

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 17, 2005

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER *J*

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE CITY MEMBER TO THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ISSUE: Appointment of an alternate City member to serve on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC).

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council appoint Councilman Paul Smedberg as the City's alternate member to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

DISCUSSION: In April the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission amended its by-laws to permit local governments to appoint alternates for NVTC commissioners, as permitted by Section 15.2-4507 of the Virginia Code. With alternate members it will be easier for NVTC to meet its quorum requirements (11 commissioners present from at least four jurisdictions). The alternate must be a local elected official.

The mayor has asked Councilman Smedberg to serve as the City's alternate. The Mayor and Councilman Gaines are the two current City members of NVTC. Councilman Smedberg has agreed to serve as the City's alternate NVTC member.

I recommend that City Council approve the appointment of Councilman Smedberg as the City's alternate member to NVTC.

ATTACHMENT: Letter dated April 18, 2005 to James Hartmann from NVTC Chairman Paul Ferguson

STAFF:

Michele Evans, Assistant City Manager

Rose Boyd, Citizen Assistance Director and Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions

Attachment



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Mr. James Hartmann
City Manager
City of Alexandria
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Dear Mr. Hartmann:

At its April 7, 2005 meeting, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission amended its By-Laws to permit the appointment by local governments of alternates for NVTC commissioners. This change is permitted by Section 15.2-4507 of the Virginia Code.

The reason for the change is to make it easier to meet NVTC's statutory quorum requirements. NVTC must typically have 11 commissioners present from at least four jurisdictions. But three of NVTC's six jurisdictions currently appoint only one commissioner each. If all three of these individuals miss an NVTC meeting, there can be no quorum.

The new approach gives your local government the option to appoint one or more alternates to NVTC from among the elected officials serving on your board or council. Where there is more than one individual serving on NVTC from a jurisdiction, it is not necessary for you to specify which specific commissioner each alternate is representing.

There can be no alternates for NVTC's General Assembly members and the local government alternates must be local elected officials. If you choose to appoint one or more NVTC alternates, kindly communicate the results of your action to NVTC in writing. In the meantime, feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Paul Ferguson
Paul Ferguson
Chairman