

CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 2008 - - 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Hartmann, City Manager; Mr. Pessoa, City Attorney; Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Boyd, Director, Citizen Assistance; Ms. Winey, Grants Coordinator, City Manager's Office; Ms. Bonds, Communications Director, City Manager's Office; Ms. Blackford, Communications Officer, City Manager's Office; Mr. Johnson, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Wheel, Budget Analyst, OMB; Mr. Coleman, Division Chief, General Services; Fire Chief Thiel; Mr. Caton, Legislative Director; Ms. Davis, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. McIlvaine, Deputy Director, Office of Housing; Mr. McPike, Division Chief, General Services; Mr. Catlett, Director, Code Enforcement; Mr. Cox, Code Enforcement Architect, Code Enforcement; Ms. Mason, Special Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office; Mr. Hicks, Director, Black History Museum; Ms. A. Davis, Assistant Director, Black History Museum; Mr. Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria; Mr. Herway, Director, ITS; Mr. Chozick, Division Chief, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Collins, Director/Assistant City Manager, Department of Human Services; Mr. Frazier, Director/Youth Services, Department of Human Services; Mr. Mackey, Gang Liaison, Court Service Unit; Mr. King, Senior Project Manager, General Services; Ms. Carlton, Park Planner, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Battalion Chief North, Fire Department; Mr. Colevas, ITS; Police Lt. Ogden; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

City Council held its annual meeting with the Alexandria Transit Company Stockholders at 6:45 p.m. to discuss: (1) the election of members of the Board of Directors; (2) the selection of an independent outside auditor; and (3) the adoption of a

25 cents fare increase during peak time periods.

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 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 February 12, 2008.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of February 12, 2008. The voting was as follows;

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

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

New Business Item #1: Mayor Euille recognized students who participate in Hoop International Academy, a reading program for students in the City of Alexandria.

PROCLAMATIONS

- 4. Recognition of Steve Goehler and Megan Mascelli as Winners of the Hilton Old Town Winter Wedding Giveaway.

This item was postponed and rescheduled for the March 11 Legislative Meeting.

- 5. Presentation to the City of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Award of Excellence For The Station at Potomac Yard, a Partnership Between the City of Alexandria and Potomac Yard Development, LLC (Pulte Homes and Centex Homes).

City Council received the U.S. Conference of Mayors Award for Excellence for the Station at Potomac Yard, a partnership between the City of Alexandria and Potomac Yard Development, LLC (Pulte Homes and Centex Homes).

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing February as Black History 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. 6; 02/26/08, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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"	Lovain	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	

7. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Carlton A. Funn, Sr.

(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; 02/26/08, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

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

8. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing March 1, 2008 as St. Patrick's Day Parade Day and March as Irish-American 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. 8; 02/26/08, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

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

OTHER

8.1 Recommendations and Status Report on Legislation Introduced at the 2008 General Assembly Session.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 25, 2008, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item 8.1; 02/26/08, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Legislative Director Caton reported on the status of the legislation before the General Assembly, gave an update on legislation relevant to the City's Legislative Package and responded to questions from Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council received the report and thanked Legislative Director Caton for all his hard word during the session. The voting was as follows:

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

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (9-16)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

9. Receipt of the Following Resignations From Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
Sarah Conrad
 - (b) Alexandria Commission on Aging
Susan Lee Dawson
 - (c) Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission
Sarah Sturtevant
 - (d) Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission
William Conkey

(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. 9 (a-d); 02/26/08, and

is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Human Rights Commission
1 Citizen Member

- (b) Alexandria Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
1 Resident Who Is Neither A Landlord or Tenant (Homeowner)
1 Landlord or A Representative of A Landlord

(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-b); 02/26/08, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

11. Consideration of Application for Grant Funds From America's Promise 100 Best Communities for Youth to Implement Prevention Initiatives for Youth in Alexandria.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 21, 2008, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 02/26/08, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of Application for Grant Funds for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 11, 2008, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 02/26/08, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2008.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 19, 2008, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 02/26/08, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of Authorization of Recommended Capital Project Allocations and Planned Expenditures.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 19, 2008, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 02/26/08, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Receipt of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts Annual Report for FY 2007.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 19, 2008, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 02/26/08, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Submission of Grant Application to the Virginia Commission for the Arts for Funds for a Local Government Challenge Grant for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 20, 2008, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 02/26/08, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of docket item #14, which was considered under separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

9. City Council accepted the following resignations with regret: (a) Sarah Conrad, Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) Susan Lee Dawson, Alexandria Commission on Aging; (c) Sarah Sturtevant, Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission; and (d) William Conkey, Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission.

10. City Council made the following appointments: (a) appointed Collette Harrell as the citizen member to the Alexandria Human Rights Commission; and (b) reappointed Fletcher Johnson as the resident who is neither a landlord or tenant (homeowner) and reappointed Joann Poladian as the landlord or a representative of a landlord to the Alexandria Landlord-Tenant Relations Board.

11. City Council: (1) authorized the grant application in the amount of \$45,000 for funding to implement prevention initiatives for youth using the America's Promise-The Alliance for Youth program model; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application (there is no grant application due date, and funding decision will be based on availability of fund), not to exceed \$12,900; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

13. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2008.

15. City Council received the Annual Report from the Alexandria Commission

for the Arts and thanked the Commission for its efforts on behalf of the City.

16. City Council authorized the City Manager to: (1) submit a grant application, in the amount of \$5,000, to the Virginia Commission for the Arts' Local Government Challenge grant program; and (2) execute all necessary documents that may be required. The Alexandria Commission for the Arts (ACA) prepared the application and fully endorsed its submission.

