

**CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA****Regular Meeting****Tuesday, November 14, 2006 - - 7:00 p.m.**

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**Present:** Mayor William D. Euille, Vice Mayor Andrew H. Macdonald, Members of Council Ludwig P. Gaines, K. Rob Krupicka, Timothy B. Lovain, Redella S. Pepper and Paul C. Smedberg.

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Mr. Hartmann, City Manager; Mr. Pessoa, City Attorney; Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Neckel, Director, Finance; Dr. Konigsberg, Director, Health Department ; Mr. Howard, Director, Personnel Services; Chief Mesaris, Fire Department; Mr. Bedwell, General Services; Mr. Hannigan, Director of Communications, City Manager's Office; Deputy Chief Corle, Police Department; Mr. Johnson, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Taylor, Budget Analyst, OMB; Mr. Chesley, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Collins, Director, Human Services; Mr. Caton, Legislative Director; Ms. Niebauer, Director, Human Rights; Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Pettus, Grants Coordinator, City Manager's Officer; Ms. Davis, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Cochran, Office of Housing; Ms. McIlvaine, Deputy Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Mason, Special Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office; Mr. McPike, Deputy Director, General Services; Ms. Triggs, Deputy Director/Comptroller, Finance; Mr. Farner, Division Chief, Planning and Zoning; Officer Seskey, Police Department; Ms. Ferraro, Health Department; Mr. Sood, ITS; Mr. McFarland, ITS; Captain Ogden, Police; and Mr. Lloyd.

**Recorded by:** Gloria Sitton, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

City Council held a work session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Guidelines and the Council's Strategic Plan. Council also met with the Alexandria Transit Company Stockholders prior to the start of the regular meeting.

**OPENING**

1. Calling the Roll.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Euille, and the Deputy City Clerk

called the roll; all the members of City Council were present.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meeting of City Council:

(a) The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2006.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Macdonald, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of October 24, 2006. The voting was as follows:

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

**RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

None.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

4. Presentation by the Senior Services of Alexandria of its Calendar for 2007.

City Council received the Calendar for 2007 from the Senior Services of Alexandria.

5. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing The Twirl Factory.

(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. 5; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of the record by reference.)

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

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

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Patricia Ferrao as City Employee of

the Month for October.

(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. 6; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of the record by reference.)

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

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

7. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring November 23, 2006, as Potomac West "Turkey Trot" 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; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of the record by reference.)

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

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

8. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring December 2, 2006, as the 36th Anniversary of the Campagna Center's Scottish Christmas Walk.

(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; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of the record by reference.)

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS ITEM NO. 1:** Joseph Seskey, Alexandria Police Department, presented the members of Council with copies of a book on the history of the Alexandria Police Department.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (9-14)**

#### **(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

9. Receipt of the Following Resignations From Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:
  - (a) Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS  
Tomas Cabrera
  - (b) Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities  
Merry Dawson Bown
  - (c) Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors  
John Varghese
  - (d) Alexandria Social Services Advisory Board  
Dana Clark

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9 (a-d); 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
  - (a) Alexandria Affordable Housing Advisory Committee  
1 Person Designated By, But Who Need Not Be A Member,  
of the Alexandria Commission on Aging  
1 Person Who Is Either A City Employee or A Teacher With  
the Alexandria City Public School System
  - (b) Alexandria-Gyumri Sister City Committee  
1 Citizen Member
  - (c) Alexandria Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee  
1 Member Designated by the Alexandria Chamber  
of Commerce
  - (d) Alexandria Commission on Aging

