

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: AUGUST 12, 2002

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2004 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Over the last several years, Council members have expressed an interest in holding a fall public hearing on the City's budget for the upcoming fiscal year to obtain public input while the budget is still in the City Manager/departamental preparation phase. This would be in addition to an April public hearing on the budget. Last fall, the events of September 11 shifted the City's focus and, as a result, we did not schedule a fall public hearing.

Staff is preparing the FY 2004 budget schedule, and I propose that a FY 2004 Budget Public Hearing be scheduled for the November 16 City Council Saturday public hearing meeting. We could combine the public hearing with the traditional public hearing on the City's Annual Report. Since the Annual Report covers City accomplishments, priorities, fiscal condition and major challenges for the future, it seems a good match for a budget public hearing which is likely to focus on many issues in these areas for the fiscal year ahead.

A November public hearing will allow City Council time to confirm this proposal at its first legislative meeting in September, and also allow adequate time for community notification of the November hearing. A November public hearing is also early enough in the budget process to make public input meaningful, but late enough that the fiscal framework for the upcoming budget year is fairly clear.

cc: Mark Jinks, Assistant City Manager
Michele Evans, Assistant City Manager
Rose Boyd, Director, Citizen Assistance
Beverly Jett, City Clerk and Clerk of Council
Carol Moore, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget



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October 4, 2002

To Chairs, Alexandria Boards and Commissions:

On November 16, 2002, City Council will hold a public hearing to allow members of the public to offer comments regarding the upcoming Fiscal Year 2004 Budget during its regularly scheduled Saturday meeting. This budget is in the process of being prepared, and will be submitted to Council on March 11, 2003. This budget planning public hearing will be in addition to the traditional public hearing on the proposed submitted budget which is held in April of each year.

The new fall public budget hearing will be combined with the public hearing on the City's Annual Report (which will have been issued by the November hearing). The Annual Report covers significant events and accomplishments in the City over the past year, the City's fiscal condition and the major challenges facing the City. By combining these hearings, we hope to elicit input from the Alexandria community that will help us prepare a responsive City budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

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I encourage you to attend the budget public hearing on November 16 to present the needs and priorities of your organization and to hear the concerns of other organizations within the City.

Sincerely,

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Lois Kelso Hunt, Co-President
Taylor Run Civic Association
310 Park Road
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Dear Ms. Hunt:

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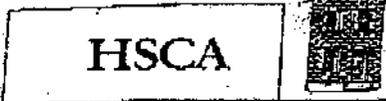
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HUME SPRINGS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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Mayor Kerry J. Donley
Members of City Council
301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
November 14, 2002

Dear Mayor Donley and Council members:

Please know that the Hume Springs Citizens Association is in full support of the Arlandria Plan. It is exciting to see positive action taking place in our area for the first time in many years, and to look forward to the improvement and redevelopment described in the Plan. We are appreciative to City staff and Council members for their efforts on behalf of our community over the past several years as this Plan, and planning in general for the Upper Potomac West area, has evolved. Now that the first tangible steps have been taken to bring the Plan to fruition, with the leveling of the Datatel building, we urge the City to not falter. We urge you to make available the funding and resources that will be necessary to implement the Arlandria vision and to keep the Plan moving forward, including urban design improvements, pedestrian and traffic improvements, and marketing and promotion activities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ellen Marie Guldán
President, HSCA

Brenda Smith
1st Vice President, HSCA

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2nd Vice President, HSCA

c: Phil Sunderland, City Manager

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November 15, 2002

Mayor Kerry Donley
City of Alexandria
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Kerry,

Thank you both from myself personally and from Mt. Jefferson. The Arlandria area has come a long way in the last few years thanks to your effort and attention and willingness to go out on a limb committing countless hours of staff time and a huge amount of cash. I'm sure that removing the Datatel building was not an easy decision but it was the right decision for this community. Folks in Mt. Jefferson are constantly telling me how glad they are that Datatel is gone and that so much positive change is happening on what we consider our main street. We all know that, if you and the Council had not stepped in, this could never have been accomplished.

Our community is anxious to continue working for positive change in our extended neighborhood and we hope that you will be able to continue your support for improvements in Arlandria and Upper Potomac West as a whole. The recommendations of the UPW Task Force will take years to implement, but I know that, with your support, we could see streetscape improvements, increased safety for pedestrians, increased access to the Four Mile Run park and an encouraging business environment that will allow this neighborhood to eventually stand on it's own and form a significant contribution to the City's tax base.

Unfortunately, these objectives can't be accomplished in a short period of time and need consistent commitment of money and time over several years. I'm sure that sometimes you must feel that helping our community is a bit like giving us a box of chocolate truffles, no matter how wonderful they are, we always want more. However, there's a big difference: when the truffles are gone, they're gone. The money you've spent and the funding we're asking you to commit will have positive results for our citizens that will last for a long time. I hope you'll be able to find room in the budget over the next few years to continue the work you've made possible so successfully in Upper Potomac West.

Mt. Jefferson is also very much in favor of straightening Route 1. Like the Datatel building, the current bridge is a blight and once it's replaced, the positive effects will be felt in all the surrounding neighborhoods, knitting our existing communities with the new development in Potomac Yard, removing a huge barrier between Potomac West and the rest of Alexandria, and increasing safety for both drivers and pedestrians. I'm sure that, also like Datatel, folks who can't visualize the skyline without the bridge will suddenly realize how awful it was and be glad for the change.

Thanks again for all your efforts and commitment on our behalf.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor Donley and Members of Council:

On behalf of the Alexandria United Way Human Services Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide input as the City develops its fiscal year 2004 budget.

