

EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION

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3-12-02

Mister Mayor, I move that city council convene in executive session at this time, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of

considering the acquisition of real property for a public use, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City.

POST-EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTIONS

Mister Mayor, I move that the city council reconvene its meeting of this date which was recessed for purpose of conducting an executive session.

Mister Mayor, I move that City Council authorize the City manager and City Attorney to initiate the acquisition of the property which was the subject of the executive session, along the lines discussed with Council.

Mister Mayor, I move that the city council adopt the following resolution:

[RESOLUTION NO. ____]

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 12th day of March, 2002, recessed into executive session pursuant to a motion made and adopted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, § 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the city council that such executive session was conducted in accordance with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the city council does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters that were identified in the motion by which the executive session was convened, and that are lawfully

exempted by the Freedom of Information Act from the Act's open meeting requirements, were heard, discussed or considered by council during the executive session.

Mr. Mayor, I move that we adjourn.

March 6, 2002

The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
301 King Street, Suite 2300
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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Dear Mayor Donley and Members of City Council:

The Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission (APHAC) supports the City Council's commitment to invest in new Health Department facilities to replace those on St. Asaph Street. We understand that one particular location on King Street in the West End is under active consideration. Accordingly, we are writing to convey some of our thoughts about that location and to let you know of our readiness to assist in any way.

At the APHAC's regular meeting on February 28th, we received an update on efforts to relocate the St. Asaph Street facility. We learned that a King Street location meets substantially the criteria in the 2001 "Alexandria Health Facility Needs Assessment." The following morning, March 1st, several members of the APHAC toured that facility and concluded that this site will accommodate fully the growing and diverse public health needs of Alexandria's citizens in a timely and affordable fashion.

The APHAC believes this facility addresses the current and future needs of Alexandrians. We feel that this prospective site meets or exceeds each site evaluation criterion (see footnote #1). While each criterion is not met equally, our expectations for a new facility are well satisfied. This is what prompted us to write and to share our views.

During our February 28th meeting and subsequent visit to the King Street location, members of the APHAC discussed at length two issues that relate specifically to that facility. The first relates to the facility and its appearance. The second relates to the location. Here are our thoughts.

The Facility and Its Appearance: Around the country, local health departments serve their clients from many different types of facilities. Historically, the delivery of public health services has been made from facilities whose overall image is noticeably different from other types of health facilities such as hospitals. Today, Alexandria citizens served by the city Health Department receive very high quality care for the prevention and treatment of disease. The current outdated facilities on St. Asaph Street are an inaccurate representation of the quality of services received there by our citizens. The physical and aesthetic features of the King Street facility would help to remedy this contrast. Quality services would be offered in quality surroundings. Having an attractive external appearance, modern internal layouts, and a markedly higher overall space rating (Class A), are exactly the features that will add a degree of dignity for the many clients visiting and the professionals working at this facility. The APHAC views the King Street facility as a step in the right direction.

The Location: When viewing the location on a map, it is obvious that the King Street location is not centered geographically in the City. APHAC members expressed concern about this. Several of us decided, therefore, to travel to the location in order to experience the commute and to discuss the implications of this location to the clients it will serve. This visit helped tremendously. We are now quite comfortable with this location. Here is our thinking.

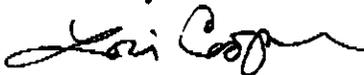
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First, upon review of the demographic data collected for 2000, this location is much closer and more convenient than the St. Asaph Street facility for, a) the entire 22304 ZIP code from which the highest total number of St. Asaph Street clinic users originated in 2000, b) three of the four ZIP codes with the highest per capita number of visits (22312, 22311, and 22304) in 2000, c) the vast majority of WIC participants who are clustered in the West End, and d) the majority of households living at or below the poverty level.

Second, the location is in a heavily traveled area that will raise the awareness of public health services among thousands more residents compared with the St. Asaph Street facility. Accessibility by DASH and Metrobus is good. We are investigating the possibility of enhancing one or two DASH service lines and offering a shuttle service for clients in North Old Town.

One Final Thought: The APHAC recognizes that the transition from St. Asaph Street to any another location will require a deliberate, citizen-focused strategy. As a commission, we will work with the Health Department personnel, current St. Asaph Street clients, community groups and City Council to minimize the disruption as Alexandria's public health services system prepares for an important step into the future. Once again, we are impressed with the King Street facility and would be able to support fully the City Council's decision regarding this property. We are happy to discuss the matter further at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Lori Cooper, Chair, Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission
Richard Merritt, Vice-Chair
Deborah Bombard, PA-C
Jerome Cordts, M.Ed.
Rae Grad
John Klousia, M.D.
Colleen Mahoney
Fay Menacker, PhD, RN, CPNP
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Footnote #1: Site evaluation criteria that APHAC considered in its deliberations include total site area, net developable area, configuration, expansion potential, surrounding land uses, amenities, parking capacity, site access, existing vegetation, steep slopes, soils, wetlands, water, sanitary, storm, natural gas and electric, telecommunications.

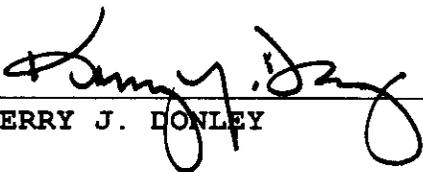
RESOLUTION NO. 2022

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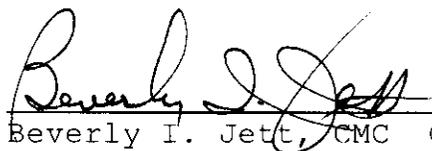
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Adopted: March 12, 2002


KERRY J. DONLEY MAYOR

ATTEST:


Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk