

# CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 9, 2004 - - 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,  
Paul C. Smedberg and Joyce Woodson.

Absent: Councilman Andrew H. Macdonald

Also Present: Mr. Sunderland, City Manager; Ms. Evans, Assistant City  
Manager; Mr. Pessoa, City Attorney; Mr. Jinks, Assistant  
City Manager; Mr. Baier, Director of Transportation and  
Environmental Services; Ms. Baker, City Engineer; Ms.  
Gordon, Public Information Officer; Mr. Johnson, Director of  
Office of Management and Budget; Ms. Collins, Director of  
Human Services (DHS); Mr. Dahlberg, Director of Code  
Enforcement; Mr. Kincannon, Director of Recreation, Parks  
and Cultural Services; Mr. Penn, Emergency Management  
Coordinator; Ms. Davis, Director of Office of Housing; Mr.  
Eiffert, Deputy Director of Office of Housing; Ms. Boyd,  
Director of Citizen Assistance; Ms. Barron, Division Chief,  
Office of Housing; Mr. Cochran, Division Chief, Office of  
Housing; Mr. Neckel, Director of Finance; Mr. Culpepper,  
Deputy Director of Transportation and Environmental  
Services; Ms. Fogarty, Director of Planning and Zoning; Ms.  
Ross, Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning; Mr. Lloyd,  
General Services; Mr. Colon, ITS; and Police Lieutenant  
Uzzell.

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

## OPENING

### 1. Calling the Roll.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Euille and the Deputy City Clerk called the roll; all members of Council, except Councilman Macdonald, were present.

### 2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3. Singing of the National Anthem by William Stewart, Jr.

Mr. Stewart performed a rendition of the Star Spangled Banner.

4. **WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Gaines, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 25, 2004. The voting was as follows:

Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

#### RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

#### PROCLAMATIONS

5. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring June as Safe Graduation 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. 5, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mayor Euille presented the proclamation.

**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"	Macdonald	absent
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Volunteers.

(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, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Gaines and Councilman Krupicka presented the proclamation.

**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"	Pepper	"aye"
Krupicka	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

## **NEW BUSINESS ITEM NO.1**

Vice Mayor Pepper presented a proclamation from Senator Patsy Ticer to the City commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the French and Indian War and the participation of the Carlyle House in the War.

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

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (7-19)**

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

7. Receipt of the Following Resignations From Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:
  - (a) Alexandria Archaeological Commission  
Mark H. Fields
  - (b) Alexandria Commission for the Arts  
Justine Walden  
Meera Wolfe
  - (c) Alexandria Social Services Advisory Board  
Robert Shriver
  - (d) Alexandria Woodrow Wilson Neighborhood Task Force  
Lewis Robinson

(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. 7, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
  - (a) Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities  
1 Citizen Member Who Has A Disability
  - (b) Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee

1 Citizen Member

- (c) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
1 Representative From Christ Church
- (d) Alexandria Local Emergency Planning Committee  
1 Representative From the Alexandria Law Enforcement Personnel
- (e) USS Alexandria Liaison Committee  
1 Citizen-at-Large
- (f) Alexandria Waterfront Committee  
1 Representative From the Old Town Business Association
- (g) Alexandria Youth Policy Commission  
1 Member of City Boards, Commissions or Other Organizations  
Having An Interest In Youth Issues

(Material pertaining to 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. 8(a-g), 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

9. Submission of a Non-competitive Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Litter Prevention and Recycling Program, For Funding for the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 4, 2004, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Submission of Citizen Corps Program Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2004, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Receipt of the City's Proposed Solid Waste Management Plan and Setting it For Public Hearing on Saturday, June 12, 2004.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2004, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**(Ordinances for Introduction)**

12. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the Government of the City of Alexandria for FY 2004.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 3, 2004, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12, 6/9/04, 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 present 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. 12, 6/9/04, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

13. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make Appropriations For the Support of the Government of the City of Alexandria for FY 2005.

(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. 13, 6/9/04, 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 present 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. 13, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Establish the Employee Homeownership Incentive Program (EHIP).

(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. 14, 6/9/04, 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 present 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. 14, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Revise the Floodplain Regulations in the Zoning Ordinance.

