

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

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 members of Council were present.

2. [19-1026](#)

6:00 p.m. -- Consideration of a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter and consult with Legal Counsel and Staff regarding the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved.

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:07 p.m., to discuss a personnel matter and consult with legal counsel and staff regarding the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved; specifically, the hiring process for the City Attorney position and economic development incentives to recruit a new business and to retain an existing business; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A) (1) and (6) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:30 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed Executive Session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 2840)

City Council appointed Joanna Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, as Acting City Attorney.

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:**[19-1005](#)**

The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2018; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2018.

City Council approved the public hearing meeting minutes of June 23, 2018 and the regular meeting minutes of June 26, 2018.

PROCLAMATIONS**5. [19-1009](#)**

Proclamation Recognizing National Preparedness Month in the City of Alexandria.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

6. [19-1010](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation to James L. Banks, Jr., for his service as City Attorney.

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)**

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

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jinks gave an update of the DASH free rides for T.C. Williams High School students and he reported by June there were at least 1400 rides per day on DASH by students. Mr. Jinks noted that on a daily average, there are 700-900 students taking the bus during the week. Mr. Jinks reported that Allan Fye, Transit Division Chief, Transportation and Environmental Services, will be going to work for the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. Mr. Jinks stated that Military Times named Alexandria the #1 Mid Sized City for Veterans for the third year in a row. Mr. Jinks reported that the Police Department received a first place award from the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police honoring the work the department has done on Vision Zero and traffic safety. Mr. Jinks reported that WMATA announced that it has awarded the prime construction contract for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station to a joint venture called Potomac Yard Constructor consisting of Halmar International and Schiavone Construction Company, two experienced companies, to complete the 214 million contract and the next step in the process is finalizing the design.

19-1095

New Business Item: Consideration of a Local Emergency Declaration.

Mr. Jinks reported that he signed an emergency declaration order to cover any needs and expenses the City would have from impending Hurricane Florence.

City Council: (1) confirmed the Declaration of Local Emergency; and (2) authorized the Director of Emergency Management to enter into contracts and incur obligations as enumerated in Section 4-3-5(c) of the City Code.

Deputy Fire Chief Smedley, Office of Emergency Management, gave a report on the emergency preparations occurring throughout the City in anticipation of the Hurricane Florence and he responded to questions from Council.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)

CONSENT CALENDAR (7-11)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

7. [19-1006](#) Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Beauregard Design Advisory Committee
Susan Scarlet-Macaw
 - (b) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission
Michael Suppa
 - (c) Commission for the Arts
Kate Elkins
Sara Lavan
 - (d) Economic Opportunities Commission
Thomas Gibson
Raquel Williams-Jones
 - (e) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
Stephen Damm
 - (f) Sister Cities Committee
Ed Ward

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

8. [19-1004](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee
1 Landlord of a Residential Property in the City
 - (b) Archaeological Commission
1 Business Community Representative
 - (c) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission
1 Community Member with Expertise in Children, Youth, and Family Issues,
Public Safety, Medical/Health Related Profession or Non-Profit Experience
 - (d) Citizen Corps Council
1 Citizen Member
 - (e) Commission on Employment
1 Citizen at-Large Member
1 Representative from an Organization such as Educational Agencies,

Organized Labor, Rehabilitation Agencies, Community Based Organizations, Economic Development Agencies, and Public Employment Services

(f) Commission on HIV/AIDS

1 Representative from the Human Rights Commission

1 Citizen Member

(g) Commission on Persons with Disabilities

2 Citizen Members

(f) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission

1 Carlyle House Representative

1 Torpedo Factory Artist Association Representative

1 Historic Alexandria Foundation Representative

(g) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board

1 Tenant Member

(h) Urban Design Advisory Committee

1 Qualified Professional Skilled in Urban Design, Architecture, or Landscape Architecture

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

9. [18-7929](#) Consideration of Receipt of City Council Closed Meetings Report for FY 2017 to FY 2018.
10. [18-7941](#) Consideration of the Alexandria Community Services Board FY 2019 and FY 2020 Performance Contract with the State.
11. [18-7958](#) Consideration of Approval for the Department of Community and Human Services/Community Services Board to Apply for a Permanent Supportive Housing Grant from the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

7. City Council accepted the following recommendations with regret: (a) Susan Scarlet-Macaw, Beauregard Design Advisory Committee; (b) Michael Suppa, Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission; (c) Kate Elkins and Sara Lavan, Commission for the Arts; (d) Thomas Gibson and Raquel Williams-Jones, Economic Opportunites Commission; (e) Stephen Damm, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; and (f) Ed Ward, Sister Cities Committee.

8. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) appointed Jonathan Frederic as the landlord of a residential property in the City to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; (b) appointed Dylan Colligan as the business community representative to the Archaeological Commission; (c) appointed Javan Owens as the community member with expertise in children, youth, and family issues, public safety, medical/health related profession or non-profit experience to the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission; (d) appointed Brian Lundeen as the citizen member to the Citizen Corps Council; (e) appointed Patrick Edwards as the citizen at-large member and reappointed Lauren Unger as the representative from an organization such as educational agencies, organized labor, rehabilitation agencies, community based organization, economic development agencies and public employment service to the Commission on Employment; (f) appointed Damien Hammond, Sr., as the representative from the Human Rights Commission and appointed Haben Petros as the citizen member to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (g) reappointed Patrick Dennis and appointed Toni Popkin two citizen members to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (h) reappointed John Dumsick as the Carlyle House Representative, reappointed Jolande Goldberg as the Torpedo Factory Artist Association representative, and reappointed Gail Rothrock as the Historic Alexandria Foundation representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (i) appointed Isabella Debono as the tenant member to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; and (j) reappointed Abbey Oklak as the qualified professional skilled in urban design, architecture, or landscape architecture to the Urban Design Advisory Committee.

9. City Council received the report.

10. City Council approved the Board's Performance Contract with the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

11. City Council ratified the prior submission of the Department of Community and Human Services/Community Services Board competitive grant application of \$961,563 to the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for funding or rental subsidies and supportive housing services to expand Permanent Supportive Health opportunities for homeless individuals with serious mental illness or co-occurring substance use disorders.

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (12-13)

12. [18-7925](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Establish a Green Building Policy Update Task Force [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council: (1) approved the resolution establishing the Green Building Policy Update Task Force, with the following amendments: under the Environmental Advocates or Technical Experts section, include 1 Planning Commission member and 1 representative of the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) School Board (staff member); and (2) authorized the City Manager to appoint 12 members of the Task Force. (RES. NO. 2841)
- 12a. [18-7893](#) Consideration of a Resolution Establishing a Complete Count Committee for the 2020 U.S. Census.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council: (1) approved the resolution establishing an Alexandria Complete Count Committee; (2) authorized the Council to select a person to serve as the Chair of the

Committee; and (3) authorized the City Manager to solicit and appoint members to the group. (RES. NO. 2842)

13. [18-7926](#) Consideration of a Resolution for a Temporary Change to the Composition of the Eisenhower West - Landmark/Van Dorn Implementation Advisory Group for the duration of the Landmark Mall site re-planning process. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council approved a resolution temporarily amending the composition of the Ad Hoc Eisenhower West - Van Dorn Implementation Advisory Group for the duration of the Landmark Mall site re-planning process by adding one slot for the West End Business Association, and one slot for the Howard Hughes Corporation and with an amendment to #4 stating, "Upon the completion of the Landmark Mall Re-Planning Process, Advisory Group representation will revert to the original composition identified in Resolution 2717, with the addition of the West End Business Association (WEBA). (RES. NO. 2843)

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

14. [19-1027](#) Alexandria Housing and Affordability Advisory Committee
1 Licensed and Practicing Attorney
City Council reappointed Robyn Konkel as the licensed and practicing attorney to the Alexandria Housing and Affordability Advisory Committee.
15. [19-1028](#) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Nicholas Lee as the citizen member to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee.
16. [19-1029](#) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission
1 High School Student Representative
City Council appointed Maile Organek as the high school student representative to the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission.
17. [19-1030](#) Citizen Corps Council
1 Representative of the Crime Prevention Council, or an individual with law enforcement or crime prevention experience
City Council deferred the appointment and requested the City Clerk to research the status of the Crime Prevention Council before readvertising the appointment.
18. [19-1031](#) Commission for the Arts
1 Member who has Expertise in the arts including, but not limited to, arts educators, professional practitioners or various art disciplines and professional administrators working in the arts
City Council appointed Kadhambari Sridhar as the member who has expertise in the arts including, but not limited to, arts educators, professional practitioners or various art disciplines and professional administrators working in the arts to the Commission for the Arts.

