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CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 22, 2001 - - 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Kerry J. Donley, Vice Mayor William C. Cleveland, Members of Council Claire M. Eberwein, William D. Euille, Redella S. Pepper, David S. Speck, and Joyce Woodson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Sunderland, City Manager; Mr. Pessoa, City Attorney; Ms. Evans, Assistant City Manager; Mrs. Godwin, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Baier, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Davis, Director of Housing; Ms. O'Regan, Director of Human Services; Mr. Neckel, Director of Finance; Mr. Mandley, Director of General Services; Mr. Kincannon, Deputy Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Boyd, Director of Citizen Assistance; Mr. Skrabak, Division Chief, Environmental Quality; Ms. Taylor, Budget Analyst; Ms. Steele, Special Projects Coordinator; Deputy Police Chief Hilleary; Mr. Oakes, Hack Inspector; and Lieutenant Dickinson, Police Department.

Recorded by: Ms. Susan K. Seagroves, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

City Council held a work session on *JobLink*, the Metro Tech grant and the Youth Employment Program at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Workroom. The agenda was followed.

JobLink Division Director McKinney introduced staff, gave an overview of *Job Link*, and made a presentation based on the package materials distributed to the attendees. Human Services Director O'Regan went over the Workforce Investment Board developments.

Human Services Director O'Regan and Division Director McKinney participated in discussion with and responded to questions from City Council.

City Council will begin receiving announcements of future activities such as the May 31 job fair so that they can support these programs with their participation.

(A copy of the agenda and materials pertaining to this work session are on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, and are incorporated herewith as part of the record.)

The work session concluded at approximately 7:30 p.m.

OPENING

The Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Donley, and the Deputy City Clerk called the Roll; all Members of City Council were present.

The Invocation was pronounced by Major Owen Gilliam, Commanding Officer, Alexandria Salvation Army.

3. **THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION**, upon motion by Councilman Euille, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Minutes for (a) the Special Meeting [Budget Adoption] for May 7, 2001; and (b) the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2001, as submitted. The voting was as follows:

Euille	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Cleveland	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

4. **THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Cleveland, seconded by Councilman Euille and carried unanimously, City Council received the Report of the City Clerk dated May 15, 2001, which is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 4; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference. The voting was as follows:

Cleveland	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

5. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming June 2, 2001, as Alexandria Earth Day and Arbor Day.

(A copy of the proclamation is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilwoman Pepper presented the proclamation.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Euille and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

6. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Week of May 25 through May 31, 2001, as Week of Remembrance of the Freedmen's Cemetery.

(A copy of the proclamation is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Vice Mayor Cleveland presented the proclamation.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Cleveland, seconded by Councilman Euille and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The voting was as follows:

Cleveland	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

7. Presentation of Proclamation Declaring Wednesday, June 13, 2001, to be Old Town Civic Association Day in the City of Alexandria.

(A copy of the proclamation is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Euille presented the proclamation.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Euille, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The voting was as follows:

Euille	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Cleveland	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (8-15)

Without Objection, City Council removed docket item nos. 10, 11, 14 and 15 from the Consent Calendar and considered them under separate motions.

8. Receipt of the Following Resignations From Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Ardith Collins
- (b) Alexandria Community Services Board
Matthew Berg

(A copy of each of the resignations is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of Item Nos. 8(a-b); 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

9. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Ad Hoc Recreation Needs Assessment Steering Committee
1 Representative From the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
- (b) Alexandria Archaeological Commission
1 Citizen Member From Planning District III

- (c) Alexandria Commission on Employment
1 Business Representative From Among Recognized Area
Businesses Including Minority-Owned and Small Businesses
- (d) Alexandria Waterfront Committee
1 Representative From the Alexandria Archaeological
Commission

(Material pertaining to the above appointments is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of Item Nos. 9(a-d); 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

12. Acceptance of Grant Funding from the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for the Truancy Outreach Program Administered by the Alexandria City Public Schools.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 7, 2001, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

13. Receipt of the City's Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending April 30, 2001.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 17, 2001, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Euille and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Consent Calendar as presented with the exception of docket item nos. 10, 11, 14 and 15 which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations are as follows:

8. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Ardith Collins from the Alexandria Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; and (b) Matthew Berg from the Alexandria Community Services Board; and requested the Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions to send the appropriate letters of appreciation and to advertise the vacancies in the usual manner.