The voting was as follows:

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

14. Consideration of Authorization of Recommended Capital Project Allocations and Planned Expenditures.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 19, 2008, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 02/26/08, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Smedberg inquired which year would provide the money for the Public Transportation and Traffic Control funding.

In response to Councilman Smedberg, Office of Management and Budget Director Johnson stated that each year Council provided an amount in the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) budget for such projects and he noted that there was a balance of \$1.2 million in this particular year that could be allocated.

WHEREUPON, upon motion Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper 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"	Gaines	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

17. Alexandria Commission on Information Technology
1 Member Representing the Alexandria City Library Board

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

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Lynda Rudd

Alexandria Library Board

(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; 02/26/08, 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 waived the residency requirement and appointed Lynda Rudd as the member representing the Alexandria City Library Board to the Alexandria Commission on Information Technology. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Rudd
Pepper	-	Rudd
Gaines	-	Rudd
Krupicka	-	Rudd
Lovain	-	Rudd
Smedberg	-	Rudd
Wilson	-	Rudd

18. Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Karen Grane
Maria Lerner
Heidi Meinzer
Alexis Stackhouse

(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; 02/26/08, 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 reappointed Heidi Meinzer as the citizen member to the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Meinzer
Pepper	-	Meinzer
Gaines	-	Meinzer

Krupicka	-	Meinzer
Lovain	-	Meinzer
Smedberg	-	Meinzer
Wilson	-	Meinzer

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

19. Allocation of Capital Funds for the Construction of the New DASH Bus Maintenance Facility.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 22, 2008, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 02/26/08, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. McPike, Division Chief, General Services, gave a presentation to Council on the new DASH Bus Maintenance Facility and responded to questions from Council about the proposed project and funding for the project.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council authorized the capital project allocation of \$32,353,000 in Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Urban Funds for constructing and equipping the new DASH Bus Maintenance Facility. The voting was as follows:

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

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

None

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Councilman Gaines announced that the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association will be holding its monthly forum on Thursday, February 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hotel Monaco entitled, "Company's Coming: An Update on National Harbor." Councilman Gaines invited everyone to come out and get an update on the project.

(b) Councilman Wilson reported that he made a presentation at the Council of Governments (COG), Human Services Policy Committee regarding Adolescent Pregnancy and how to address the issue on a regional level. Councilman Wilson pointed out that he highlighted how the communities around the region reported

statistics about adolescent pregnancy differently and the COG staff is going to try to find some uniformity in reporting methods. Councilman Wilson requested that COG staff take a look at the possibility of implementing some of the region's best practices in a regional approach.

(c) Councilman Krupicka reported that he and Councilman Smedberg co-chaired the first meeting of the Economic Sustainability Work Group Implementation Team this evening and everyone is focused and committed to implementing the items of the plan. Councilman Krupicka stated that the work group will be meeting monthly.

(d) Councilman Krupicka congratulated Councilman Gaines on being named the Chair of the Council of Governments Metropolitan Development Policy Committee and noted that this is another testament to Council's commitment to regional cooperation.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Councilman Krupicka reported that the City of Alexandria was named as one of the "50 Greenest Cities in the United States" by Popular Science Magazine.

(b) Councilman Krupicka requested an update from Code Enforcement concerning the rodent problem in the Arlandria area of the City. Councilman Krupicka noted that there have been photographs circulated among Council showing the dramatic effect the problem is having on the neighborhood.

In response to Councilman Krupicka, Code Enforcement Director Catlett stated that Code Enforcement monitors the area daily to try to abate the problem. Mr. Catlett also stated that part of the problem stems from the complex changing exterminator contractor, eliminating the filling of the holes as one of the services provided. Mr. Catlett noted that the unfilled holes make monitoring the rodent problem difficult. Mr. Catlett also noted that the complex also changed the time between garbage pickup from biweekly to daily collection, in hopes of alleviating the problem.

(c) Councilman Smedberg noted that he and Councilman Krupicka would like to meet with Mayor Euille and City Manager Hartmann to discuss some of the approaches to addressing the implementation of the Economic Sustainability items.

(d) Councilman Smedberg reported that the Marketing Committee had its second meeting last week and the committee is almost ready to openly solicit applications from the community for grants.

(e) Mayor Euille congratulated the T.C. Williams High School Varsity Girls and Boys basketball teams for winning their third Patriot District Championships.

(f) Mayor Euille congratulated T.C. Williams High School for winning the 2008 AON Build America Award, Design Build New Category. Mayor Euille reported

that the formal award ceremony will be held on March 13 at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada and representatives from the School District and Helsel Phelps Construction Company will be there to accept the award.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

OTHER

20. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 21, 2008, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 02/26/08, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the City Council revised calendar for the months of February 2008 through June 2008, which includes: (1) the Eco-City Cafe on Saturday, March 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Avenue, which will feature City environmental efforts; (2) the Alexandria Technology Achievement Awards ceremony and dinner on Thursday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m., at the Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square; and (3) the City's Annual Health Fair on Friday, May 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street and the addition of a Joint Work Session on March 10 with the Alexandria Sanitation Authority at 6:00 p.m., in the Sister Cities Conference Room, to discuss land-use issues. The voting was as follows:

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilman Gaines, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously, the regular City Council meeting of February 26, 2008, was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The voting was as follows:

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

Wilson "aye"

APPROVED BY:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC Deputy City Clerk