This is a time of real financial uncertainty for the many nonprofit organizations that provide critical services to Alexandrians. There will likely be less money available from the United Way, the City, the Commonwealth, and foundations to support local programs and services. At the same time, we have heard anecdotally from providers that the demand for rent, utility, and food assistance is up. We are partnering with the City's Economic Opportunity Commission to research the impact of impending budget cuts and the economic slowdown on nonprofits, and document the changes in demand that nonprofits are seeing. It is our intention to share the information we gather as soon as it is available so that as a community, we can develop an integrated response.

We must all be concerned that the social safety net doesn't unravel in Alexandria. As you begin to develop the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, we urge you to protect the current funding levels of those essential services.

Sincerely,


Allen Lomax, Chair
Alexandria United Way
Human Services Committee



Douglas MacArthur Elementary School

Parent Teacher Association

MacArthur PTA Comments
City Council FY2004 Budget Hearing
November 16, 2002

Good Morning, Mr. Mayor and members of the Alexandria City Council:

I am Yvonne Folkerts, vice president of the Douglas MacArthur Elementary School PTA. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the members of our organization.

When the School Board presents to you its operating budget and capital improvement budget proposal for fiscal year 2004, our organization is hopeful that you will unanimously support it. Their budget will come before the City Council with input from all 18 schools in the city's system, including MacArthur Elementary. Our organization supports the work, and progress, of the School Board and Superintendent Rebecca Perry. They have made significant strides in helping schools become accredited and in helping our secondary schools expand their capacity for growing enrollments.

As one of 13 elementary schools in the Alexandria City Public School system, we ask that you provide the operating dollars and capital improvement expenditures in the FY2004 budget necessary to maintain the level of quality education our children deserve. We believe funding should include an increase in teachers' salaries, resources to help all schools gain accreditation, resources to help those schools *already accredited* maintain their accreditation, and the resources necessary to educate all the children in the Alexandria City Public Schools.

What's more, the school system's budget should include resources to maintain safe schools that have the capacity to handle our growing enrollment.

Funding for FY2004 must also provide for the at-risk students enrolled in our public school system. At MacArthur, about 30 percent of our students are on free and reduced lunch, and overall, 50 percent of ACPS students are eligible for free or reduced price meals. We believe that the school system needs to support all at-risk kids, no matter which school they attend.

As you may know, MacArthur Elementary, which now has 566 students, is one of the city's largest elementary schools and has been accredited for the last three years. Our swelling enrollment led the School Board to appoint a full-time assistant principal, which is a tremendous help to our school's children, teachers and administration. We trust that this type of funding and cooperation will continue into fiscal year 2004.

As parents, we will look to the City Council to provide for our public schools and to therefore support our Superintendent and School Board in their endeavors to provide safe learning environments, challenging classroom education, talented teachers and support staff, and superb principals.

The MacArthur PTA recognizes that money may be tight for fiscal year 2004, however, we ask the City Council to support the School Board, Superintendent Perry, and their budget proposal. An investment in Alexandria public schools is an investment in all of our futures.

Alexandria Child Care Directors Association*"Making a difference in the lives of children and their families"*

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Deborah L. Tillman**Board Member****Alexandria Child Care Director's Association****Testimony Before the Alexandria City Council****November 16, 2002**10
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To The Honorable Mayor Donly, Vice-Mayor Cleveland and distinguished City Council Members. Good Morning.

My name is Deborah Tillman. I have the distinct honor of speaking to you on behalf of the Alexandria Child Care Director's Association of which I am a member and have recently been elected as Chair. For the past nine years, I have served as Owner and Director of the Happy Home Child Learning Centers.

The Alexandria Child Care Directors Association was formed in 1988. **Our mission is to promote quality early childhood education while focusing on the needs of at-risk children and families.** The Association is comprised of the City's childcare centers and represents all nationally accredited centers in Alexandria. What our association requests is that the City raise the reimbursement rate and the eligibility scale for subsidized childcare.

The reimbursement rate – sometimes referred to as market rate is the rate which childcare centers that serve low-income children are reimbursed for subsidized childcare. Currently, the reimbursement rate is far below the cost of providing quality childcare. Alexandria's preschool subsidy is \$145.00 per week compared to other counties that pay up to \$161.00 per week. Now, how does that cause a problem for being able to meet the needs of our children?

Alexandria City has been a leader in providing quality childcare. However, if the reimbursement rate is not raised; the centers are in danger of failing our most important future leaders, **the children.** Let's take a look at the numbers. For the past several years, Happy Home, not unlike many other accredited centers has suffered tremendous financial losses. By keeping the reimbursement rate at \$145.00 per week, a center that charges only \$5.00 more per week loses \$20.00 per month and \$240.00 per year. That \$240.00 per year doesn't sound like much of a loss but when it is multiplied by the fifty-two at-risk, low income, subsidy children that we serve at our sites, the loss balloons to an astounding \$12, 480.00 per year. The needs of children could be served so much better if centers weren't faced with such enormous losses. In raising the reimbursement rate, the \$12, 480.00 per year could be used to provide early literacy materials, books, supplies, playground equipment and parent resources that improve parental involvement as well as communication skills.

Secondly, the Directors Association asks that the eligibility scale for subsidized child care be raised from 185% Federal Poverty Limit to atleast 250% Federal Poverty Limit. The eligibility guidelines are currently so low that when our parents make an effort to improve their lives by obtaining better jobs, their access to an affordable quality early childhood education program is taken from under them because they exceed an eligibility level that is disproportionate with the cost of living in Alexandria.

These enrollments into our centers prove to be short lived and create an emotional roller coaster for children who now have to go elsewhere – in most cases, outside the City of Alexandria.

Market Analysis tells us that when new businesses and new families consider moving into a city, two of the major deciding factors are schools and quality childcare centers. We do not want families choosing other communities to live based solely on the fact that Alexandria's eligibility guidelines are too low to meet their needs. There are many affluent families in Alexandria that CAN afford to pay whatever our centers cost of tuition is. However, as an association of center Owners and Directors, our passion is to effectively serve not only those affluent families but also low income families. They too deserve to have quality and we, as leaders in our community must do all we can to provide it.