(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. 15,

6/9/04, 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 present 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. 15, 6/9/04 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Revise the Political Sign Regulations in the Zoning Ordinance.

(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. 16, 6/9/04, 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 present 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. 16, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Revise the Fine Schedule For SUP Violations, and Revise the SUP Change in Ownership Procedures in the Zoning Ordinance.

(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. 17, 6/9/04, 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 present 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. 17, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Revise the Procedures in the Zoning Ordinance For Development Cases Heard By the Boards of Architectural Review.

(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. 18, 6/9/04, 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 present 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. 18, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

19. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an

Ordinance to Revise the Chesapeake Bay Protection Act Regulations in the Zoning Ordinance.

(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. 19, 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 present 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. 19, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Gaines, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Consent Calendar. The City Manager's recommendations are as follows:

7. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Mark H. Fields, Alexandria Archaeological Commission; (b) Justine Walden and Meera Wolfe, Alexandria Commission for the Arts; (c) Robert Shriver, Alexandria Social Services Advisory Board; and (d) Lewis Robinson, Alexandria Woodrow Wilson Neighborhood Task Force.

8. City Council made the following appointments: (a) reappointed Amanda Babcock as the citizen member who has a disability to the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (b) reappointed Kathleen Kelly as the citizen member to the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (c) waived the residency requirement and appointed Eleanor Wilson as the representative from Christ Church to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (d) appointed Timothy Dickinson as the representative from the Alexandria Law Enforcement Personnel to the Alexandria Local Emergency Planning Committee; (e) appointed Thomas Kerr as the citizen-at-large to the USS Alexandria Liaison Committee; (f) waived the residency requirement and reappointed Charlotte Hall as the representative from the Old Town Business Association to the Alexandria Waterfront Committee; and (g) appointed Montgomery Shane Canfield as the member of the City Boards, Commissions or other Organizations having an interest in youth issues to the Alexandria Youth Policy Commission.

9. City Council approved the submission of a non-competitive grant application to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Litter Prevention and Recycling Program, for funding the approximate amount of \$13,540 for the Adopt-a-Park Litter Control Program and authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

10. City Council approved the submission of the grant application to the

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and authorized the City Manager to submit the application for State assistance.

11. City Council received the City's Proposed Solid Waste Management Plan and set it for Public Hearing on Saturday, June 12, 2004.

12. City Council introduced and passed the Ordinance on first reading, set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on June 12, 2004.

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The voting was as follows:

Gaines	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Smedberg	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
	Woodson	"aye"	

**CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS**

20. Alexandria Affordable Housing Advisory Committee  
1 Representative Who Is Employed By or Affiliated With An  
Organization That Promotes and Maintains Affordable Housing

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:



Nancy Carson

Alexandria Housing Action Executive Board  
James E. Hoben, Co-Chair  
Harambee CEDC

Jo Ikelheimer

(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. 20, 6/9/04, 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 Nancy Carson as the representative who is employed by or affiliated with an organization that promotes and maintains affordable housing to the Alexandria Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Carson
Pepper	-	Carson
Gaines	-	Carson
Krupicka	-	Carson
Macdonald	-	Absent
Smedberg	-	Carson
Woodson	-	Carson

21. Alexandria Ad Hoc Transportation Policy and Program Task Force  
5 Citizen Members

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

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Kevin Beekman

Bill Hendrickson

Joseph Bennett

David Brown

Daniel Chrzczonowski

Ann Dorman

George Foote

James Fowler

Christopher Gay

Poul Hertel

Candace Lightner

Matthew Natale (APPLICATION WITHDRAWN - 6/2/04)

Amy Slack

Paul Stilp

Joanne Tomasello

Patrick Taylor

Lois Walker  
James Wamsley  
Maria Wasowski

Pat Miller  
Bill Hendrickson

Thomas Zoeller

**A motion was made** by Councilman Gaines, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and failed 2-4, that the appointment of five citizen members to the Alexandria Ad Hoc Transportation Policy and Program Task Force be deferred until June 22 to allow Councilman Macdonald to vote. The voting was as follows:

Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"no"
Pepper	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
Euille	"no"	Smedberg	"no"
	Woodson	"no"	