### 3 Citizen Members

- (e) Alexandria Commission on Employment  
1 Business Representative From Among Recognized Area  
Businesses, Including Minority-Owned and Small Businesses
- (f) Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS  
1 Member From and Representing the Inova Alexandria  
Hospital  
1 Citizen-at-Large
- (g) Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board  
1 Representative of Local Education To Be Nominated by  
the Superintendent of Schools
- (h) Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission  
1 Member From the Field of Urban Planning
- (i) Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee  
1 Citizen Member
- (j) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
1 Member Who Serves As A Volunteer At A Historic Property  
or Attraction Which Is Open to the Public on A Regularly  
Scheduled Basis  
1 Representative From the Alexandria Historical Restoration  
and Preservation Commission
- (k) Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission  
1 Citizen Member
- (l) Alexandria Public Records Advisory Commission  
1 Citizen Member
- (m) Alexandria Board of Review of Real Estate Assessments  
1 Citizen Member
- (n) Alexandria Social Services Advisory Board  
1 Citizen Member
- (o) Alexandria Youth Policy Commission  
1 Citizen Who Is 18 Years of Age or Younger  
1 Member of City Boards, Commissions or Other  
Organizations Having An Interest in Youth Issues
- (p) Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Inc.

## 2 At-Large Members

(A copy of 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. 10 (a-p); 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

### **(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

11. Receipt of Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2006. **THIS ITEM HAS BEEN DEFERRED.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 9, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Receipt of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Period Ending June 30, 2006.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 30, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

### **(Ordinances for Introduction)**

13. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations for FY 2007.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 8, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 13; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 3 of Item No. 13; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Grant a Citywide Wireless Internet Service Franchise. **THIS ITEM HAS BEEN DEFERRED.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 9, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14;

11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Consent Calendar, with the exception on 10(p), which was considered under separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

9. City Council accepted the following resignations with regret: (a) Tomas Cabrera, Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS; (b) Merry Dawson Bown, Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (c) John Varghese, Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors; and (d) Dana Clark, Alexandria Social Services Advisory Board.

10. City Council made the following appointments: (a) appointed William Harris as the person designated by, but who need not be a member, of the Alexandria Commission of Aging and appointed Desiree Maxwell as the person who is either a city employee or a teacher with the Alexandria City Public School System to the Alexandria Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; (b) waived the residency requirement and reappointed Dean Shahinian as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Gyumri Sister City Committee; (c) reappointed Margaret Gullen as the member designated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce to the Alexandria Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (d) reappointed Susan Dawson, David Horne and Helen McMaster as the three citizen members to the Alexandria Commission on Aging; (e) appointed Richard Kennedy as the business representative from among recognized area businesses, including minority owned and small businesses to the Alexandria Commission on Employment; (f) waived the residency requirement and appointed Rose-Marie Chaperon as the member from and representing the INOVA Alexandria Hospital and appointed Eileen Mathis as the citizen-at-large to the Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS; (g) waived the residency requirement and appointed Lawrence Jointer as the representative of local education to be nominated by the superintendent of schools to the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board; (h) appointed Carol Braegelmann as the member from the field of urban planning to the Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission; (i) appointed Cheryl Zadlo as the citizen member to the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (j) reappointed Ellen Stanton as the member who serves as a volunteer at a historic property or attraction which is open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis and appointed John Sprinkle as the representative from the Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (k) appointed Katie Blakesley as the citizen member to the Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission; (l) appointed David Kois as the citizen member to the Alexandria Public Records Advisory Commission; (m) appointed Lin Hiley as the citizen member to the Alexandria Board of Review of Real Estate Assessments; (n) appointed Nathaniel Johnson as the citizen member to the Alexandria Social Services Advisory Board; and (o) appointed Deborah Sackey as the citizen who is 18 years of age or younger and reappointed

Kimberly Moore as the member of city boards, commissions or other organizations having an interest in youth issues to the Alexandria Youth Policy Commission.

11. This item was deferred.

12. City Council received the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

13. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, November 18, 2006 and accepted the monetary and non-monetary gifts and donations to the City described in the Report on Monetary and Non-Monetary Gifts and Donations.

14. This item was deferred.

The voting was as follows:

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

10(p). Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Inc.  
2 At-Large Members

(A copy of 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. 10 (a-p); 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Smedberg inquired why the position was being filled with two applicants who were not City residents. Councilman Smedberg also requested that for future appointments, Council be provided with recommendations specifying why outside applicants would be best suited to fill the position.