Our country pays a lot of lip service to slogans like "No Child left behind" but what are we really doing to make certain that the needs of our children, our at-risk, low-income children are being met?

We know that the city has a history of commitment to quality early childhood programs which is evidenced by the Children's Fund and the Early Childhood Commission. As advocates for children and their families, the Alexandria Child Care Directors Association will continue to do our very best to **Leave No Child Behind**. We only ask that you, the Alexandria City Council help us in our efforts. One way to do that is to raise both the reimbursement rate so that we don't loose money and thereby loose the ability to provide effectively for our children and to raise the eligibility scale so that we keep children and their families in our centers and in effect- in Alexandria.

Thank you.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



Deborah L. Tillman is a teacher, organizational consultant and founder of Happy Home Child Learning Centers. Her odyssey began in 1992 with the birth of her son, Zeplyn. She holds a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Special Education from George Washington University and is currently seeking her doctorate.

Among her many acknowledgements, Deborah has been featured in the October 2002 issue of *Essence magazine*. Her companies have been nominated Small Business of the Year. She was named in Who's Who in America Business Leaders and currently holds the position of President of the Alexandria's Director's Association. Ms. Tillman has been seen on Channel 10 and the Charles Ross Show Atlanta, Georgia.



TESTIMONY BEFORE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL

**Jeannie Cummins
November 13, 2002**

On behalf of The Arc of Northern Virginia and the Alexandria 22 Committee, I would like to share with you our growing concern about the ability of our T.C. Williams special education graduates to make a smooth transition from school to the world of work in June 2003.

Last spring, we appeared before the Council to address this same issue, once it became apparent that several young graduates would be unable to access existing state or local funding for adult vocational services. The Council took the importance of this gap in funding for services seriously, and invested in these students so they could become meaningfully employed. For this action, we are extremely grateful.

This year, there are ten students at risk of slipping through the cracks. Some are not eligible for specific funding sources that pay for supported employment (e.g. for the Medicaid MR Waiver), and most can only access short-term funding for assessments, training and job placement from the Department of Rehabilitative Services. Despite advancements in its ability to serve adults with disabilities, JobLink does not have the staff or the resources to provide the ongoing training, coaching and intervention these graduates needed to stay employed in competitive jobs.

Despite vocal opposition from people with disabilities and their families, we have already seen the Commonwealth shear 10% from the Community Services Board's state funding for community services that can include supported employment, and further state cuts have not been ruled out. Clearly, the CSB will not have the luxury next year to reallocate existing dollars for this priority, and may be forced to create a waiting list for vocational services. Without additional funding, these students will sit at home, become isolated from their peers, and lose precious functional, work and social skills. Witness the stories of Donald Anthony and Carlos Sanchez, which are attached to this testimony. In some cases, parents may have to reduce their own work hours to ensure their young adult has the supports needed at home to perform daily living activities.

Alexandria City Public Schools has already made a significant financial investment to prepare these students for life beyond high school. Please help us avoid squandering this investment in a tight budget year, lest we create a graduating class that will lead a life of dependency on other programs and services.



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TESTIMONY TO ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL
ON THE FY 04 BUDGET

To our Honorable Mayor and Council Members for the City of the Alexandria, good morning. My name is Jacquelyn Anthony.

First, let me my apologies for not being able to attend this meeting and speak with you personally. I am attending an open house at Lincoln Technical Institute with my son, Marion Donald Anthony. Donald is developmentally challenged, and he will graduate from TC Williams High School in the spring of 2003. He plans to attend Lincoln Tech starting in July of 2003. Donald's goal is to be a part of the Automobile Mechanic's Program. He will attend classes from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. This is why your meeting is so important to Donald and me today.

On September 24, 2002, Donald spoke at your meeting and shared his summer job experiences with Joblink, Didlake, and the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS). He expressed how he had enjoyed his first summer job and most of all being paid a salary for his work. He received a

certificate for outstanding performance and a \$75.00 savings bond from his employer, Fleet Services, for his work.

Today, I would like to speak on funding for training and job services for Donald once he graduates from TC Williams High School. Donald will need a job after he graduates, and he will need training, job coaching, and case management services. The Community Services Board (CSB) has provided these services in the past for graduates like Donald. Even though Donald will be attending Lincoln Tech, he will still need a job during the day to help support his schooling and daily living expenses.

State of Virginia has cut funding in its budget for the CSB programs. Also, other programs, which were established to help students such as Donald for work training after high school, have suffered severely. It is unlikely that the State will have the funds to support these vital programs in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2004 budget. One of the consequences Donald will face will be no job training, and, subsequently, no job to support his daily needs or expenses.

Donald and I need your help to ensure that he will be given the opportunity to be gainfully employed. The job training and case management support will allow him to work and be a vital member of the community. If no funding is received, Donald will be unemployed.

My son loves working. He has worked in all of the school's programs. He looks forward to being able to independently support his needs. Please help my son become an employed citizen of Alexandria.

I am asking the Mayor and the City Council of Alexandria to please fund the CSB's programs in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2004 budget. This would allow vital programs, which benefit Donald, to be continued.

If CSB does not receive funding from the state or the city, all of the work that we have done to prepare Donald for the work force will be lost. My husband and I are paying the tuition for Donald to continue his education to become an auto mechanic. We cannot, however, afford to pay the entire out of pocket expenses associated with the services needed for Donald. The State paid for these services prior to the recent budget cuts. We plead for

your help to keep the programs active and for funding so Donald can have a job.

Thank you for listening. Thank you for your time, and, most of all, thank you for your funding of the CSB programs.

