandria, VA, the Expo's Original Host City, on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

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

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

***Update on the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Bailey)**

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Ms. Breen, City Archaeologist, gave a presentation on the archaeology projects associated with the Waterfront and the development of the area.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)**CONSENT CALENDAR (7-20)****(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

7. [18-7433](#) Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
John Barnes
 - (b) Commission on HIV/AIDS
Wendy Harper
 - (c) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
Severiano Ortiz
 - (d) Waterfront Commission
Frank Cole

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

8. [18-7438](#) Uncontested Appointments
- (a) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force

1 Member from and representing Alexandria Elementary Schools

(b) Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee

1 Representative of the business community

(c) Commission for the Arts

1 Member who has specific expertise in visual arts as a professional practitioner of visual art, curator of visual art, or a s a professional art administrator currently working in the field

1 Member who has expertise in the arts, including, but not limited to, arts education, professional practitioners of various art disciplines and professional administrators working in the arts

1 Member who is a professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the cityscape, as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design

(d) Commission on HIV/AIDS

1 Alexandria City Public Schools Representative

(e) Commission on Persons with Disabilities

1 Citizen Member

(f) Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia

1 Consumer Member

(g) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission

1 Representative from the Alexandria Public Records Advisory Commission

1 Business Representative

(h) Human Rights Commission

1 Representative of the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board

(i) Park and Recreation Commission

1 High School Youth of the City

(j) Public Health Advisory Commission

1 Citizen Member who is not a health professional

(k) Real Estate Assessments Review Board

1 Citizen Member

(l) Sister Cities Committee

2 Citizen Members

(m) Waterfront Commission

1 Representative from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

9. [18-7345](#) Consideration of a Fiscal Year 2019 Grant Application to the Virginia Commission for the Arts for a Creative Community Partnership Grant (Formerly the Local Government Challenge Grant) for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.
10. [18-7375](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Education Institute for Education Sciences (IES) Small Business Innovation Research Project (SBIR) Program.
11. [18-7430](#) Receipt of Viewers Report for Vacation of public right-of-way at 4905 Maury Lane.
12. [18-7431](#)

Receipt of Viewers Report for Vacation of a portion of public right-of-way at 2410 and 2460 Mill Road -Blocks 4 and 5
13. [18-7432](#) Receipt of Viewers Report for the vacations of public rights-of-way for the following properties: 16000 North Frazier Street, 1615 North Frost Street, and 4001 Lawrence Street.

(Ordinances for Introductions)

14. [18-7332](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage of an Ordinance to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way on North Frazier Street, adjacent to the property at 1600 North Frazier Street (VAC No. 2017-0009) (Implementation Ordinance for Vacation approved by City Council on January 20, 2018).
15. [18-7334](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way on North Frazier Street, adjacent to the property at 1615 North Frost Street (VAC No. 2017-0011) (Implementation Ordinance for Vacation approved by City Council on January 20, 2018).
16. [18-7336](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way on North Frazier Street, adjacent to the property at 4001 Lawrence Avenue (VAC No. 2017-0012) (Implementation Ordinance for Vacation approved by City Council on January 20, 2018).

17. [18-7338](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way on Maury Lane, adjacent to the property at 4905 Maury Lane (VAC No. 2017-0010) (Implementation Ordinance for Vacation approved by City Council on January 20, 2018).
18. [18-7340](#) Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way along the south side of Mill Road near the intersection of the east side of Stovall Street, at 2460 Mill Road (VAC No. 2017-0008) (Implementation Ordinance for Vacation associated with Hoffman Blocks 4 & 5 project approved by City Council on January 20, 2018).
19. [18-7416](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sections 4-1403 (PERMITTED USES), 4-1403.1 (ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL USES), and 4-1404 (SPECIAL USES) of Article IV (COMMERCIAL, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2018-0001 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2018-0001 regarding uses in the NR/Neighborhood Retail zone (Arlandria) approved by City Council on February 24, 2018).
20. [18-7418](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sections 2-145 (FLOOR AREA RATIO) and 2-195 (STORY) of Article II (DEFINITIONS), amend and reordain 7-202 (PERMITTED OBSTRUCTIONS) of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS), and add new Sections 2-113.1 (ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE) and 2-194.1 (STAIRS) of Article II (DEFINITIONS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2017-0001 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2017-0001 regarding floor area ratio approved by City Council on February 24, 2018).

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

7. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) John Barnes, Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (b) Wendy Harper, Commission on HIV/AIDS; (c) Severiano Ortiz, George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; and (d) Frank Cole, Waterfront Commission.

8. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Rachel Rebecca-Beekman Dischner as the member from and representing Alexandria Elementary Schools to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force; (b) appointed Bud Jackson as the representative from the

business community to the Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee; (c) appointed Mary Ensich as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (d) reappointed Susan Cohen as the member who has specific expertise in visual arts as a profession practitioner of visual art, curator of visual art, or as a professional art administrator currently working in the field and reappointed Allison-Jane Abbott Heck as the member who is a professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the cityscape, such as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design to the Commission for the Arts; (e) appointed Leanne Desmond as the Alexandria City Public Schools Representative to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (f) appointed Mark Benedict as the citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (g) reappointed Canek Aguirre as the consumer member to Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia; (h) appointed Monica St. Dennis as the representative from the Alexandria Public Records Advisory Commission and reappointed Danny Smith as the business representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (i) appointed Katie Dilks as the representative of the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board to the the Human Rights Commission; (j) reappointed Conner Rex as the high school youth of the City to the Park and Recreation Commission; (k) appointed John Herring as the citizen member who is not a health professional to the Public Health Advisory Commission; (l) reappointed Robert Calhoun as the citizen member to the Real Estate Assessments Review Board; (m) reappointed Stacie Andersen and appointed Melissa Kelly as the two citizen members to the Sister Cities Committee; and (n) reappointed Susan Cohen as the representative from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

9. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$4,500 to the Virginia Commission for the Arts' Creative Community Partnership Grant Program; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

10. City Council authorized the City Manager to: (1) ratify the application for the Institute for Education Sciences (IES) for a grant of up to \$15,944; (2) approve the acceptance of funds from IES for up to \$15,944, if the grant is approved; and (3) authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

11. City Council received the viewers' report for the vacation of public right-of-way at 4905 Maury Lane.

12. City Council received the viewers' report for the vacation of a portion of public right-of-way at 2460 Mill Road - Blocks 4 and 5.

13. City Council received the viewers' report for the vacation of public rights-of-way for the following properties: 16000 North Frazier Street, 1615 North Frost Street, and 4001 Lawrence Street.

14. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on March 17, 2018.

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CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

21. [18-7439](#) Alexandria Transportation Commission
1 Citizen Member who resides East of Quaker Lane
City Council appointed Bruce Marsh as the citizen member who resides East of Quaker Lane to the Alexandria Transportation Commission.
22. [18-7440](#) Commission for the Arts
1 Member who has expertise in visual arts as a professional practitioner of visual art, curator of visual art, or as a professional art administrator currently working in the field
2 Members who represent the public at-large, as arts consumers or participants
City Council reappointed Katherine Elkins as the member who has expertise in the arts, including, but not limited to, arts educators, professional practitioners of various art disciplines and professional administrators working in the arts and reappointed Gayle Converse and Tamsin Green as the two members who represent the public at-large to the Commission for the Arts.
23. [18-7442](#) Traffic and Parking Board
2 Citizen Members
City Council reappointed Ann Tucker and appointed Jason Osborne as the two citizen members to the Traffic and Parking Board.

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

24. [18-7103](#) Consideration of a License Agreement Between the City of Alexandria and Spirit Cruises, LLC. for Use of the City's Marina.
City Council: (1) received the report recommending a license agreement between the City of Alexandria and Spirit Cruises, LLC; and (2) scheduled a public hearing for Saturday, March 17, 2018, and after the public hearing is concluded authorize the City Manager to execute the license agreement substantially in the form attached between the City of Alexandria and Spirit Cruises, LLC.
25. [18-7344](#) 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 2018 (Fiscal Year 2019).

City Council: (1) received the report and schedule the ordinance for first reading on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

6. [18-7404](#)

Work Session: Alexandria Tourism Update

City Council received the tourism update from the Visit Alexandria staff.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Mayor Silberberg followed up the on the conversation Council had the previous week about school safety and she noted that she has spoken to many concerned citizens and parents about safety in the City schools. Mayor Silberberg noted that Council passed a resolution urging state and national legislators to enact common sense gun laws. Mayor Silberberg stated that there should be consideration given to placing School Resource Officers (SROs) in the City's elementary schools and she has requested a budget memo detailing the costs of adding security at the elementary schools similar to the type of security at the middle and high schools. Mayor Silberberg also requested that City Manager Jinks work with Dr. Berlin, Interim Superintendent, and Police Chief Brown to come up with options as soon as possible on how to accomplish this request.

2. Mayor Silberberg requested an update on the date and time for the St. Patrick's Day parade. In response, City Manager Jinks stated that the parade is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 18 at 1:30 p.m. but the Ballyshaners were polling participants to see if they are able to still participate.

OTHER

27. [18-7421](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) received the updated City Council schedule which includes: the King Street Park at the Waterfront Construction Kick-Oo which is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 8 a.m. at 1 & 2 King Street; and (2) approved the City Council schedule.

Closed Meeting (continued if needed)

28. [18-7435](#)

Consideration of a closed meeting to discuss or consider the disposition of publicly held real property and to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding pending litigation.

The meeting was not needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 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.