

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2009
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 
SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE

ISSUE: City Council Schedule.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) Adopt the Council meeting schedule for September 2009 through June 2010, which includes Council's legislative and public hearing meetings with the change in public hearing meeting dates for November, January and February as noted in the calendar which also includes:
- The City's 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony at noon on Friday, September 11 in Market Square;
 - Family Health and Fitness Day on Saturday, September 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe Street;
 - The grand opening event for Beverly Park apartments on Thursday, September 24 at 5:00 p.m., Notabene Drive;
 - The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria's Annual Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 3;
 - The DOT Paratransit 25th Anniversary Celebration reception at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6 in the Vola Lawson Lobby; and
 - Two Council Retreats – one on Council's Strategic Plan on Saturday, September 26 and one on the Budget on Saturday, November 7 both beginning at 8:30 a.m. Both Retreats will be held at 2900 Business Center Drive, the offices of the

Department of Transportation and Environmental Services and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Maintenance Division.

- (2) Schedule the grand opening for the Station at Potomac Yard at 8:30 a.m. before Council's Saturday, October 17 public hearing meeting;
- (3) Schedule the ribbon cutting for the new DASH facility at 8:30 a.m. before Council's Saturday, November 21 public hearing meeting;
- (4) Schedule the following work sessions in the Council work room:
 - Urban Forestry Plan implementation at 5:30 p.m. before Council's Tuesday, October 13 legislative session;
 - Waterfront Plan Update at 5:30 p.m. before Council's Tuesday, October 27 legislative meeting;
 - Potomac Yard at 5:30 p.m. before Council's Tuesday, November 24 legislative meeting;
 - Small Business City Process Improvements and Public Art Policy at 5:30 p.m. before Council's Tuesday, December 8 legislative meeting; and
 - King Street Retail at 5:30 p.m. before Council's Tuesday, January 12 legislative meeting.

DISCUSSION: Each September Council formally adopts its regular meeting schedule from September-June. We propose that the Saturday public hearing meeting for November be changed due to a conflict with the National League of Cities annual meeting and that the public hearings in January and February be moved as a result of three-day holiday weekends.

On Friday, September 11, at noon in Market Square the City will pause to remember the events of September 11, 2001. A brief program will be held and Council members are invited to participate.

I recommend that we hold the grand opening of The Station at Potomac Yard at 8:30 a.m. before Council's Saturday, October 17 public hearing meeting. The Station, a mixed use development, combines a new four-bay fire station (Station 209), 64 units of affordable and workforce rental housing with retail space. The first floor of the "green" building will be LEED certified and the three residential stories above the fire station are EarthCraft certified. Following a brief formal program, tours of the fire station and some housing units will be offered to the public until noon.

The grand opening of the newly rehabilitated Beverly Park Apartments, located on Notabene Drive, in Arlandria, is scheduled for Thursday, September 24 at 5:00 p.m. The event will also celebrate Wesley Housing Development Corporation's 35th anniversary of providing housing and support services for low and moderate income households throughout Northern Virginia. Tours of Beverly Park will be offered during the grand opening event.

On Saturday, September 12, the City of Alexandria, the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria, the 50 Million Pound Challenge, State Farm and MECKids.com will sponsor a Family Health & Fitness Day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe Street. The event will include youth events, health screenings, nutritional information, bike tips, and healthy snacks. There will also be fun activities, raffles and prizes for participants of all ages. Virginia Congressman Jim Moran and Mayor Euille will weigh in to determine who has won the May, 2009 weight loss challenge.

We are proposing that Council schedule a series of work sessions before its legislative meetings this fall. The topics are those of which Council asked for staff updates and Council discussion.

ATTACHMENT: Council Calendar

STAFF: Michele Evans, Deputy City Manager

City Council Schedule - SEPTEMBER 2009 as of 9-2-09

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 HOLIDAY Labor Day	8 6:00 P.M. Annual Citizenship Day Event, Market Square 7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chamber	9	10	11 12:00 P.M. 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony, Market Square	12 Festival of the Arts 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Family Health and Fitness Day, Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe Street 9:30 A.M. Council Public Hearing, Council Chamber
13 Festival of the Arts	14	15	16	17	18 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	19 Rosh Hashanah 4
20	21	22 7:00 P.M. Council Second Legislative Session, Council Chamber	23	24 5:00 P.M. Grand opening for Beverly Park apartments, Notabene Drive	25	26 8:30 A.M. Council Retreat, 2900 Business Center Drive
27 Yom Kippur begins at sundown	28 Yom Kippur	29	30			