9. City Council: (a) appointed Steve Nearman as a Representative from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce to the Alexandria Ad Hoc Recreation Needs Assessment Steering Committee; (b) appointed Chanley Mohney as a Citizen Member from Planning District III to the Alexandria Archaeological Commission; (c) reappointed James Shank as a Business Representative Member from Among Recognized Area Businesses Including Minority-Owned and Small Businesses to the Alexandria Commission on Employment; and (d) reappointed Pete Peterson as a Representative from the Alexandria Archaeological Commission to the Alexandria Waterfront Committee.

12. City Council: (1) approved the acceptance of \$64,499 of grant funding from the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). There is a \$32,250 in-kind match provided by the Alexandria City Public School System; (2) approved the continuation of grant funding for a full-time Alexandria Public Schools (ACPS) Truancy Outreach Specialist. This grant position has been administered through ACPS since July 1999, and DCJS recently provided notification that the grant must be submitted

through the City. This grant-funded position will terminate upon the expiration of the grant funding and the individual who is in the position has been notified of this condition of employment and has signed an agreement of understanding with regard to this condition; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

13. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2001.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

10. Consideration of a Grant Application for a School Resource Officer Under the Federal COPS Grant Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 11, 2001, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilwoman Eberwein raised her concern that these funds will have to eventually be picked up by the City. She asked how much thought the School system put into this request and how much flexibility is available in this grant. She does not see the need to put them at the elementary level, but there is a critical need to add another Resource Officer at the high school level.

Lieutenant Dickinson, Police Crime Prevention Section, responded to the inquiries and will return to Council on the issues raised.

Councilman Euille requested that staff address Ms. Eberwein's query about whether the School Resource Officer positions funded by these grants must be continued at the City's expense following expiration of the grants.

In response to Councilman Euille's inquiry, Assistant City Manager Jinks explained that in general the COPS grants require that you carry it for one year with totally local funding after the federal grant is totally expired. After that full one year of local funding, then the City is free basically to make a local choice.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Euille, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for a total of \$125,000 in federal funds for a 3-year period. The City share of funding is approximately \$64,037 over the same period, to fund part of salary and benefit costs and one vehicle; (2) authorized the addition of one Police Officer position if the grant is approved; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required to receive the grant and release the grant funds to the City for expenditure. The voting was as follows:

Euille	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Cleveland	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

11. Consideration of Home Rehabilitation Loan Program Revisions to Address Lead-Based Paint Requirements.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 10, 2001, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilwoman Woodson directed questions to and participated in the discussion with Housing Director Davis.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried unanimously, City Council approved the following changes to the Office of Housing's Home Rehabilitation Loan Program: (1) granted the City Manager the authority to approve loans exceeding the \$90,000 construction loan limit in order to accommodate extensive rehabilitation work in compliance with recently enacted federal lead-based paint regulations; (2) authorized loan-to-value ratios of up to 110% when necessary to comply with lead-based paint requirements; (3) for loans made under Recommendation 2, authorized the forgiveness of lead-based paint compliance costs, up to the original excess loan-to-value amount, upon resale of the property to the extent that the owner's equity at the time of resale is insufficient to cover the repayment of this amount. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Cleveland	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
	Speck	"aye"	

14. Consideration of Authorization of Recommended Capital Project Allocations and Planned Expenditures.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 14, 2001, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilwoman Eberwein questioned Mr. Krause, ACPS Facilities staff, about the School Board's plans to replace the T.C. Williams career wing roof. City Council discussed the project and whether to delay it for further information.

Councilman Euille has learned that there may be some potential cost overruns that will exceed the budgeted funding due to some soil and other site conditions at Hammond Middle School and perhaps at George Washington Middle School and, if that is true, asked that the School Board provide a staff report to the City Manager for Council's information. Mr. Krause reported that soil reports have been done on both sites, and there are no soil problems at either location in terms of the foundation work for the additions at each location.

WHEREUPON, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Cleveland and seconded by Councilwoman Pepper to authorize the capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Expenditure Summary in the City Manager's memorandum.