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TESTIMONY TO CITY COUNCIL FOR THE FY 04 BUDGET

By Carlos Sanchez
November 15, 2002

Good morning members of City Council. My name is Carlos Sanchez, and I will finish high school at T.C. Williams this June. I have learned a lot at school about working in the community. This year, I am trying a job at the animal shelter. I help clean cages and wash and fold the pet blankets. I am proud to get paid for my work.

When I leave school, I want to get a good job in the community as an electrician or fixing computers. But I will need some help to get and keep this job. For example, I will need help learning the parts of the job, how to use new equipment, and how to complete paperwork.

Some people with disabilities need extra resources to pay for this kind of help to get a job. I know I will. But I have heard that I may not qualify for this funding, and there is no other program that will pay for these services.

I have worked hard to gain new skills and I want to use them after I finish school. I don't want to lose these skills. Please help me and the other students who want to work. Make sure there is funding in next year's budget for students leaving school to get vocational services in the community. Thank you.

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፫) የታክሲ ነጅዎችን በተመለከተ፤

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An investment company.

November 14, 2002

Mayor Kerry J. Donley
301 King Street, City Hall
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Mayor Donley and Members of the City Council:

Weissberg Corp., the representing agent for 3600 Mt. Vernon, LLC (221 West Glebe Road-Safeway) would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest gratitude to the Council Members of the City of Alexandria for the time, energy, and money invested into the Arlandria area. The removal of the Datatel building has begun the area's transformation from an urban blight to an Alexandria gateway.

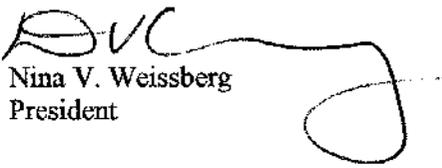
The hard work of creating the Arlandria vision is well under way. The demolition of the Datatel building is the outcome of years of hard work, and a giant step towards making that vision a reality. To accomplish the redevelopment of Arlandria, it is necessary to continue moving forward with improvements. The implementation of measures to improve pedestrian and traffic infrastructure are integral.

The demise of Datatel is Step One of a three part project. Step Two is the development of traffic infrastructure and Step Three is the implementation of economic drivers to encourage development. The situation at Mt. Vernon Avenue and West Glebe Road is so severe that drivers are driving over wheel stops installed by the new tenant at 221 West Glebe Road to continue the illegally cutting through the parking lot. They choose this extraordinarily awkward shortcut to avoid the cumbersome traffic pattern at this intersection. With the old Safeway store now occupied, it would be unfortunate to wait to act until a mishap between a vehicle and a pedestrian occurs.

The Council's, Mayor's, the staff's, and the neighborhood activists' dedication started the development process. All of these people gave endless time and energy. Please commit the necessary capital outlay to ensure that Arlandria continues on a positive track of growth and development. We thank you.

Sincerely,

3600 Mt. Vernon, LLC
By: Weissberg Corp, Manager


Nina V. Weissberg
President



invest2@radix.net
11/15/02 08:13 AM

To: Beverly I Jett@Alex
Subject: Fw: Arlandria Plan cooments

Ms. Jett - enclosed is a letter to the city drafted by our association representative and signed over my name. We truly applaud the efforts of the city to be accessible to the residents of Alexandria and to work so diligently to keep us in the process. The 38 townhouses here at Brighton Court heartily support the Arlandria Plan.

Christina Richardson-Jones
----- Original Message -----
From: "Probst, Wilma" <WProbst@FDIC.gov>
To: <invest2@radix.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2002 1:23 PM
Subject: Arlandria Plan

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- > Tina-
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- > Attached is a letter on the Arlandria Plan. It is short and sweet, as I
- > didn't have time to go into a lot of detail. I will cover more at City
- > Council. Please remind other members of the Board to attend the City
- > Council hearing at 9:30 am on Saturday.
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- > The e-mail address for transmitting this is
- Beverly.jett@ci.alexandria.va.us
- > <mailto:Beverly.jett@ci.alexandria.va.us> . This is the City Clerk. If
- > possible, please e-mail her by the end of the day or, at the latest, by
- > early tomorrow morning. The docket items go forward at about 10:00
- > tomorrow, I believe.
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- > Thanks.
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3818 Brighton Court
Alexandria, Virginia 22305
November 13, 2002

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

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

The Brighton Square Homeowners Association enthusiastically supports the Arlandria Plan, and requests that the city budget the necessary funds for this plan. We recognize City Council's strong commitment to Arlandria, and are exceptionally grateful for the action that was taken on the Datatel building. However, we are only beginning to revitalize the Arlandria area. Additional support from the city at this point in time would ensure that our plans are successfully implemented.

We thank you for your attention to our request.

Sincerely yours,

Tina Richardson- Jones, President
Brighton Square
Homeowners Association

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Weinstock Properties, LLC

Commercial Real Estate: Acquisition, Development Services, Asset Management, Feasibility Analysis

November 15, 2002

(F) 703 838 6433

Mayor Kerry Donley
Members of the City Council
301 King Street, City Hall
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Donley and Members of the City Council:

I'm writing on behalf of the Arlandria Business Association regarding the Arlandria Plan. We want to express our thanks to both the Council and the Department of Planning and Zoning staff, the Police and Fire Departments, Code Enforcement and the Commonwealth Attorneys office for their collective efforts in improving the Arlandria area over the past two years. In particular, we want to express our appreciation for the Council and Mayor supporting the planning effort for the last two years directed toward revitalization of our neighborhood. The City's positive actions have created much good will and enthusiasm among our members.

We want to express our strong desire for the Mayor and Council to continue funding the current efforts of the city staff, and to provide funds to implement the components of the Arlandria Plan. The Board of the Arlandria Business Association has voted unanimously to support the Arlandria Plan and it's funding. In addition, our neighbor business associations' board, the Potomac West Business Association, has endorsed the Plan.

The Arlandria business district is one of the gateways to the City of Alexandria. We believe that by improving our neighborhood the entire city will benefit.