Mayor Euille noted that the vacancies had been open for longer than six months and these were the only two applicants that responded. Ms. Boyd, Director, Citizens Assistance, pointed out that the letter for recommendation should contain a statement that gives a compelling reason for appointing an outside resident, but she will make sure the future recommendations contain the information.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Macdonald, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Franklin Lomax and Laurie Blackburn as the two at-large members to the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Inc. (AEDP). The voting was as follows:

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

**CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS**

15. Alexandria Commission for the Arts  
 1 Member Who Represents the Public-at-Large As An Arts  
 Consumer and Participant

(The following person volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME: ENDORSED:

Eileen O'Brien  
 Randall Scheessele

(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; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Eileen O'Brien as the member who represents the public-at-large as an arts consumer and participant to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	O'Brien
Macdonald	-	O'Brien
Gaines	-	O'Brien
Krupicka	-	O'Brien
Lovain	-	O'Brien
Pepper	-	O'Brien
Smedberg	-	O'Brien

16. Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission  
 1 Member From Planning District II

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

NAME: ENDORSED:

William Boyle	
Daniel McLaughlin	
Marc Miller	
Robert Moir	Michael Neilson

Edwin Jayne  
Jaquelyn Kittredge  
Dennis Burstein  
Yvonne Folkerts  
Brian Donegan

David Samonds  
Lindsey Swanson

Amy Slack  
David Fromm

(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; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots tallied with the following results. No one receive a majority vote, therefore there had to be a second balloting:

Euille	-	Boyle
Macdonald	-	Moir
Gaines	-	Moir
Krupicka	-	Swanson
Lovain	-	Boyle
Pepper	-	Swanson
Smedberg	-	Swanson

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were again distributed, tellers were again appointed and the ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Lindsey Swanson as the member from Planning District II to the Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Swanson
Macdonald	-	Moir
Gaines	-	Moir
Krupicka	-	Swanson
Lovain	-	Boyle
Pepper	-	Swanson
Smedberg	-	Swanson

17. Alexandria Sister Cities Committee  
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME:

ENDORSED:

Dena Corson

John McCarty  
Timothy Ramsey

(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; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Dena Corson as the citizen member to the Alexandria Sister Cities Committee. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Corson
Macdonald	-	McCarty
Gaines	-	Corson
Krupicka	-	Corson
Lovain	-	Corson
Pepper	-	Corson
Smedberg	-	Ramsey

#### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION**

18. Presentation by Alexandria Health Director Dr. Charles Konigsberg on the Draft Pandemic Influenza Interim Planning Report Developed in Coordination with the Mayor's Working Group on Pandemic Flu Planning.

(A copy of the report dated November 2006, is on file in Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Dr. Konigsberg, Alexandria Health Director, gave a presentation on the draft pandemic influenza interim planning report and responded to questions from members of Council.

19. Consideration of an Addendum to the City's Legislative Package for the 2007 General Assembly Session to Request Staff to Monitor Legislation During the Session to Require a Paper Audit Trail For Voting Machines.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 31, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Gaines, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council incorporated the addendum from Councilmen Krupicka and Gaines into the 2007 Legislative Package which is scheduled for public hearing on Saturday, November 18: That staff monitor the 2007 Session for legislation that would require a paper trail for electronic voting

machines, and forward such legislation to Council so that Council may take a position on it. The voting was as follows:

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

20. Consideration of Authorization of a Grant Application in the Amount of \$92,000 to the Department of Criminal Justice Services For a Two Year Project to Enhance Sexual and Domestic Violence Services. (#12, 10/24/06)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 10, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Macdonald, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) authorized the grant application to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) in the amount of \$92,000 and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. The voting was as follows:

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

21. Receipt of Listing of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes: Authorization to Advertise the Listings and Write-off Balances Less than Twenty Dollars.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 30, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 11/14/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Macdonald and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received the listings of delinquent local property taxes; (2) authorized that parts of the delinquent real estate tax listing deemed advisable by the Director of Finance and having a balance due of \$1,000 or more be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City. Also, that parts of the real estate tax and personal property tax listings deemed advisable by the Director of Finance be listed on the City of Alexandria website; and (3) authorized the Director of Finance to write off the uncollected tax balances amounting to less than twenty dollars each for which the Director of Finance has determined that the cost of collecting such balances would exceed the recoverable amount, provided that the Director of Finance will not include any balance which he has reason to believe the taxpayer has purposely paid less than the amount due and owed. The voting was as

follows:

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

22. Consideration of a Revision to the Home Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRLP) to Institute an Anti-Speculation Policy.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 6, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 22; 11/14/06 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council approved a change to the Office of Housing's Home Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRLP) to impose an anti-speculation surcharge of up to 25% of the City's loan amount on future loan funds provided through the HRLP. The voting was as follows:

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

23. Consideration of Proposal to Add a Fourth Bay to the Proposed Potomac Yard Fire Station.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 10, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 23; 11/14/06 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Krupicka and carried unanimously, City Council approved the addition of the fourth bay to the proposed Potomac Yard Fire Station. Funding for the fourth bay and the "green" elements of the station would be included in the FY 2008 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which will be presented to Council in February as part of the City Manager's Proposed Budget. The voting was as follows:

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

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

**None**

**ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

(a) Vice Mayor Macdonald reported that last weekend the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Task Force held an adjunct walk to review the construction of sound walls along Church Street and along the edge of Route 1.

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

(a) Councilwoman Pepper congratulated Lucretia Jackson, principal at Maury Elementary School, on being recognized by the Washington Post as a Distinguished Educational Leader.

(b) Councilwoman Pepper reported that the Grand re-opening ceremony was held for the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum on Saturday, November 11. Councilwoman Pepper noted that the museum has become a part of the City's historical properties.

(c) Councilman Krupicka noted that he and Councilwoman Pepper met recently with the Environmental Policy Commission to begin discussing the developmental action plan, with environmental benchmarks consistent with the City's Strategic Plan. Councilman Krupicka also reported that the local campus of Virginia Tech has expressed an interest in participating in the plan development and will be preparing a proposal along with staff over the next few weeks. Councilman Krupicka stated that the proposal will be presented to Council in December.

(d) Mayor Euille reported that he recently toured the new T. C. Williams High School project and he noted that the school was about 75% complete. Mayor Euille stated that the building was state-of-the-art and very impressive and is on budget and on schedule to open up by September 2007.

(e) Vice Mayor Macdonald reported that he attended the National Trust for Historic Preservation meeting in Pennsylvania last week and stated that he hoped City staff will be able to attend in the future. Vice Mayor Macdonald noted that there was a definite relationship between historic preservation, affordable housing and small business development and these meetings are good for the exchange of ideas.

(f) Vice Mayor Macdonald reported that on Friday through Sunday, the Historic Alexandria Foundation will hold its Annual Antiques Show to raise money for historic preservation in the City.

(g) Vice Mayor Macdonald inquired about leaf collection and how the damp leaves would be collected, including prohibiting parking in certain areas to properly clean the streets.

In response to Vice Mayor Macdonald, Mr. Baier, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services, stated that under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit, the City is required to sweep all the streets in the CSO area. Mr. Baier noted that the parking prohibition is possible but not within the next couple of weeks because it would preempt leaf collection in zone III, which has numerous trees.

#### **ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

None.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

24. Consideration of a Resolution Establishing the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Targets for the Alexandria City Government and the Alexandria Public Schools.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 10, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 24; 11/14/06 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilmember Lovain and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted a resolution establishing the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Targets for the Alexandria City Government and Alexandria Public Schools. The voting was as follows:

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

The resolution reads as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2211**

##### **Budget Resolution Setting Targets for FY 2008 General Fund Operating Budget**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Alexandria passed Resolution 2205 on October 10, 2006 that established the process to be used for formulating the budget during the term of this Council and requires that City Council set budget targets for the City Manager and the School Board for the FY 2008 budget;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a public hearing on the FY 2008 budget on October 24, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager and the Alexandria City Public Schools Superintendent have presented to City Council at its November 4, 2006 retreat their

preliminary forecasts of revenues, expenditures and capital needs; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council's deliberations on the budget each and every year reflect a balancing of the needs of the community, with the community's ability to afford services to meet those needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is committed to continue performing fully its obligations to provide the core services expected of a municipal government and to continue to provide quality services and facilities for the residents and businesses of Alexandria; and