THEREUPON, a motion to amend the main motion was made by Councilwoman Eberwein and seconded by Councilman Speck to delay consideration of the T.C. Williams career wing roof replacement to get additional information, which amendment FAILED on a vote of 3-to-4. The voting was as follows:

Eberwein:	"aye"	Cleveland	"no"
Speck	"aye"	Euille	"no"
Donley	"aye"	Pepper	"no"
		Woodson	"no"

WHEREUPON, City Council returned to the main motion made by Vice Mayor Cleveland, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper, and carried unanimously, City Council authorized the capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Expenditure Summary in the City Manager's memorandum. The voting was as follows:

Cleveland	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

15. Receipt of the FY 2000 Annual Report from the Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 9, 2001, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Mayor Donley asked that the Environmental Policy Commission take up the issue of flow control. There is an environmentally friendly bill pending before Congress which would help our situation regarding flow control, and he would like the Commission to take up the matter and communicate to Congress its position as the Environmental Policy Commission.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Euille and carried unanimously, City Council received the FY 2000 Annual Report from the Environmental Policy Commission and thanked the Commission members for their efforts on behalf of the City. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (continued)

16. Consideration of Status Report on Brenman Park Drive.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 11, 2001, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Euille and Councilwoman Pepper directed questions to and participated in the discussion with Transportation and Environmental Services Director Baier. Mr. Baier reported that he has discussed this deferral with the civic association but not the homeowners' associations. They understand, and their biggest concern is that we continue to address the problem. They see that the issue is more one of speed and not so much of volume. He clarified that the speed bumps on the streets that haven't yet been turned over to the City were installed by the developer without any authorization by the City. Before the final paving is put down, the developer will remove those speed bumps, and they will be replaced by speed tables as discussed.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Speck and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) kept Brenman Park Drive in Ben Brenman Park in its current configuration as a two-way road open to vehicular traffic; and (2) requested staff to return to City Council in September with the results of a traffic and pedestrian study of Brenman Park Drive, at which time Council would determine whether to make any changes to the existing road configuration. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Speck	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

17. Consideration of the One-Year Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development for the Period July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002, **has been deferred to the June 12, 2001 Legislative Meeting.** (#13 5/12/01)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 15, 2001, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Without objection, City Council deferred this item to June 12, 2001.

18. Consideration of a license agreement to extend for three years the authorization previously granted to Williams Communications to utilize the public right-of-way of Metro Road for telecommunications facilities.

(A copy of the City Attorney's memorandum dated May 18, 2001, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Euille and carried unanimously, City Council approved the three-year license agreement with Williams Communications of Virginia, Inc., and authorized the City Manager to execute the license agreement and to take any other actions that are necessary to implement the agreement. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

None

REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Councilwoman Pepper discussed the Alexandria Works! summer youth job program and shared the information Council received during the earlier evening's work session. She encouraged the City's employers to step forward and find some jobs for our youth. Contact Lissette Pippy of JobLink at 703-838-4316.

(b) Councilwoman Pepper reported on the Information Technology Commission on which she and Councilwoman Woodson serve, and she distributed a report with statistics indicating the number of visits to the City's web site and the number of pages accessed. She explained that there has been a large increase in the number of pages being accessed since January when the City's real estate assessments became available on-line. A copy of this report is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Reports (b).

(c) Councilwoman Woodson thanked the office on Housing and all other offices involved in the very successful Affordable Housing Summit held on Saturday, May 19.

Councilman Euille echoed Councilwoman Woodson's thanks to staff and to all those working behind the scenes.

(d) Councilwoman Woodson introduced Brooke Robert Stoddard and listed some of his many achievements. She specifically commended Brooke for his self-guided walking tour for upper Old Town that he compiled as his Eagle Scout project. The "Upper Old Town Self-Guided Walking Tour" brochure is available in City Hall and at some of Alexandria's historic sites. A copy of the brochure is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Reports (d).

(e) Mayor Donley noted that during the General Assembly's legislative session there was a fair amount of discussion by Council of the creation of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. A number of bills were submitted in the General Assembly, and the Roger McClure bill that was passed and signed into law was not necessarily one that was supported by local governments in Northern Virginia. The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission unanimously approved a letter to be sent to the Barry commission, on which he and Delegate Moran are members, to work to get amendments through the commission and then reported to the General Assembly.