Very truly yours,



Stephen Weinstock
Henver Palmer
Co-Directors
Arlandria Business Association

Support and Fund "The Arlandria Plan"

We support the implementation measures for creating an overlay district, proposing development guidelines, implementing urban design improvements, and incorporating the recommendations into the City's Master Plan as recommended in the Arlandria Plan and we want the City to commit the necessary Department of Planning & Zoning and other staff to complete these tasks.

We support the implementation measures for marketing and promoting Arlandria as recommended in the Arlandria Plan and as the businesses in Arlandria need assistance, we want the City to fund the necessary consultants/assistance to work with the community to carry these out.

We support the implementation measures for infrastructure, including pedestrian and traffic improvements, art, street furniture, signage, banners, facades and other physical improvements recommended in the Arlandria Plan. We want the City to commit to funding an annual capital outlay of at least \$1 Million per year for the next 6 years to ensure that these are built.

Again, we're asking for 3 things

- 1) Department of Planning and Zoning staff time.
- 2) Consultants/Assistance to implement marketing and promotion.
- 3) \$1 Million per year over the next 6 years for capital outlay.

Business Name & Address	Print Name	Signature	Date
The Waffle Shop 3864 Mt. Vernon Ave	A Ramon		11/14/02
3840-3860 MT VERNON AVE	FERNANDO PARAZAL		
3842 MT VERNON AVE Alexandria VA 22305	Khan Nguyen		11/14/02
El Pasa 3838 Mt Vernon Ave	Douglas Menro		11/14/02
3836 MT VERNON AVE	Dyngkamon Sothmeawingya		11/14/02
Gigante Express 3834 MT VERNON AVE	Jose Sarmiento		11/14/02
VERNON TRUCK SERVICE	Jose Sarmiento		11/14/02
DISCO RENT-A-VIDEO CLUB	Jose Sarmiento		11/14/02
Tienda Victoria	VICTORIA VILLOPEZ		11-14-02
Show illusion hair salon	BARBARA JENSON		11/14/02
CHECK CASH ONE	RASA		11/14/02
STAR OF THE USA B.A	ANA MARIA		11/14/02
Restaurant Buen Caron	Paula Colita		11-14-02
CHIRLIGUA HAIR SALON	HECTOR RAYGUE		11-14-02
Auto Zone 3825 Mt Vernon Ave	Fernando Jimenez		11/14/02
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & SVC	MARIA TAPIA		11/14/02
Southern Kitchens Inc. 3810 Mt. Vernon Ave	Amy Rymiszewski		11/14/02
3807 Mt Vernon Ave	Tommy Kido		11-14-02
4102 Mount Vernon Ave	Guillermo Reyes		11-15-02
4104 Mount Vernon Ave	Saira Lopez		11-15-02
4106 Mount Vernon Ave	Jonathan O'Connell		11-15-02
4108 Mt. Vernon Ave	Bob Well		11-15-02
4110 Mt V AVE	Chanquedon		11-15-02
4112 Mt. vernon Ave	Ayman Tenna		11/15/02
4114 Mt. vernon Ave	FARIS		11/15/02
4116 VERONICAS	DE LIMA		11/15/02
4118 24hrs laundry	Alex Berez		11-15-02
4119 checks cashed	Khan Dali		11-15-02
4125 Alex Cleaners	Juan Vihar		11/15/02
4121 Mt Vernon Ave	PEDRO MOLINA		11-15-02
4115 Mt Vernon Ave	RIZZARDO		11/15/02
4007 Mt Vernon Ave	CHAI SAMATHA		11/15/02
4008 Mt Vernon DURON	TOM PERTIUS		11-15-02
4006 Mt Vernon Exxon	Stefanie		11/15/02
3801 MT. VERNON AVE INTERNATIONAL	HANWER PALMA		11/15/02
3901 Mt. Vernon Ave	Oswaldo Salinas		11/15/02
3831 Mt Vernon Ave	Chris Yanchukis		11/15/02
3829 Mt Vernon Ave	Fred Adams		11/15/02
3815 Mt Vernon Ave	Kevin De		11-15-02
3804 Mt Vernon Ave/RT 3 Post.	CHRIS WELLS		11/15/02

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Nov 16 Public Hearings

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BFAAC TESTIMONY ON FY 2004 BUDGET OUTLOOK

The Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee appreciates the opportunity to present some preliminary views on the preparation of the fiscal year 2004 operating and capital improvement program budgets. We also appreciate the City's effort to hold this public hearing, and involve the larger Community in the Budget development process.

At your October 26 Retreat, City Staff briefed you on the difficult financial issues facing Alexandria. Even without any new City initiatives, the operating budget faces \$24 million in new expenditure "challenges" while the six-year capital improvement program faces the prospect of \$260 million in project requests. Unfortunately, current revenue forecasts won't necessarily support these large levels of increase.

Over the years, BFAAC has tried to consistently emphasize two themes in its advice to Council on developing and executing City budgets—first, the need to establish and adhere to sound financial policies and procedures; and second, the importance of keeping a long-term perspective. BFAAC believes these themes will continue to be useful touchstones during the development of next year's budgets. Specifically, BFAAC offers the following four general recommendations:

First, the City should continue to adhere to its debt-related policy guidelines as it considers solutions for next year's near-certain budget problems.

- These guidelines include limits on borrowing that ensure the City has sufficient future resources to pay off its debts *and* protect its favorable bond rating (which in turn lowers the City's borrowing costs). *We urge the City Manager and Council to continue to live within these borrowing limits.*
- The guidelines also include limits on the use of undesignated fund balance, which is the equivalent of the checkbook balance of the City of Alexandria. Maintaining this balance is prudent, as well as necessary, because it provides the City with adequate cash flow and helps protect it against *unanticipated* expenditures or *lower-than-expected* revenues. BFAAC cautions, however, against preparing a budget that plans to use cash reserves to fund operating expenses or debt payments simply because *expected* revenues are not sufficient. This only postpones the inevitable need to solve the structural budget problem – that ongoing expenditures are exceeding recurring revenues.
- In fact, under City guidelines, this checkbook balance cannot be drawn down easily. (A super majority of 5 Council members must vote to draw down undesignated fund balances in an amount exceeding that recommended by the City Manager.) Furthermore, Council has adopted a policy to "not finance operations from [fund balances] for periods longer than two years."

