

CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 23, 2003 - - 7:00 p.m.

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Present: Mayor William D. Euille, Vice Mayor Redella S. Pepper, Members of Council Ludwig P. Gaines, Rob Krupicka, Andrew H. Macdonald, Paul C. Smedberg and Joyce Woodson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Sunderland, City Manager; Mr. Pessoa, City Attorney; Ms. Evans, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Baier, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Neckel, Director of Finance; Mr. Mandley, Director of General Services; Ms. Fogarty, Director of Planning and Zoning; Ms. Ross, Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning; Ms. Gordon, Public Information Officer; Ms. Boyd, Director of Citizen Assistance; Police Chief Samarra; Police Lieutenant Uzzell; Mr. Bauman, Director of Extended Care Services; Ms. Collins, Director of Human Services; Ms. Steele, Interim Director of Human Services; Ms. Federico, Director of Historic Alexandria; Dr. Gilmore, Director of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse; Ms. Niebauer, Human Rights Director; Ms. Smith-Page, Director of Real Estate Assessments; Mr. Skrabak, Environmental Quality Division Chief; Ms. Moore, Acting Deputy Director of Management and Budget; Mr. Culpepper, Deputy Director of Transportation; Mr. Fifer, E-Government Manager; Ms. Baker, City Engineer; Mr. O'Brien, Director of Library; Fire Chief Mesaris; Mr. Dahlberg, Director of Code Enforcement; Dr. Konigsberg, Health Department Director; Mr. Bedwell, Fiscal Officer, Department of General Services; Mr. McCobb, Deputy Director of Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. McRorie, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Ms. Bernard, CFO for the Patent Office; and Ms. Triggs, Deputy Director of Finance.

Recorded by: Ms. Jackie M. Henderson, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

OPENING

1. & 2. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Euille, and the City Clerk called the roll; all members of City Council were present.

City Council observed a moment of silence and then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of (a) the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2003; and (b) the Public Hearing Meeting of September 13, 2003, as submitted. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Macdonald	"aye"
	Smedberg		"aye"

4. **WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Woodson and carried unanimously, City Council received the Report of the City Clerk dated September 17, 2003, which is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 4; 9/23/03, and is incorporated as part of this

record by reference. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Woodson	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Macdonald	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

5. Recognition of Episcopal High School Students.

There was no one present from the school to be recognized.

6. Recognition of the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau Youth Service Coalition.

There was no one present from the Coalition to be recognized.

NEW BUSINESS NO. 1. Mr. Phillip Bradbury, Chairman of the Alexandria Community Services Board, spoke to the closure of the in-patient psychiatric unit at Alexandria Hospital.

Mayor Euille said he would appoint two Councilmembers to work with the CSB and would recreate the Alexandria (Inova) Hospital Ad Hoc Task Force.

Vice Mayor Pepper stated that her husband is the Chair of the Psychiatric Department at Alexandria Hospital, and she said she has not pursued questioning the City Attorney to determine whether she has a conflict, but she would not want anyone to think she might, so she recused herself from the discussion.

PROCLAMATIONS

- 7. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring October 15, 2003, as Latino AIDS Awareness 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. 7, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Macdonald presented the proclamation.

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

Macdonald	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Woodson	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

- 8. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring October 4, 2003, as Art on the Avenue 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. 8, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Krupicka presented the proclamation.

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

Krupicka	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Woodson	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Macdonald	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

- 9. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring September 23, 2003, as Citizenship Day in 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. 9, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Vice Mayor Pepper presented the proclamation.

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

Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Macdonald	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

- 10. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Week of September 29, 2003, as Race Equality Week.

(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. 10, and is incorporated as part of this record

by reference.)

Councilman Gaines presented the proclamation.

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

Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Macdonald	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

11. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring September 15 - October 15, 2003, as Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month.

(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. 11, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Councilwoman Woodson and Councilman Smedberg presented the proclamation.

