

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2001 .
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*
SUBJECT: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AD HOC WOODROW WILSON
BRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE AS A STANDING COMMITTEE

ISSUE: City Council consideration of adopting an ordinance to establish the Ad Hoc Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force as a standing committee.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council pass, on first reading, the proposed ordinance (Attachment 1) making the Ad Hoc Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force a standing committee and set the ordinance for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, October 13.

BACKGROUND: Resolution 1976, adopted by City Council on June 27, 2000, established the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force as an hoc task force with seven members (two from City Council and five from civic associations). On November 14, 2000, City Council adopted Resolution No. 1982 (Attachment 2), which expanded the membership of the Task Force to the current number of ten (two Council members and eight representatives from civic associations impacted by the Woodrow Wilson Bridge construction).

The City Code defines an ad hoc task force as a temporary committee, and no temporary committee is to be established for a term of more than 365 days. The term is counted from the day of the initial meeting of the temporary committee, and City Council can extend a term for additional 365 day periods, but in no event can the temporary committee serve more than three years from the date of its initial meeting. The first term of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force ends in October 10, 2001.

DISCUSSION: The purpose of the attached ordinance (Attachment 1) is to make the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force a standing committee, since the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project is scheduled for completion in 2011. The City Code requires that any new standing committee be established by ordinance.

The proposed ordinance keeps the current membership (those serving on the Task Force as of September 15, 2001) in the current configuration (the two members of City Council as the co-chairs and the eight representatives from civic associations impacted by the Bridge Project) until October 10, 2003, at which time all members of the Task Force would be subject to reappointment. The ordinance states that current members would remain on the Task Force until October 10, 2003, unless they resign before then. Appointments to the Task Force (before October 10, 2003, if necessary, and after October 10, 2003) would be made as follows: the Mayor would appoint the members of City Council and the City Council would appoint the neighborhood representatives. Under this proposal, the length of an appointment made prior to October 10, 2003, would be the time remaining until October 10, 2003. In October 2003, when the entire committee is up for reappointment, City Council can, at that time, determine the length of the appointments. The City Code states that the length of an appointment shall be deemed to be two years, unless City Council specifies otherwise.

The reason for keeping the current membership of the Task Force until October 2003 is that between now and 2003, the majority of the Bridge Project effort will be focused on the area from the Potomac River through the Route 1 Interchange. The members of the Task Force who presently represent this area (see Attachment 3 for the boundaries of the area) have been working well together this past year on the issues affecting this part of the City, and it would be important to keep this continuity for the next two years as the resolution of these issues unfolds. Based on the Bridge Project schedule, in the year 2002 work on the Bridge Project will begin extending to the west and eventually going as far as the Eisenhower Avenue Metro Station area. As the emphasis shifts from the bridge foundation, the Route 1 Interchange and Jones Point Park improvements to other areas to the west, City Council may wish to change the membership of the Task Force to include persons from these areas. Staff believes that the best time to do this is October 2003.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Ordinance
2. Ordinance No. 1982
3. Map of the current Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force Area

STAFF: Richard Baier, P.E., Director, Department of Transportation and Environmental Services
Rose Boyd, Director, Citizen Assistance

Introduction and first reading: 10/9/01
Public hearing: 10/13/01
Second reading and enactment: 10/13/01

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by adding thereto a new Article Q (WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE).

Summary

The proposed ordinance changes the status of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force, which was initially established on June 27, 2000 by resolution of the City Council, from an ad hoc committee to a standing committee. City Code Section 2-4-8 requires that any committee with a term in excess of one year be established by ordinance as a standing committee. Because of the duration of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge construction project, it is desirable that the task force continue its existence beyond one year. The proposed ordinance makes no changes to the membership or functions of the task force.

Sponsor

Department of Transportation and Environmental Service

Staff

Richard Baier, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services
Beverly Steele, Special Projects Coordinator
Ignacio B. Pessoa, City Attorney

Authority

§ 3.04(g), Alexandria City Charter

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None

Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

None

EXHIBIT NO. 3

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 4 of Title 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto an new Article Q to read as follows:

[The following is all new language.]

ARTICLE Q

Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force

Sec. 2-4-120 Creation, composition, organization and term.

(a) The Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force initially established by Resolution No. 1976, and as subsequently increased in membership by Resolution No. 1982, is hereby established and designated as a standing committee known as the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force.

