

**CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE
WORK SESSION
with the
STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2002
4:30 P.M.
COUNCIL WORKROOM**

AGENDA

- A. **Welcome and Comments by the Mayor** *Mayor Kerry Donley*

- B. **Discussion of Preliminary Legislative Package Proposals (attached)**
Legislative Director Bernard Caton

- C. **Other Comments by Members of the Legislative Committee and
Members of the General Assembly Delegation**

2003 Proposed Items for City Legislative Package

ISSUE	PROPOSAL	PROPOSED ACTION
1. Assessments	Current law allows localities to do supplemental assessments on new buildings that are substantially completed by November; Fairfax County can do such assessments through December 31; the City (and other Northern Virginia localities) would like this authority.	Propose
2. Child day care funding issues	Seek to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. protect State child day-care funds in the current budget revision process from cuts to the greatest extent possible, 2. have the State draw down all available federal funds to increase child care services for the working poor; and 3. add language to the Appropriations Act directing the Administration [with TANF reauthorized and new federal funding] to set as priorities (a) to revise funding policies to reflect the high cost of living in No. Va.; (b) to extend child care subsidies for an additional year to those leaving TANF; (c) to ensure that reimbursement rates reflect the actual child care market. 	Propose
3. Privileged communications: sexual assault & domestic violence victims	The Commission for Women has requested a study regarding confidential communications between Virginia sexual assault and domestic violence advocates and their victims/clients.	Ask Crime Commission to study (or propose a study)
4. Education funding	Support VML position to increase and restructure State education funding.	Support
5. Red Light Camera Law	Support extension of sunset provision, and extension of program statewide.	Support
6. Funding for Traffic Calming	Support carry-over bill to authorize the use of Urban (VDOT) Funds for traffic-calming <u>only</u> if VDOT does not agree to do this administratively.	Support

7. Pre- and Post-Release Services	The State budget provides no funding in FY 03 for the Virginia CARES Network, which provides services to help transition prisoners back into society, and prevent them from returning to prison. The Economic Opportunities Commission has asked the City to support the restoration of level funding (about \$1.8 million) to this program for FY 04.	Support
8. Waiver of Section 1115 of the Medicaid statute	The Human Rights Commission has asked that Virginia's Health and Human Services Secretariat undertake a study to determine whether to seek a waiver to allow Medicaid benefits for persons with HIV/AIDS or other debilitating illnesses, who have no access to health insurance and exceed income eligibility levels, without "spending down" assets and leaving the work force.	Administration: do an 1115 study
9. Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	The Economic Opportunities Commission has asked the City to continue its support of a refundable State EITC, which is proposed in carryover legislation.	Support
10. CSBG funds	The Economic Opportunities Commission has asked the City to support continued funding of community service block grants, which provide a wide range of emergency services, crisis intervention, and housing assistance to low-income persons in Alexandria.	Support
11. No Va Coalition on Aging/Va Coalition for the Aging	The Commission on Aging has asked the City to endorse this joint platform, which can be summarized as "do not disproportionately reduce programs for the Aging."	Support
12. VHDA Loan Eligibility	The Human Rights Commission has asked that the City support any legislation that proposes to extend VHDA eligibility to persons who are not related by blood or marriage.	Support
13. Voting Rights for Felons	The Human Rights Commission has asked that the City support any new and simplified procedure (Crime Commission study) for their restoration.	Support
14. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigations	Support any legislation to increase the threshold above the current \$1000.	Support

15. Municipal Solid Waste Surcharge	Oppose any surcharge on municipal solid waste (MSW) that would be detrimental to the Alexandria-Arlington Waste-to-Energy plant.	Oppose
16. Cluster development	Oppose further weakening of last year's legislation.	Oppose
17. Civil Rights Commission	The Human Rights Commission has asked that the City support legislation to create a State Civil Rights Commission.	
18. Revising Virginia's Hate Crimes Laws	The Human Rights Commission has asked that the City seek the introduction of, or support, legislation to extend coverage to crimes committed because of prejudices related to sexual orientation, gender, or physical disability, and to people perceived to be in these classes.	
19. Criminal Records Background Checks for Day Care Providers	City is reviewing State laws to determine whether the same barrier crime restrictions are applied to all child care providers – may seek legislation later if research determines that it is needed.	

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