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

Smedberg	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Woodson	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
	Macdonald	"aye"	

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (12-14)

12. Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Commission on Aging
Lisa Wright
- (b) Alexandria Commission on Information Technology
Justin M. Wilson
- (c) Alexandria District Home Board
Suzanne T. Chis
- (d) Alexandria Traffic and Parking Board
Roland Gonzales
- (e) Alexandria Transportation Safety Commission
Roland Gonzales
- (f) Alexandria Youth Policy Commission
Hunter McIntosh

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12(a-f); 9/23/03, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

13. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Ad Hoc City of Alexandria Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force
1 Representative From A Civic Association Impacted by the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Construction
- (b) Alexandria Commission on Employment
1 Citizen-at-Large
- (c) Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities
1 Citizen Who Must Have A Disability
- (d) Alexandria District Home Board
1 City Representative
- (e) Alexandria Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee
1 Qualified Professional Skilled in Architecture
2 Members Representing the Potomac West Area
- (f) Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission
1 Non-Health Professional Member
1 Community Services Board Representative
- (g) Alexandria Social Services Advisory Board
1 Citizen Member

- (h) Alexandria Youth Policy Commission
1 Representative of a Community Non-Profit Agency Having an Interest in Youth Issues

(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 No. 13(a-h); 9/23/03, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

- 14. Consideration of Approval of Grant Award from the Virginia Department for the Aging to Expand the Program and Services of the Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 16, 2003, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 9/23/03, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Consent Calendar as presented. The City Manager's recommendations are as follows:

- 12. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a): Lisa Wright, Alexandria Commission on Aging; (b) Justin M. Wilson, Alexandria Commission on Information Technology; (c) Suzanne T. Chis, Alexandria District Home Board; (d) Roland Gonzales, Alexandria Traffic and Parking Board; (e) Roland Gonzales, Alexandria Transportation Safety Commission; and (f) Hunter McIntosh, Alexandria Youth Policy Commission.

- 13. City Council (a) appointed Jerome King, III as the representative from a civic association impacted by the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Construction to the Alexandria Ad Hoc City of Alexandria Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force; (b) appointed Amy Bell, as the citizen at large member to the Alexandria Commission on Employment; (c) appointed Kathryn Cunningham as the citizen who must have a disability to the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (d) waived the residency requirements and appointed MaryAnn Griffin as the City representative to the Alexandria District Home Board; (e) reappointed Raphael Semmes as the qualified professional skilled in architecture, William Hendrickson and Stephanie Sechrist Sample as the members representing Potomac West Area to the Alexandria Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; (f) reappointed Richard Merritt as the non-health professional member and Mary Riley as the Community Services Board representative to the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission; (g) appointed Johnnie Saunders as the citizen member to the Alexandria Social Services Advisory Board; and (h) waived the residency requirement and appointed J. David Rozsa as the representative of a community non-profit agency having an interest in youth issues to the Alexandria Youth Policy Commission.

- 14. City Council approved a grant award in the amount of \$196,213 to expand the program and services of the Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program; approved the conversion of one currently-authorized 0.75 FTE Account Clerk III position to full-time to provide administrative support for the program; and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents as may be required.

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

- 15. Alexandria Environment Policy Commission
1 Citizen-at-Large

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission:)

NAME	ENDORSED BY:
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Samantha Ahdoot
Patrick Eddington
James Lowenstern
Lori Swain
Patrick Traylor
Christopher Wilson
Hillary Zahm

(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. 15; 9/23/03, 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 appointed Patrick Eddington to the Alexandria Environment Policy Commission.

Euille	-	Eddington
Pepper	-	Eddington
Gaines	-	Eddington
Krupicka	-	Eddington
Macdonald	-	Eddington
Smedberg	-	Eddington
Woodson	-	Ahdoot

16. Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority
1 Citizen Member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission:)

NAME	ENDORSED BY:
Peter Grollman	
David Pritzker	

(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. 16; 9/23/03, 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 appointed David Pritzker to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

Euille	-	Pritzker
Pepper	-	Pritzker
Gaines	-	Pritzker
Krupicka	-	Pritzker
Macdonald	-	Pritzker
Smedberg	-	Pritzker
Woodson	-	Pritzker

17. Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission
1 Member From Planning District III

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission:)

NAME

ENDORSED BY:

Patricia Broussard
Adam Pearlman
Robert Rapanut

(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. 17; 9/23/03, 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 appointed Patricia Broussard as the member from Planning District III to the Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission.

Euille	-	Broussard
Pepper	-	Broussard
Gaines	-	Broussard
Krupicka	-	Broussard
Macdonald	-	Pearlman
Smedberg	-	Rapanut
Woodson	-	Broussard

- 18. Alexandria Planning Commission
1 Citizen Member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission:)

NAME

ENDORSED BY:

Warren Almquist
Mark Feldheim
Jesse Jennings
Melinda Lyle
Joan Peterson
Rodney Salinas
Daniel Straub
Joanne Tomasello
Steven Weber
Thomas Zoeller

(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. 18; 9/23/03, 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 appointed Jesse Jennings as the citizen member to the Alexandria Planning Commission.