(f) Mayor Donley reported that a number of meetings continue on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. He, City Manager Sunderland and Transportation and Environmental Services Director Baier meet with representatives of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Design Center once a month to go over many issues, and he reported on some important decisions that have been made beneficial to the City.

(g) Councilman Euille, Woodrow Wilson Bridge Task Force co-chair, related that the Task Force meets monthly and will continue to meet throughout the construction program. He discussed the brochure being sent to 6,000 citizens living in the areas most affected by the bridge construction project. Councilman Euille announced that on the third Tuesday in June, at the Task Force's request, the contractor performing the foundation phase of the project has agreed to participate and answer questions as well as to highlight some of the good-neighbor policies they will agree to abide by. Also, at the request of City Council, the City Manager has hired a full-time, dedicated Woodrow Wilson Bridge Coordinator named Reed Winslow, who can be reached at 703-548-3180. A copy of this brochure is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Reports (g).

(h) Councilwoman Eberwein reported that she has been appointed as a representative to the COG Chesapeake Bay Metropolitan Development Policy Committee. They are putting together some regional activity maps which will show noncentralized urban core areas that have a lot of employment, housing and transit activities. They are also considering getting into the planning process in an advisory capacity in regard to local development projects that they feel have cross-jurisdictional implications.

(i) Councilwoman Eberwein complimented Assistant City Manager Godwin for her presentation on teen pregnancy at Agenda Alexandria last night. One of the points raised was that there is no one answer for all communities and that there needs to be a strong message by public officials that teen pregnancy is not a good choice. She iterated that this City Council wants teenage girls to reach their unlimited potential, and the best way to do that is to avoid becoming a teenage mother.

(j) Councilwoman Eberwein reported on the Design Charette she attended on Thursday regarding secondary school facilities.

(k) Councilman Speck stated that he left the Agenda Alexandria meeting feeling both enlightened and disturbed with some of the information he received, and he urged people to view the Comcast broadcasts of these meetings. The next broadcasts are scheduled for June 20 at 9 p.m. and June 22 at 5 p.m.

(l) Mayor Donley reported that on May 30, he and Vice Mayor Cleveland will be at Chirilagua in the Hispanic community talking to parents and teens in continuation of their campaign that teenage pregnancy is not right and is the wrong course for our young people.

(m) Vice Mayor Cleveland asked the City Manager about the Master Plan process and was informed that this is on the Council docket for June 12, with a work session on June 26.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Councilwoman Pepper distributed an Information Bulletin from the National Drug Intelligence Center and made inquiries of Deputy Police Chief Hilleary about the use of the drug OxyContin in Alexandria. He reported that there have been no reports this year of any usage, no seizures and no intelligence which would indicate that it's a problem in Alexandria. A copy of this bulletin is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Oral (a).

(b) Councilman Euille expressed his thanks to staff for the public work sessions on Windmill Hill Park. Citizens have complimented him on the openness of this process, and he hopes that this approach can be applied to future planning initiatives.

(c) Mayor Donley reported that Council has received a request to rename Waterfront Park after Colonel John Fitzgerald and asked that the naming committee take this up and report back to the Council.

(d) Councilman Speck addressed a situation involving the proliferation of the parking of motorcycles on lower King Street, and he commended Deputy Chief Hilleary for the assigned Police Officers' constructive and positive education process. There has been a reduction in the number of motorcyclists and a lowering of the level of activity in that area.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

19. Second Reading and Final Passage of an ordinance to amend Section 9-12-132 of the City Code to increase taxicab fares. (# 21 5/12/01; #18 5/8/01) **[ROLL-CALL VOTE]**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 18, 2001, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.

A copy of a letter from Alexandria Diamond Cab Co., Alexandria Yellow Cab Co., and Alexandria White Top Cab Co. dated May 22, 2001, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 19; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

The Deputy City Clerk read the docket item.

Councilman Speck suggested that some of the rules that we have imposed on how certain extra charges are incurred are confusing and difficult to administer. He requested that the City Manager communicate to staff and the Traffic and Parking Board to specifically look at the age of an extra passenger. He suggested the City follow the way airlines and other systems operate, that if you occupy a seat, you pay a fee, regardless of age; and to have a flat dollar fee if there is anything loaded in the trunk, whether it's one bag or three. He asked that both staff and the Traffic and Parking Board come back to Council to see if these things can be made easier to administer.

Councilwoman Eberwein requested that the City Manager have Legislative Director Caton look into how we might structure legislation in Richmond so that the City might have some role in establishing stand dues. She also asked that Council receive a report in six months and another report in a year as to whether the stand dues indeed went up and by what amount the stand dues went up.

City Attorney Pessoa asked that before the City goes down to Richmond, he will take a look at the existing authority of the City to see if that is necessary.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Euille, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried on a unanimous ROLL-CALL vote, City Council received the report and finally passed the ordinance on its Second Reading and Final Passage. The voting was as follows:

Euille	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

The ordinance finally passed reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 4203

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 9-12-132 (AMOUNT OF FARE TO BE CHARGED), of Division 6 (FARES), Article A (TAXICABS AND FOR-HIRE VEHICLES), Chapter 12 (TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE), Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION), of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 9-12-132 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 9-12-132 Amount of fare to be charged.

(a) The rates to be charged passengers by owners or drivers of taxicabs shall be as follows, and it shall be unlawful for any owner to permit or a driver to make any greater or lesser charge:

- (1) For the initial meter charge (referred to as the first drop), \$2.25.
- (2) For the second and for each additional passenger who is twelve years of age or older, \$1.25.
- (3) For each one-fourth mile or fraction thereof for one or more passengers, \$0.40.
- (4) For each one hour of waiting time for one or more passengers, \$18.00. The incremental cost of this charge shall be \$0.40 for each 80 seconds. Waiting time shall include time consumed while the taxicab is waiting and available to passengers beginning three minutes after the time of arrival at the place to which it has been called, time consumed while the taxicab is stopped or slowed for traffic to a speed of less than seven miles per hour and time consumed for delays or stopovers enroute at the direction of a passenger. No time shall be allowed for a premature response to a call. There shall be no charge for mileage when time is being charged for a taxicab that is stopped or slowed for traffic to a speed of less than seven miles per hour. Waiting time shall not include time lost on account of the inefficiency of a taxicab.
- (5) For each suitcase or similar piece of travel luggage placed in the trunk, \$0.50 if handled by the driver.
- (6) For each trunk, footlocker, duffel bag or other bulky or heavy item, \$2.00, if handled by the driver, provided that there will be no charge for wheelchairs, walkers, crutches or other items used to assist persons with disabilities.
- (7) For three or more grocery and/or shopping bags, \$1.00, if handled by the driver in the immediate vicinity of the taxicab, plus an additional \$1.00, if carried by the driver to the door of a single-family residence, or the main entrance of any building other than a single-family residence. There shall be no charge made for fewer than three grocery and/or shopping bags. The maximum charge for all grocery and/or shopping bags shall be \$2.00.
- (8) For each animal, \$1.00; provided, that there shall be no charge for guide dogs or service animals assisting persons with disabilities.
- (9) For each trip originating at Washington National Airport, the fee required to be paid to the airport for the privilege of picking up passengers.
- (10) Taximeter fares may be increased by \$5.00 during any period in which a snow emergency plan is in effect in the city, as declared by the city manager or his authorized representative. The transportation division of the department of transportation and environmental services will notify each taxicab company by telephone of the exact time the snow emergency plan is to go into effect and the exact time that the snow plan is terminated.

(11) Taximeter fares may be increased by a surcharge authorized by the city manager, in the event that the city manager determines that a sudden increase in the cost of gasoline requires a surcharge to maintain stability in the provision of taxicab services in the city and to prevent the gas cost increase from having a serious adverse financial impact on the drivers of taxicabs. The surcharge shall continue in effect for such period, not to exceed one year, as the city manager shall determine, but may be terminated sooner if the manager determines that the surcharge is no longer warranted. The determination of the city manager shall be based on information provided by taxicab companies, and from such other sources as the city manager deems appropriate. The transportation division of the department of transportation and environmental services will notify each taxicab company in writing of any such surcharge. Such notice shall indicate the amount of the surcharge, and the period during which such surcharge shall be permitted. The hack inspector shall furnish to the driver of each taxicab operated under this article a copy of such notice, which shall be displayed within the vehicle in addition to the rate card required under section 9-12-134.