Precisely because Council has developed and followed these policies in the past, rather than resort to short-term budget gimmickry, Alexandria is comparatively well-positioned to handle the fiscal challenges outlined at the October retreat.

Second, the City should keep one eye on the future as it works to meet next year's revenue and expenditure challenges. Decisions made in the context of FY 2004 should be sustainable in future years.

- As BFAAC said last April in its Annual Report to Council, the City's longer-term fiscal outlook is potentially troublesome. "Changing City demographics, the Commonwealth's uncertain fiscal outlook, and accumulating, specific, unfunded budget needs—all of these things will put pressure on the expenditure side of the budget. On the other side of the fiscal equation, the City's ability to raise new revenue may be affected by the dwindling amount of available land for new development and limits on the extent to which residential real property taxes can continue to increase due to rising assessments."
- Furthermore, without greater revenue diversification, the City is especially vulnerable to economic downturns that affect its real property tax base since almost 50 percent of the City's revenue comes from real property taxes.

Third, the City should pay close attention to employee compensation issues, which are key drivers of the City's budget.

- In FY 2003, employee compensation (pay and benefits) will make up about 60% of the City's operating budget and 80% of the school's operating budget.
- Decisions on cost-of-living pay adjustments and merit step increases will have great short- and long-term budget implications. So will the school system's review of pay scales and benefits and a possible increase in the number of school days.
- BFAAC continues to recommend that City staff look closely at the rising cost of health insurance coverage for city employees and seek ways to better control this component of the budget, which is increasing at a disproportionate rate—including the exploration of additional coverage options that may be more effective for the employee and the City.

Fourth, the City should explore ways to diversify its revenue sources in an equitable fashion.

- We continue to urge the City to review the reasonableness of all City fees, including adoption of a formal policy for periodic re-evaluation.
- Despite defeat of the sales tax referendum, the City should continue to look at regional approaches to bring greater diversity and equity to its revenue sources.

Testimony by John Nelson
Public Hearing on the FY 2004 Budget
November 16, 2002

Good Morning,

My name is John Nelson. I am the Chair of the Board of Directors of Computer C.O.R.E. and a resident of the City of Alexandria.

I'm here this morning to recommend an increase in the Community Partnership Fund, especially funding for new initiatives.

The non-profit agency I represent, Computer CORE, is based in Alexandria. For the past several years, we have been providing free computer skills training, mentoring and job placement guidance to low-income adults so that they can find better jobs. We also provide each student with a free Pentium computer, so they can continue developing their skills and can teach their families.

The large majority of our students are residents of Alexandria -- many are women, many are immigrants, many have children in local schools, and all are low-income. To prevent cost from being a barrier, we look to committed individuals, businesses, and the community for support.

To date, we haven't received any direct financial support from the City: Last year, we applied to the Community Partnership Fund. But, of the \$875,000 available in the Fund, nearly all (97 percent) went to the same programs funded the previous year. These are all good programs, but there are new initiatives that merit the City's support as well. Unless the City increases the Fund and the amount targeted to new initiatives, good programs such as Computer CORE are basically shut out.

This is a tough year economically and financially for everyone, and City Council faces tough decisions about how to allocate scarce resources. As you make these decisions, I urge you to consider the needs of the most vulnerable in our community -- the poor, the homeless, the elderly, immigrants, children. And, I ask you to consider the many ways in which non-profit agencies serve their needs. I hope this leads to a decision to increase the Community Partnership Fund so that together, the City and nonprofit agencies, can meet the pressing needs of local residents.

Thank you.

Public Hearing to Obtain Citizen Comment Before the Preparation of the
City's FY 2004 Operating Budget and FY 2004 to FY 2009 Capital
Improvement Program.
November 16, 2002

Mount Vernon Community School PTA
Gordon Johnston, President-elect

Good morning Mayor Donnelly, City Council Members and Alexandria Residents. My name is Gordon Johnston, and I am the PTA President-elect at Mount Vernon Community School. Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you now, while the budget is still in formulation.

We are pleased with the progress the Alexandria City Schools have made, thanks to your support and the hard work of the teachers, staff, parents, community members, and our children. Eleven schools are now fully accredited, six more than last year. The State has classified four additional schools, including Mt. Vernon, as provisionally accredited/meets state standards, which means they are making significant progress toward reaching full accreditation. We continue to work hard to reach full accreditation for all our schools.

Just as importantly, I sense a change in attitude within the community. A little over three years ago, when my wife and I made the choice to send our daughter Maggie to Mt. Vernon, many of our friends and neighbors were making the choice to move to Fairfax, Arlington, or Loudin County. Since then, the new school and redistricting have eliminated the trailers and overcrowding at Mt. Vernon, differentiated resources have allowed Dr. Lopez and her staff to directly address many of the challenges facing our school, smaller class sizes have improved the learning environment, PTA involvement is way up, and the Dual Language program is generating excitement among both English and Spanish speaking families. Just this last Thursday we had a Parent Meeting for the Dual Language Program, and the turnout was fantastic!

We understand that the coming year will be a difficult budget year, with State budget cutbacks and slower City tax revenue growth. We trust that you will find ways within these constraints to continue the progress we have made and sustain the excitement about our school within our community.

Thanks to your support, the City can be justly proud of the improvements we have made in making Alexandria a more livable city, a place where young families want to move, a place where people want to stay as their families grow. This stability builds value for Alexandria in many ways, only some of which can be quantified. It represents a significant return on your investment for our community. But the greater returns on your investment are the eager learners in our schools, whose lives will be richer for the commitment you have shown to them and to their future. Thank you!