Euille	-	Jennings
Pepper	-	Tomasello
Gaines	-	Jennings
Krupicka	-	Jennings
Macdonald	-	Jennings
Smedberg	-	Jennings
Woodson	-	Jennings

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (continued)

19. Consideration of the Report on the Community Partnership Fund for Human Services Recommended Priorities for the FY2005 Competitive Grant Cycle. (#18, 9/9/03; #11, 9/13/03)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 3, 2003, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 9/23/03, and the City Manager's memorandum dated September 23, 2003, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 19; 9/23/03, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the list of priorities for the FY 2005 competitive grant cycle for the Community Partnership Fund for Human Services which reflect the Council amended language to the section on self-sufficiency, to add the following: "as well as help them become active citizens and be positive influential members of the community." The voting was as follows:

Smedberg	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Macdonald	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

20. Consideration of a Report on the Duke Street Concourse. (staff presentation)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 22, 2003, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 9/23/03, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

City Manager Sunderland, along with Transportation and Environmental Services Baier, City Engineer Baker, CFO for the Patent Office Joanne Bernard, and Project Manager for Carlyle Development Lloyd Clingingfield, answered questions of Council concerning the project.

WHEREUPON, there was a motion made by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilman Smedberg, to allow the certificate of occupancy to be granted, with all the mitigation measures in the September 9 document and the document for this meeting.

After discussion, Councilman Krupicka added an amendment to the motion to add to the requirements the ability for Council to come back if the mitigation measures are not working and ask for changes.

Vice Mayor Pepper, as maker of the motion, accepted the amendment.

Councilman Gaines asked, for the record, by extending the completion date and by adding the multiple mitigation measures, is it not working toward an amendment of the existing special use permit.

City Attorney Pessoa stated that he didn't think they are, because as of January 1, 2004, the project will be in violation of the special use permit, it will continue in violation until that tunnel is completed and nothing will change that. It is now talking about what sanctions the City will impose in lieu of either declining to permit occupancy, stopping the work on the rest of the project or using the zoning enforcement tools the City has. The special use permit is not amended by this action, but it is simply the City exercising its discretion as to what enforcement action it will take because of the violation.

WHEREUPON, upon motion restated by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Woodson and carried on a 5-2 vote, City Council accepted the City Manager's recommendation, which would grant a Certificate of Occupancy for the two buildings and the accompanying parking lot, that the recommendations outlined in the memo would be accepted, that there would be a community meeting, and there would be the slew of mitigation measures. In addition, the recommendation is that the staff set benchmarks and goals that are to be met by Corman Construction with deadlines, and if the deadlines are not met, there will be penalties, and it would be up to staff to set appropriate and fair deadlines and the fines would be up to \$5,000, except for July 1, which would be \$5,000 a day after that, if it does not meet the goal that has been set for that time. If as it goes along, some of the mitigation plans are not working out, there would be some flexibility in visiting it again. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Woodson	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"no"	Macdonald	"aye"
	Smedberg	"no"	

21. Consideration of Authorization of Recommended Capital Project Allocations and Planned Expenditures. (staff presentation)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 16, 2003, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 9/23/03, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Assistant City Manager Jinks gave a report on the item and answered questions of Council.

Mayor Euille said with respect to the parking garage used by faculty and students at the high school, he had a concern about a multi-level parking garage at a high school, but also that people are going to complain about having to walk the distance from the parking garage to get to the gymnasium.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilman Gaines 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. The voting was as follows:

Smedberg	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Macdonald	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

22. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2003. (staff presentation)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 16, 2003, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 22; 9/23/03, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Assistant City Manager Jinks gave a report on the item.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Woodson and carried unanimously, City Council received the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2003. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Woodson	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Macdonald	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

None.

REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Mayor Euille thanked the citizens, the City staff, employees and volunteers for all their hard work with Hurricane Isabel. He noted that he is meeting with the utility companies on plans for maintenance, infrastructure for capital improvements programs, and coordinating with the activities the City government have planned for the future. He said the City Manager, in his report, will speak about evaluating and reviewing what went right and what went wrong with the operations.

(b) Councilwoman Woodson said the Alexandria Human Rights Commission passed a resolution about the affect the Patriot Act will have in Alexandria, and she asked that it be docketed at some point.

(c) Councilman Gaines distributed a Street Smart Report on the 2002 Pedestrian Safety Awareness Campaign.

(d) Councilman Gaines asked staff to look at extending the scope and membership of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, as it does not include any Chamber or Small Business representatives or relief organizations, such as the American Red Cross.

(e) Councilman Gaines noted the article in the Metro section of the *Washington Post*, entitled, "Juvenile Judges Quietly Offer Steady Hands."

(f) Councilman Smedberg thanked the City Manager and Assistant City Manager Evans on behalf of Back Yard Boats for their help in facilitating a contractor to work with them to get their water pumped out.

(g) Councilman Krupicka commended the Alexandrians who helped their neighbors and friends in need during the Hurricane.

(h) Councilman Krupicka said he studied the Patriot Act and the efforts of the Human Rights Commission, and the community should seriously consider the impacts of the Act and examine whether the City should make a statement in response to it.

(i) Councilman Krupicka said he attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting last week, in which it gave a report on the overview of the preparation of emergency preparation plans, and he asked the report be made available to Council.

(j) Mayor Euille said September 28 is National Good Neighbor Day, which ties into the remarks of citizens helping each other out, and it has been endorsed by the U.S. Conference of Mayor's.

(k) Mayor Euille said he and the City Manager will talk about setting up a work session on the Local Emergency Planning Committee report.

(l) Councilman Macdonald said the Library Board has reappointed its director for another three years.

(m) Councilman Macdonald said the Waterfront Committee met and heard a presentation from the Potomac Riverkeeper, and the organization is looking for a boat slip in the waterfront and possibly moving operations to the City.

(n) Councilman Macdonald said EPC is working on the review of aspects of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act through this Fall.

(o) Councilman Macdonald said Police, Fire, Emergency, City Manager and others worked hard to prepare and deal with the recent flood and hurricane.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER

The City Manager: (a) introduced Debra Collins, the new Department of Human Services Director and he thanked Beverly Steele, the Interim Director of Human Services; (b) said there will be a good-bye party for Hurricane Isabel on Saturday in the Marina, with a free jazz concert; and (c) he gave an update on Hurricane Isabel efforts, including water pressure and use problems, gas and power problems, flooding and rain, downed trees, long-term damage, emergency operations, damage assessment, dealings with Dominion Virginia Power, inspection of restaurants, communications, government and school closings, sandbags, experience and review of the actions, the study of it for the future, and assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration.

There were questions and comments from Council, and members of the City staff answered the questions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS ITEM NO. 2.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the following resolution for the declaration of emergency due to Hurricane Isabel. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Macdonald	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

The resolution finally passed reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2081

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2003, the Governor of Virginia declared that a state of emergency existed in the Commonwealth of Virginia, due to the danger of storm surge, higher than normal tides, heavy rains, flooding and high winds associated with Hurricane Isabel, and directed and authorized local governments to implement a Declaration of Local Emergency if warranted; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Management of the City of Alexandria, found that the City of Alexandria faced emergency conditions of peril to life and property which threatened and constituted a disaster, and made a Declaration of Local Emergency on September 18, 2003; and

WHEREAS, state law and the city code require that such Declaration be approved and confirmed by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, as the governing body of the City of Alexandria, Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, that the Declaration of Local Emergency, dated September 18, 2003, attached hereto and incorporated herein fully by reference, be, and the same hereby is, approved and confirmed.

OTHER

23. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 17, 2003, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 23; 5/13/03, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the schedule of Council's regular City Council meetings for September 2003 through June 2004, with the following additions: change the date for Council's December legislative meeting from Tuesday, December 9 to Monday, December 8, and change the date and time for Council's December public hearing meeting from 9:30 a.m. Saturday, December 13 to 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 16 because of the National League of Cities Conference in Nashville, Tennessee; add a work session on the Visitors Center proposal at 6:00 p.m. before Council's Monday, December 8 meeting; the fire department's annual wreath laying memorial ceremony is October 10 at 11:00 a.m.; the Council Retreat is November 7 at the Lloyd House and November 8 at the G.W. Middle School Library; the Patent and Trade Office dedication is December 4; and the Virginia Municipal League Legislative Day is February 12, 2004 in Richmond. The voting was as follows:

Krupicka	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Gaines	"aye"	Macdonald	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

NEW BUSINESS NO. 3. The City Manager passed out a statement from the Commonwealth Attorney on the Schuyler Jones matter and the status of the investigation.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously, at 11:46 p.m., the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2003, was adjourned. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Macdonald	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk

This docket is subject to change.

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