(b) This section shall not apply when any taxicab is operated pursuant to a contract provided for in section 9-12-133 of this chapter.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage; provided, however, that the changes in subsections (a)(1) through (11) of section 9-12-132 shall not be implemented until June 1, 2001.

KERRY J. DONLEY
Mayor

Introduction:	05/08/01
First Reading:	05/08/01
Publication:	05/10/01
Public Hearing:	05/12/01
Second Reading:	05/22/01
Final Passage:	05/22/01

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20. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 16, 2001, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilwoman Woodson advised that she has a conflict on Wednesday, May 23, for the joint meeting of the Youth Policy Commission, City Council and the School Board, but she will be attending the community session on Thursday, May 24.

Vice Mayor Cleveland reported that he will be in Richmond and will be unable to attend the Wednesday, May 23, joint meeting.

With unanimous consent, City Council received the updated calendar and noted the following addition: Thursday, May 24, community presentation by the Youth Policy Commission of the youth development asset survey at 7:00 p.m. at the Minnie Howard Ninth Grade Center.

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

- 21. Alexandria Commission on Employment
1 Representative From An Organization Such As Educational Agencies, Organized Labor, Rehabilitation Agencies, Community-Based Organizations, Economic Development Agencies and the Public Employment Service

(The following person was recommended for appointment to the above Commission:)

NAME	ENDORSED BY:
Nancy Dean*	Shelby J. Robinson, Regional Director Virginia Employment Commission

*Residency Waiver Required

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(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Whereupon, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots tallied with the following result: City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Nancy Dean as a Representative from an Organization Such as Educational Agencies, Organized Labor, Rehabilitation Agencies, Community-Based Organizations, Economic Development Agencies, and the Public Employment Service to the Alexandria Commission on Employment. The voting was as follows:

Donley	-	Dean
Cleveland	-	Dean
Eberwein	-	Dean
Euille	-	Dean
Pepper	-	Dean
Speck	-	Dean
Woodson	-	Dean

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Euille and carried unanimously, at 9:30 p.m., the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, May 22, 2001, was adjourned. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

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APPROVED BY:

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Susan K. Seagroves, Deputy City Clerk

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6-12-01

Memorandum

Date: June 12, 2001
To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Beverly I. Jett, City Clerk
Subject: Correction to Minutes for May 22, 2001

Councilwoman Eberwein telephoned with a correction to the vote on the motion to amend the main motion for docket item no. 14 which appears at the top of page 7 of the Minutes for the May 22, 2001 Regular Meeting.

Deputy City Clerk Seagroves has confirmed from the tape that the vote was recorded incorrectly, and the minutes should have reflected Mayor Donley voting "aye" with Councilwoman Woodson voting "no."

In your motion to adopt the Minutes for the May 12, 2001 Public Hearing Meeting, and the Minutes for the May 22, 2001 Regular Meeting, please reflect in the motion the above correction on page 7 of the May 22, 2001 Minutes.

Attachment: Corrected page 7 to May 22, 2001 Regular Meeting minutes.

THEREUPON, a motion to amend the main motion was made by Councilwoman Eberwein and seconded by Councilman Speck to delay consideration of the T.C. Williams career wing roof replacement to get additional information, which amendment FAILED on a vote of 3-to-4. The voting was as follows:

Eberwein:	"aye"	Cleveland	"no"
Speck	"aye"	Euille	"no"
Donley	"aye"	Pepper	"no"
		Woodson	"no"

WHEREUPON, City Council returned to the main motion made by Vice Mayor Cleveland, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper, and carried unanimously, City Council authorized the capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Expenditure Summary in the City Manager's memorandum. The voting was as follows:

Cleveland	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

15. Receipt of the FY 2000 Annual Report from the Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 9, 2001, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Mayor Donley asked that the Environmental Policy Commission take up the issue of flow control. There is an environmentally friendly bill pending before Congress which would help our situation regarding flow control, and he would like the Commission to take up the matter and communicate to Congress its position as the Environmental Policy Commission.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Euille and carried unanimously, City Council received the FY 2000 Annual Report from the Environmental Policy Commission and thanked the Commission members for their efforts on behalf of the City. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (continued)

16. Consideration of Status Report on Brenman Park Drive.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 11, 2001, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 5/22/01, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)