Healthy Families Alexandria

Comments on the preparation of the City's FY 2004 Operating Budget
Prepared and submitted by Amy Augenblick for Healthy Families Alexandria of Northern Virginia Family Service

Healthy Families would like to support **continued** funding of the Children's Fund from the General Fund to be used to provide comprehensive services to at-risk children. The Children's Fund provides significant funding to Healthy Families. In fact, Healthy Families relies on support from the Children's Fund, managed by the Early Childhood Commission, for its very existence. It is our hope and recommendation that the funding of the Children's Fund will allow our program to continue to operate at its current level.

Should **additional** money become available, we would like to recommend the support of:

- Increased funding for the Children's Fund so that, if the commission wished, Healthy Families might increase services to at-risk children and families. Right now the Children's Fund is totally committed to existing programs and there are no options for funding new programs or growing existing programs.
- Giving TANF 'graduates' additional child day care assistance, including another full year of eligibility for child day care assistance so that they may stay employed, improve their wage rates and become increasingly self sufficient
- Revise the eligibility policies to reflect the high cost of living in Northern Virginia, or at least to the levels in place in 1996
- Ensure that reimbursement rates reflect the actual child care market – this would require a market survey every two years with accompanying rate revisions, and the funding of rates at the 75th percentile of the market survey

Healthy Families would like thank the Council for its support and to remind everyone that it costs just \$3,200 per year to provide Healthy Families home visiting services to a family who is at risk of, but not yet committing abuse or neglect. This is compared to the \$13,161 per child per year that is costs to treat the results of abuse and neglect.

Healthy Families is a very cost effective program that protects and supports our at-risk children and families – a wise investment today and for our future.

November 16, 2002

Mayor, City Council, City Manager Good Morning

*our home owner
as President*

My name is Judy Bliss. I am here representing myself and the Arlandria Civic Association.

First, we wish to again THANK YOU from the Arlandria Community for your support and work on the Datatell Site. We also want to publicly thank you for the time and expense of staff support to the area.

You have heard and will continue to hear many speakers, so I will keep my remarks short and try not to repeat the statements of our goals. However, the Arlandria community wants you to be aware that we agree with the report presented from Staff and the Work Group for the Arlandria Plan of redevelopment.

Now, the entire Work Group and Staff, are asking for your CONTINUED SUPPORT and RESOURCES for the Arlandria Plan - THE GATEWAY TO THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA.

Thank each of you for your TIME, CONTINUED SUPPORT and RESOURCES to making this Gateway a reality that states we are Proud of our Diverse Community and the City Of Alexandria..

Statement for City Council Hearing on 2003-2004 budget
George Mason Elementary School

My name is Cindy Anderson and I am here to ask that you fully fund the school system's capital improvement budget. The projects outlined in the proposal are real needs that must be addressed. These items affect our children's education on a daily basis. Some, such as the renovation of Minnie Howard and T.C. will affect not only today's elementary school age children, but their children as well.

As an alumna of the Alexandria schools I know that we are still catching up from years of deferred maintenance. I also know that the current economy makes it more difficult to commit to such large sums of money, but we must look at the long-term benefits. Short term and shortsighted decisions can have repercussions for many years to come. Take, for example, the city's decision two decades ago to sell precious school properties. This decision was made based on a temporary drop in enrollments. We, as a city, are still feeling the negative impact of that decision today in terms of the reduction of classroom capacity and open space.

The Alexandria schools are doing very well in educating the city's children. As you know, the number of accredited schools doubled in the last year. More and more families are choosing public school and our population is growing. We have a responsibility to properly maintain existing buildings and to build new space that will meet the educational needs of our students now, and in the years to come.

Regarding the operating budget, I would like to say that we need to make sure that our most valuable resource, personnel, receives the attention it deserves. Without our quality teachers and principals, the system cannot be successful. We ask that you make sure that the compensation packages for teachers and principals are sufficient to allow us to continue to retain our quality teachers and principals, and to attract new ones, as necessary.

We ask that you continue to maintain our current class sizes. This is another critical component of our success.

In terms of program changes, we would like to make it clear that we do not support any substantial student calendar changes without a clear explanation as to the problem being addressed and how such a change would affect all of our students in a positive way.

We do not support the addition of student days or the implementation of a modified school calendar. We feel that such global changes are unwarranted given our substantial progress toward accreditation.

We should not, under any circumstances, expect our teachers to provide additional days without additional compensation. This compensation should be over and above expected merit raises, cost of living increases, and other increases deemed necessary to make our salaries competitive with neighboring jurisdictions.

We are concerned that the number of teacher planning days in Alexandria is one of the lowest in the region. We would support the addition of teacher planning days, if the teachers and principals feel that such a change would be beneficial. Again, such a change should occur only with appropriate compensation. Teachers already work many unpaid hours in order to prepare for teaching one of the most diverse populations in the Washington area.

Thank you.

Budget hearing speech to City Council, November 16, 2002

Good morning. My name is Bill Hendrickson and I live at 304 E. Spring St. in Del Ray. It's clear that the city faces a difficult budget situation in the next few years, as well as compelling needs for capital investment in a new public safety center and high school. But it's important that we don't neglect other crucial needs, particularly those that will enhance the overall quality of life in the city. In particular, I urge you to make a strong financial commitment to implementing the top priorities of the master plan for open space, parks, and recreation. You should consider a bond issue to purchase key parcels of open space, before we lose them forever. I also urge you to increase your spending for neighborhood improvements, in particular the plan for the redevelopment and revitalization of Arlandria. As a member of the committee that you appointed to examine Arlandria's future, I believe that this area needs funding from both the operating and capital budgets. It's especially important that we continue to make strong efforts to promote the vibrancy of Mount Vernon Avenue. I believe that Mount Vernon Avenue, from Del Ray to Arlandria, has the potential to become a unique and distinctive retail and commercial area. But residents and property and business owners don't have the resources to pull this off alone. We will need city staff time and efforts. I have one suggestion for how this could be done. In an era in which chain store retailers predominate, a city such as Alexandria can distinguish itself by attracting and promoting independent businesses with creative, entrepreneurial owners. I believe the city needs to hire an economic development specialist who can ACTIVELY seek such businesses to locate in places such as Arlandria and Del Ray. This specialist could be assigned to the planning department, where he or she could also serve as a mentor for startup businesses who need help in navigating the city's bureaucracy. I thank you very much for allowing me to speak this morning.