**WHEREAS**, residential real estate taxes have borne an increasing share of the burden of paying for City and School services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is committed to managing the growth of City General Fund operating and capital expenditures in order to help address the issue of increased residential real estate taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is committed to assisting Alexandria City Public Schools in achieving its mission and being among the best in Northern Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is committed to maintaining a fair, reasonable and competitive compensation plan for City and School employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is committed to continuously improving City government effectiveness and efficiency, and expects the City Manager and City staff to focus on managing for results; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is committed to maintaining its top AAA/Aaa credit ratings; and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient time for the budget process is necessary for the City Council and the community to deliberate on the various issues raised given the budget's complexity and importance;

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

1. That the City Manager shall submit a proposed FY 2008 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program to the City Council no later than February 13, 2007, that does not exceed a target of \$353.4 million for General Fund expenditures. The target includes the cost of whatever cost of living adjustment is to be provided to City employees. This target does not include the operating budget transfer to the Alexandria City Public Schools.
2. That the School Board of the Alexandria City Public Schools is requested to approve a FY 2008 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program by no later

than January 31, 2007. Such budget shall seek not to exceed a target of \$155.5 million for the operating budget transfer provided to the Alexandria City Public Schools. This target includes the cost of whatever cost of living adjustment is to be provided to Schools employees. Such budget, if it shall exceed the Council approved budget target for the Operating Budget transfer, shall (as specified in section a(8) of Resolution 2205) clearly identify what operating programs and activities and capital projects would be funded if additional funding were provided above that target.

3. That the budget documents of both the City Manager and the School Board shall clearly describe what operating programs and activities and capital projects could be funded within the budget target and what operating programs and activities and capital projects and other policy options may exceed the target budget and, to the extent possible, what the impact would be on the performance of those programs (the results) that are proposed either for possible expansion or reduction.

4. That the City Manager and the School board shall assume on a preliminary basis that a COLA of 0 % is included in the targets established in sections 1 and 2 above. The City Manager may recommend, and Council may adopt, a different percentage COLA than that assumed above, but such a recommendation shall not change the targets established by sections 1 and 2 above.

5. That the City Manager propose a real estate tax rate and other tax, fee and other revenue options necessary for financing the target budget, as appropriate.

## **OTHER**

25. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 10, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 25; 11/14/06 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) scheduled a joint work session with the School Board on Monday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council work room; (2) scheduled a work session on the Braddock Small Area Plan on Monday, December 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council work room; (3) scheduled a work session on the Landmark/Van Dorn Small Area Plan on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council work room; (4) scheduled a work session on Before and After School/Preschool/Out-of-School Program issues at 5:30 p.m. before Council's Tuesday, January 9 legislative session; and (5) scheduled a reception for presentation of the Jaycees Annual Awards at 5:30 p.m. before Council's Tuesday, January 23 legislative meeting in the new Sister Cities Conference Room adjacent to the Vola Lawson Lobby and noted the revised calendar included: the 30th Anniversary Alexandria EMS Council Founders Awards ceremony and reception on Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the INOVA Alexandria Hospital auditorium, and First Night Alexandria on Sunday, December 31 at various sites throughout Old Town and Del Ray

sections of the City. The voting was as follows:

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

26. Consideration of Convening An Executive Session Closed to the Public For Discussion of Potential Litigation.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, in lieu of an executive session, City Council authorized the City Attorney to settle the Bruce Hill workers' compensation claim as discussed in the November 10, 2006 memorandum. The voting was as follows:

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

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, the regular City Council meeting of November 14, 2006, was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. The voting was as follows:

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

APPROVED BY:

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Gloria Sitton, CMC      Deputy City Clerk