19. [19-1032](#) Emergency Medical Services Council
1 Representative of the Emergency Nurses Association from Alexandria Hospital
1 Representative of the hospital administration at Alexandria Hospital
City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Freddi Brubaker as the representative of the Emergency Nurses Association from Alexandria Hospital and waived the residency requirement and appointed Jaime Wolfin as the representative of the hospital administration at Alexandria Hospital to the Emergency Medical Services Council.
20. [19-1033](#) Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission
1 Citizen Member appointed by the City Council
City Council reappointed Michael Commisso as the citizen member appointed by the City Council to the Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission.
21. [19-1034](#) Industrial Development Authority
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed Lynn Hampton as the citizen member to the Industrial Development Authority.
22. [19-1035](#) Public Health Advisory Commission
1 Citizen Member, who shall be a health professional and at the time of appointment, derives or with the previous five years derived their principal income from providing health care, health services, or health-related services
City Council reappointed Patricia Rodgers as the citizen member, who shall be a health professional and at the time of the appointment, derives or within the previous five years derived their principal income from providing health care, health services, or health related services to the Public Health Advisory Commission.
23. [19-1036](#) Sister Cities Committee
2 Citizen Members
City Council appointed Hannah Ledesma and reappointed Dana Linnet as the two citizen members to the Sister Cities Committee.

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

24. [19-1021](#) Consideration and Approval of Pay Increases for Certain Public Safety Classifications.
City Council: (1) increased the pay for police officers by 6.22 percent; (2) increased the pay for firefighters and medics by 5.0 percent; (3) increased the grade level for four classifications in the Sheriff's Office as listed below: Deputy Is and IIs from a grade 9 to a grade 10; Lieutenants from a grade 16 to a grade 17; and Captains from a grade 20 to a grade 21; (4) allocated the \$3.6 million held in the public safety pay contingent in the FY 2019 approved budget to the Police, Fire, and Sheriff's departmental budgets; (5) implemented the proposed salary increases above with an effective date of September 22, 2018; and (6) deferred consideration until FY2020 of the request to

move the Sheriff's Office uniformed employees from the Virginia Retirement System general pension plan into the Virginia Retirement System Law Enforcement Officers.

25. [18-7937](#) Consideration of a \$1.7 Million Increase in the City Loan to Alexandria Housing Development Corporation for the Bloom Affordable Housing Development (Carpenter's Shelter).

City Council approved additional loan funds of \$1.7 million bringing the total permanent City loan amount for the Alexandria Housing Development Cooperation Bloom affordable housing development project to \$8.9 million.

26. [18-7938](#) Consideration of a \$700,000 Increase to the City Loan to Alexandria Housing Development Corporation (AHDC) for the Gateway at King and Beauregard Affordable Housing Development.

City Council approved additional loan funds of \$700,000 bringing the total permanent City loan amount for the Alexandria Housing Development Cooperation Gateway affordable housing development project to \$6.2 million.

27. [18-7934](#) Consideration of a High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk Beacon (HAWK) Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Franklin and Alfred Streets.

City Council approved the installation of the High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk Beacon (HAWK) traffic signal at the Franklin Street and Alfred Street intersection, with approval to upgrade to a full traffic signal in the future if warrants are met.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Silberberg stated that a ceremony was held this morning on Market Square to remember and honor 9/11. Mayor Silberberg thank all of the participants, especially Assistant Fire Chief Povlitz, for organizing the event.

Mayor Silberberg reported that several athletic teams had major achievements over the summer. Mayor Silberberg congratulated the Alexandria Little League Junior All-Stars on winning the Virginia State Championship in July, at a game played on Simpson Field for the first time. Mayor Silberberg congratulated the Chinquapin Wahoos, the City's swim club sponsored by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities, on winning the Colonial Swim League Division Championship in July. Mayor Silberberg also congratulated the Alexandria Soccer Club under 16 Boys Futsal Team for winning the U.S. Futsal National Federation Championship in July for the second year in a row.

Mayor Silberberg congratulated 2018 T. C. Williams High School graduate, Bethlehem Hagdu, on receiving the Kovner Fellowship, a merit-based fellowship that covers all student expenses, from the Julliard School, where she will continue studying the viola which she began playing in the fourth grade.

Mayor Silberberg wished Alexandria resident Dora Coney happy birthday, noting she celebrated her 104th birthday.

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28. [18-7856](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) received the updated City schedule for September 2018 to June 2019 which includes: the City Council/School Board Joint Visioning Session 2, which is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2018 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Alexandria City Public Schools School Board meeting room (1340 Braddock Road); the City Council retreat is proposed for Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 9 a.m., at Alex Renew (1800 Limerick Street); and the 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Event, which is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. on Market Square; and (2) approved the City Council schedule.

City Council also requested by motion that the City Manager, at his earliest convenience, bring back for Council consideration the City Council Schedule that includes an additional public hearing during the summer of 2019.

Closed Meeting. (if needed)

29. [19-1037](#) Consideration of a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter and consult with Legal Counsel and Staff regarding the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved.

The meeting was not needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 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.