(b) The task force shall consist of ten members as follows:

- (1) two members of city council, who shall serve as co-chairs, and
- (2) eight representatives from civic associations impacted by the Woodrow Wilson Bridge construction.

(c) The members of council serving on the task force on September 15, 2001 shall continue to serve until their resignation from the task force, or the expiration of their term of office. The representatives from civic associations serving on the task force on September 15, 2001 shall continue to serve until October 10, 2003, their resignation from the task force or disqualification to serve. After the termination of such service, members of council shall be appointed by the mayor, for a term coincident with their term of office, and representatives from civic associations shall be appointed by the council, in the manner provided in this chapter. Appointments of the representatives from civic associations shall be for the unexpired portion of the term of the member whose service terminated. From and after October 10, 2003, appointments of the representatives from civic associations shall be for a term of two years, unless the council specifies a different term at the time of appointment.

(d) The task force shall continue in existence until the completion of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge construction project and of all remediation actions associated therewith, as determined by the mayor.

Sec. 2-4-121 Functions and duties; staff assistance.

(a) The functions and duties of the task force shall be to:

- (1) assess construction impacts associated with the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project and advocate mitigation efforts on behalf of affected neighborhoods and residents;
- (2) make recommendations to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project team on how to minimize construction-related neighborhood impacts caused by trucks, automobiles and other construction vehicles by restricting on-street parking by such vehicles and restricting routes to and from construction areas;
- (3) make recommendations to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project team as to ways it can assist property owners in documenting pre-construction base conditions of their properties and in assessing property damage caused by project construction activities;
- (4) act as liaison between neighborhoods/property owners and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project team in cases of property damage caused by construction activities, and work to assist owners in the effort to remediate damage caused by construction activities;
- (5) act as liaison between neighborhoods/residents and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project team in cases of excessive noise, dust, air quality deterioration and any other harmful impacts resulting from construction activities, and work to assist neighborhoods/residents in the effort to eliminate or mitigate such impacts to the maximum degree feasible.

(b) The task force may adopt rules and regulations in regard to procedure and other matters for the conduct of its business, so long as the same are not inconsistent with the city code, including, but not limited to, the establishment of committees through which it may carry on its functions and purpose.

(c) Staff assistance to the task force shall be provided by the department of transportation and environmental services.

(d) The Federal Highway Administration, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project team shall be invited to designate persons to assist the task force.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

KERRY J. DONLEY
Mayor

Introduction: 10/9/01
First Reading: 10/9/01
Publication:
Public Hearing:
Second Reading:
Final Passage:

RESOLUTION NO. 1982

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to establish a task force of interested citizens to identify and discuss methods to address neighborhood traffic and noise issues and other impacts of the construction of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That there is hereby established an ad hoc task force known as the City of Alexandria Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood task force.
2. That the task force shall consist of 10 members as follows to be appointed as described below:
 - 2 Members of City Council; and
 - 8 Representatives from Civic Associations impacted by the Woodrow Wilson Bridge construction.
3. That staff assistance be provided to the task force by the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services.
4. That the Federal Highway Administration, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project Team shall be invited to designate persons to assist the task force.
5. That the Mayor shall appoint the representatives from City Council and the citizens associations, and shall select the chairperson of the task force.
6. That the functions of the task force shall be:
 - a. assess construction impacts associated with the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project and advocate mitigation efforts on behalf of affected neighborhoods and residents.
 - b. make recommendations to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project Team on how to minimize construction-related neighborhood impacts caused by trucks, automobiles and other construction vehicles by restricting on-street parking by such vehicles and restricting routes to and from construction areas.
 - c. make recommendations to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project Team as to ways it can assist property owners in documenting pre-construction base conditions of their properties and in assessing property damage caused by project construction activities.
 - d. act as liaison between neighborhoods/property owners and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project Team in cases of property damage caused by construction activities, and work to assist owners in the effort to remediate damage caused by construction activities.
 - e. act as liaison between neighborhoods/residents and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project Team in cases of excessive noise, dust, air quality deterioration and any other harmful impacts resulting from

construction activities and work to assist residents in the effort to eliminate or mitigate to the maximum degree feasible such impacts.

7. That the task force shall convene upon award of the first construction contract for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and continue through the Bridge construction project.

ADOPTED: November 14, 2000


KERRY J. DONLEY MAYOR

ATTEST:


Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk