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Joseph Bennett, Poul Hertel and George Foote as three of the five citizen members to the Alexandria Ad Hoc Transportation Policy and Program Task Force. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Bennett, Foote, Hertel, Stilp, Walker
Pepper	-	Bennett, Foote, Hertel, Tomasello, Wamsley
Gaines	-	Bennett, Foote, Hertel, Tomasello, Wamsley
Krupicka	-	Bennett, Foote, Hertel, Walker, Wasowski
Smedberg	-	Bennett, Brown, Foote, Hertel, Wasowski
Woodson	-	Beekman, Bennett, Dorman, Hertel, Taylor

**A motion was made** by Councilman Gaines, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and failed 2-4 to defer the second vote until the next legislative meeting. The voting was as follows:

Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"no"
Pepper	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
Euille	"no"	Smedberg	"no"
	Woodson	"no"	

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were again distributed, tellers were again appointed and the ballots were again tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Lois Walker and Maria Wasowski as the remaining two citizen members to the Alexandria Ad Hoc Transportation Policy and Program Task Force. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Walker, Wasowski
Pepper	-	Tomasello, Wamsley
Gaines	-	Tomasello, Wamsley
Krupicka	-	Walker, Wasowski

Smedberg	-	Walker, Wasowski
Woodson	-	Walker, Wasowski

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

22. Update on the Duke Street Concourse Project. **(verbal report)**

City Engineer Baker gave an update on construction on the Duke Street Concourse Project. City Engineer Baker provided information on some of the concerns Council presented at the last legislative meeting including the installation of railings in the tunnel and the continuation of double shifts for the contractors working on the tunnel.

Transportation and Environmental Services Director Baier noted the ridership on the shuttle to the PTO complex from the metro station could possibly be attributed to changes in the weather.

Councilman Smedberg requested that the design be reviewed for the installation of some type of hand rail for safety. In reponse, Director Baier suggested that after the ramp is actually finished, the project could be assessed for the installation of railings.

23. Consideration of Proposals to Change How the Taxicab Industry is Regulated by the City of Alexandria.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 8, 2004, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 23, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Krupicka and Councilman Gaines gave an overview of the draft framework for the Alexandria taxicab industry and requested that Council give their input on the draft framework presented. Councilman Krupicka and Councilman Gaines noted that the final framework would be presented to Council at the June 22 legislative meeting.

Council participated in a discussion about the different aspects of the draft framework.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Gaines, seconded by Councilman Krupicka and carried unanimously, City Council received the report and will consider the final recommended regulatory framework at the June 22, 2004 legislative meeting. The voting was as follows:

Gaines	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Krupicka	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
Woodson	"aye"		

24. Verbal Recap of FY 2005 Budget Issues from the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee.

City Council received the recap of FY 2005 Budget Issues from the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee and thanked the Committee for its hard work over the year.

25. Consideration of a Pilot Program to Hang Banners on King Street from the Metro Station to the River.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 3, 2004, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 25, 6/9/04, 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 approved the pilot program to hang banners on King Street from the Metro Station to the River. The voting was as follows:

Krupicka	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

26. Consideration of Community Partnership Fund for Human Services FY 2005 Grant Awards.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 1, 2004, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 26, 6/9/04, 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 received the report on the Community Partnership Fund for Human Services FY 2005 Grant Awards and thanked the members of the citizen review panel for their assistance in the FY 2005 grant award process. The voting was as follows:

Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

27. Report on Youth Fund FY 2005 Grant Awards.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 3, 2004, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 27,

6/9/04, 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 received the report on Youth Fund FY 2005 Grant Awards and thanked the members of the Youth Policy Commission for their leadership in the FY 2005 grant award process. The voting was as follows:

Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

28. Consideration of the Addition of Residential Condominiums to the City's Home Rehabilitation Loan Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 3, 2004, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 28, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council approved an amendment to expand the Office of Housing's Home Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRLP) to allow eligible owner-occupants of residential condominium units to receive financial assistance under the HRLP and establish a \$50,000 construction cost limit for the rehabilitation of residential condominium units, with the understanding that staff may permit this limit to be exceeded to accommodate extensive rehabilitation work in compliance with federal lead-based paint regulations as is the case with other eligible properties. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
	Smedberg	"aye"	

