

**CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

**Public Hearing Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 22, 2011 - - 9:30 a.m.**

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Present: Mayor William D. Euille, Vice Mayor Kerry J. Donley, Members of Council Frank H. Fannon, K. Rob Krupicka, and Redella S. Pepper.

Absent: Members of Council Alicia Hughes and Paul C. Smedberg.

Also Present: Mr. Hartmann, City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Hamer, Director, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Ross, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Baker, City Engineer; Mr. Catlett, Director, Code Administration; Ms. Harris, Communications Officer, Office of Communications and Public Information; Mr. Saenz, ITS; Police Captain Ogden; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

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**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, except Councilwoman Hughes and Councilman Smedberg, who both had excused absences.

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Mayor Euille expressed condolences on behalf of City Council to the family of John Ariail, who passed away on Thursday.

Mayor Euille also announced that January is National Mentoring Month and he noted that there will be a Mentoring Partnership Open House held on Tuesday, January 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Lyceum Museum.

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## 2. Public Discussion Period.

The following people participated in the public discussion period:

(a) Dino Drudi, 315 North West Street, spoke about the fiscal impact of illegal immigration on local taxpayers and distributed a booklet from the Federation for American Immigration Reform to Council.

(b) Phillip Ellis, 718 Oronoco Street, representing the Sierra Club, introduced himself to Council and announced the opening of the Sierra Club field office in the Del Ray community. Mr. Ellis thanked the City for its warm reception and stated that the Sierra Club looks forward to working with the City in the near future.

## REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

### **ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR (3) Planning Commission**

3. SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0073  
816 B NORTH SAINT ASAPH STREET  
LOCAL MOTION STUDIO  
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to operate a yoga, pilates and dance studio (private commercial school) with off-site parking and a parking reduction; zoned CD-X/Commercial Downtown. Applicant: Sara Lavan.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend Approval 7-0

(A copy of the Planning Commission report dated January 4, 2011, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 3; 01/22/11, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

### **END OF ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Vice Mayor Donley and carried unanimously, City Council deferred docket item #3 until the February public hearing meeting at the request of the applicant. The voting was as follows:

Krupicka	"aye"	Fannon	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Hughes	absent
Euille	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
	Smedberg	absent	

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

None.

### **REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)**

#### **Planning Commission (continued)**

4. SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0072  
5951 STEVENSON AVENUE

RESTAURANT AND BANQUET HALL

Public Hearing and consideration of a request for an amendment to increase seating and add a banquet hall at an existing restaurant; zoned CRMU/M/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (medium). Applicant: Hashim Abbasi

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend Approval 7-0

(A copy of the Planning Commission report dated January 4, 2011, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 4; 01/22/11, 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 approved the Planning Commission recommendation. The voting was as follows:

Krupicka	"aye"	Donley	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Fannon	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Hughes	absent
	Smedberg		absent

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- 5. Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage an Ordinance to Amend the Number of Members to Make a Quorum of the Landlord Tenant Relations Board From Six to Five. (#8, 1/11/11)

(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. 1 of Item No. 5; 01/22/11, 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. 2 of Item No. 5; 01/22/11, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 5-0 by roll-call vote, City Council passed the ordinance to amend the number of members to make a quorum of the Landlord Tenant Relations Board from six to five. The voting was as follows:

Donley	"aye"	Fannon	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Hughes	absent
	Smedberg		absent

The ordinance reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 4703

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 5 (LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONS BOARD), Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 5 (LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONS), Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained by the following amendment of Section 12-5-3 to read as follows:

Sec. 12-5-3 Meetings--quorum; rules of procedure; duty of secretary; report; compensation of members.

All members of the board shall be entitled to vote and the decisions of the board shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present. A quorum of ~~six~~ five (5) members present is required before the board may take official action. A member present but not voting shall be considered in counting a quorum. When voting on any question the determination may be made by secret ballot but no proxy shall be allowed at any time; provided that nothing herein shall prevent either party from having a poll of the board. All meetings of the board shall be open to the public and a full and impartial hearing shall be granted on all matters. Insofar as reasonably possible, all hearings shall be informal and free from technical rules of law and evidence. The secretary of the board shall cause minutes of its proceedings to be kept and all findings and decisions be reduced to writing and entered as a matter of public record in the office of the secretary. In matters concerning the procedure for meetings not covered by this chapter, the board may establish its own rules, provided these are not contrary to the mandate or spirit of this chapter. The board shall render each six (6) months to the city council a written report of its activities under the provisions of this chapter along with any comments and recommendations as it may choose to make. The board shall meet at least once each month from September to June, and may meet in July and August. Members shall serve without compensation but may receive any reimbursement for expenses as the council may from time to time allow. The board shall not expend or authorize the expenditure of city funds except with the specific approval of city council.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)**

**DEFERRAL/WITHDRAWAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Planning Commission (continued)**

None.

**END OF DEFERRAL/WITHDRAWAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the public hearing meeting of January 22, 2011 at 9:42 a.m. The voting was as follows:

Donley	"aye"	Fannon	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Hughes	absent
	Smedberg	absent	

APPROVED BY:

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE      MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC    Deputy City Clerk