City Council Schedule - OCTOBER 2009 as of 9-2-09

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 6:30 P.M. Animal Welfare League of Alexandria Annual Dinner and Silent Auction, Holiday Inn, 625 First Street
4	5	6 5:30 P.M. DOT Paratransit 25 th Anniversary Celebration reception, Vola Lawson Lobby	7	8	9	10
11	12 HOLIDAY Columbus Day	13 7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chamber	14	15	16	17 9:30 A.M. Council Public Hearing, Council Chamber 5
18 Virginia Municipal League Annual Conference, Roanoke	19 Virginia Municipal League Annual Conference, Roanoke	20 Virginia Municipal League Annual Conference, Roanoke	21	22	23	24 8:00 A.M. Walk to Fight Breast Cancer, AMC Hoffinan Theatres, Eisenhower Avenue
25	26	27 7:00 P.M. Council Second Legislative Session, Council Chamber	28	29	30	31

City Council Schedule - NOVEMBER 2009 as of 9-2-09

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 8:30 A.M. Council Retreat, 2900 Business Center Drive
8	9	10 5:30 P.M. Work session with General Assembly Delegation, Council work room	11 National League of Cities Conference, San Antonio, Texas Veterans Day	12 National League of Cities Conference, San Antonio, Texas	13 National League of Cities Conference, San Antonio, Texas	14 National League of Cities Conference, San Antonio, Texas
		7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chamber				9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 9:30 A.M. Council Public Hearing, Council Chamber
22	23	24 7:00 P.M. Council Second Legislative Session, Council Chamber	25	26 HOLIDAY Thanksgiving	27 HOLIDAY 7:00 P.M. Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Market Square	28
29	30					

City Council Schedule - DECEMBER 2009 as of 9-2-09

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 10:30 A.M. Scottish Christmas Walk
6	7	8 7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chamber	9	10	11 Hanukkah begins at sundown	12 9:30 A.M. Council Public Hearing, Council Chamber 7
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 HOLIDAY Christmas Eve	25 HOLIDAY Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31		

City Council Schedule - JANUARY 2010 as of 9-2-09

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 HOLIDAY	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chamber	13	14	15	16
17	18 HOLIDAY Martin Luther King, Jr Day	19	20	21	22	23 9:30 A.M. Council Public Hearing, Council Chamber 8
24	25	26 7:00 P.M. Council Second Legislative Session, Council Chamber	27	28	29	30
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City Council Schedule - FEBRUARY 2010 as of 9-2-09

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 7:00 P.M. 2 nd Annual Historic Alexandria Museum Gala, Holiday Inn Old Town, 625 First Street
7	8	9 7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chamber	10	11 VML Day, Richmond	12	13
14	15 HOLIDAY Presidents' Day 1:00 P.M. G.W. Birthday Parade	16	17	18	19	20 9:30 A.M. Council Public Hearing, Council Chamber 9
21	22	23 7:00 P.M. Council Second Legislative Session, Council Chamber	24	25	26	27
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City Council Schedule - MARCH 2010 as of 9-2-09

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 10:30 A.M. St. Patrick's Day Parade
7	8	9 7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chamber	10	11	12	13 9:30 A.M. Council Public Hearing, Council Chamber
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 7:00 P.M. Council Second Legislative Session, Council Chamber	24	25	26	27
28	29 Passover begins at sundown	30 Passover	31			

City Council Schedule - APRIL 2010 as of 9-2-09

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chamber	14	15	16	17 9:30 A.M. Council Public Hearings, Council Chamber
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	26	27 7:00 P.M. Council Second Legislative Session, Council Chamber	28	29	30	
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City Council Schedule – MAY 2010 as of 9-2-09

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chamber	12	13	14	15 9:30 A.M. Council Public Hearing, Council Chamber <i>2</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 7:00 P.M. Council Second Legislative Session, Council Chamber	26	27	28	29
30	31 HOLIDAY Memorial Day					

City Council Schedule – JUNE 2010 as of 9-2-09

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chamber	9	10	11	12 9:30 A.M. Council Public Hearing, Council Chamber
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 7:00 P.M. Council Second Legislative Session, Council Chamber	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			