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November 21, 2002

Honorable Mayor Kerry Donley and Members of Council
City Hall of Alexandria
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Dear Mayor Donley and Council Members,

As you will recall, I provided testimony at the public hearing on the budget last Saturday. I wanted to follow up with some detail about what we are facing and planning to do about it.

We received notice of a \$384,000 reduction in state funds a few weeks ago. It is anticipated that this reduction will be "permanent". These reductions are in addition to the \$170,000 which was identified last spring, and for which you made additional City appropriations to address. In order to reduce our annual expenditures by this amount, staff reviewed many options and made recommendations to the Board. These recommendations included using some "one time" reserves in our balances, to make it possible to cushion the reductions this year (since we would otherwise have to accomplish the entire reduction in the last six months of the year).

We have looked at ways to do the least harm. We have proposed to reduce administrative staff by three positions. We anticipate moving existing employees and using vacancies to accomplish this, so no employee will be terminated from employment. These changes will reduce our ability to respond to administrative needs.

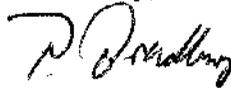
We have also identified four areas of service reduction. We will require four consumers to return from contracted vocational support to a less intensive vocational setting within our own program where we can handle the capacity. We will eliminate the purchase of 'crisis beds' from a private vendor in Arlington, which means that about 35 people a year will require some alternative support, such as hospital admission. We will reduce by 3/4 our ability to provide respite care and other incidental, but often important, one time support for approximately 20 families caring for persons with mental disabilities. Finally, we will reduce the purchase of residential treatment services for substance dependent persons by \$50,000 which will mean that

18 people may not receive this service.

While these service reductions were chosen to be the least damaging, and no person currently receiving service will have to 'go without', these reductions will affect our consumers. We are also quite concerned about what might be next. Further reductions can only cut more deeply into services for persons with disabilities. We also are looking at the prospect of new graduates from the public schools who will be in need of ongoing vocational or day support.

To address these needs, we have begun to look at alternative funding sources, aggressive efforts at revenue enhancements, and to support increased taxes on tobacco and alcoholic beverages. We hope to work with you on helping to sustain our care and support for persons with mental disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Bradbury". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Phillip Bradbury
Chair

cc: Phillip Sunderland
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SPEAKER'S FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND GIVE IT TO THE CITY CLERK BEFORE YOU SPEAK ON A DOCKET ITEM.

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DOCKET ITEM NO. 10

PLEASE ANNOUNCE THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED BELOW PRIOR TO SPEAKING.

1. NAME: Aaron Spevacek

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3. WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT, IF OTHER THAN YOURSELF? Non-Profit Council of Alexandria

4. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ITEM? FOR: [checked] AGAINST: OTHER: Supporting Youth Fund, Early Childhood Fund and Community Partnership Fund for Human Services

5. NATURE OF YOUR INTEREST IN ITEM (PROPERTY OWNER, ATTORNEY, LOBBYIST, CIVIC INTEREST, ETC.): Exec Director - local charity

6. ARE YOU RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR THIS APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL? YES [checked] NO

This form shall be kept as a part of the Permanent Record in those instances where financial interest or compensation is indicated by the speaker.

A maximum of 5 minutes will be allowed for your presentation. If you have a prepared statement, please leave a copy with the City Clerk.

Additional time, not to exceed 15 minutes, may be obtained with the consent of the majority of the Council present, provided that notice requesting additional time with reasons stated is filed with the City Clerk in writing before 5:00 p.m. of the day preceding the meeting.

The public normally may speak on docket items only at Public Hearing Meetings, and not at Regular Meetings. Public Hearing Meetings are usually held on the Saturday following the second Tuesday in each month; Regular Meetings are regularly held on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays in each month. The rule with respect to when a person may speak to a docket item can be waived by a majority vote of Council members present, but such a waiver is not normal practice. When a speaker is recognized, the rules of procedures for speakers at public hearing meetings shall apply.

In addition, the public may speak on matters which are not on the docket during the Public Discussion Period at Public Hearing Meetings. The Mayor may grant permission to a person, who is unable to participate in public discussion at a Public Hearing Meeting for medical, religious, family emergency or other similarly substantial reasons, to speak at a regular meeting. When such permission is granted, the rules of procedures for public discussion at public hearing meetings shall apply.

Guidelines for the Public Discussion Period

- All speaker request forms for the public discussion period must be submitted by the time the item is called by the City Clerk.
- No speaker will be allowed more than 5 minutes, and that time may be reduced by the Mayor or presiding member.
- If more than 6 speakers are signed up or if more speakers are signed up than would be allotted for in 30 minutes, the Mayor will organize speaker requests by subject or position, and allocate appropriate times, trying to ensure that speakers on unrelated subjects will also be allowed to speak during the 30-minute public discussion period.
- If speakers seeking to address Council on the same subject cannot agree on a particular order or method that they would like the speakers to be called, the speakers shall be called in the chronological order of their request forms' submission.
- Any speakers not called during the public discussion period will have the option to speak at the conclusion of the meeting, after all docketed items have been heard.