29. Consideration of Results of Fiscal Year 2004 Fair Housing Tests.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 1, 2004, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 29, 6/9/04, 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 received the results of Fiscal Year 2004 Fair Housing Tests. The voting was as follows:

Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Macdonald	absent

Euille "	aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

30. Consideration of Proposed Lease for City Offices at Tavern Square.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 4, 2004, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 30, 6/9/04, 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 authorized the City Manager to execute and to deliver the lease for approximately 27,000 square feet of space in Tavern Square. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Gaines	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

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

None

**ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

(a) Mayor Euille noted that Council has received several letters concerning the Mirant Plant and that the City Manager would be presenting Council with recommendations concerning the Mirant Plant at the June 22, 2004 legislative meeting.

(b) Vice Mayor Pepper stated that a memorandum from the Northern Virginia Regional Commission had been distributed on May 29, 2004 concerning the potential closing of military bases in area. Vice Mayor Pepper noted that the base closures could also affect commercial real estate in the area with the move of military offices onto the bases.

(c) Councilman Gaines stated that he serves as the representative to the Council of Government's (COG) Transportation Planning Board and he reported that there were new steps being taken for emergency planning for efforts to strengthen transportation communication and coordination during emergency incidents in the region, particularly high level coordination between jurisdictions.

(d) Councilman Gaines reported the COG Transportation Planning Board voted on recommendations from the Access for All Committee, which reviews transportation needs for low income, senior and disabled communities. Councilman Gaines stated that the four recommendations were: (1) the development of more

effective communication for regional transportation information; (2) the prioritization of regional and local transportation services for low income persons; (3) emphasis on the need for a study to identify ways to serve the greatest number of people with disabilities; and (4) to promote development around transit stations with concern and care for surrounding communities.

## **ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

(a) Councilman Gaines requested that the City Attorney give Council a brief update on the status of Mirant Plant discussions.

City Attorney Pessoa stated that currently the City was in the process of retaining outside counsel with Neal Prodo, to help the City develop some appropriate sanctions and legal options that might be taken against the Mirant Plant. City Attorney Pessoa stated that a memorandum would be presented to Council at the June 22 meeting with the recommendations.

(b) Councilman Gaines reported that he attended the Campagna Kids 70's Celebration at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School and the students did an outstanding job with the performance.

(c) Councilman Gaines stated that he attended a TeenWork Job Fair sponsored by JobLink and at least 222 students and 45 employers were present at the fair. Councilman Gaines stated that he hoped there would be increased participation in the future and noted that TeenWork has started a relationship with the Chamber of Commerce, which might improve the level of participation.

(d) Councilman Gaines stated that he attended an HIV/AIDS program this weekend along with Vice Mayor Pepper and Councilman Smedberg. Councilman Gaines requested statistics from the Health Department regarding HIV/AIDS in the City to examine whether there was a need for funding.

(e) Councilman Gaines stated that a press conference was held at Landmark Mall about two weeks ago to herald the upcoming redevelopment efforts for Landmark Mall and the surrounding areas. Councilman Gaines noted that Mayor Euille's comments about this redevelopment project spoke to the vision that Council was developing for the entire City.

(f) Councilman Gaines stated that Council had received emails from citizens about the condition of the 395/Holmes Run underpass and requested that staff give Council an overview/update on the conditions at 395/Holmes Run.

Transportation and Environmental Services Director Baier stated that the underpass at 395/Holmes Run was actually a storm sewer drain accommodated with a sidewalk near the stream. Director Baier noted that the light fixture in the tunnel was continuously broken and replaced, however the light could be repaired. Director Baier

stated the total improvement of the area needed to be looked at in the context of Capital Improvement Projects.

(g) Vice Mayor Pepper noted that the sidewalk at the 395/Holmes Run underpass also needed to be addressed because it buckled and was missing sections throughout. Vice Mayor Pepper noted that the vandals were continuously destroying the lights in the tunnel.

Director Baier noted that the permanent solution to many of the problems in the Holmes Run area would be to examine the grade of the creek and the sidewalk and install an recessed lighting system.

(h) Vice Mayor Pepper stated that she attended the HIV/AIDS symposium and the presenters were going to present a final plan to Council for consideration.

(i) Vice Mayor Pepper reported that King Street would be hosting "Second Thursdays" for the community to attend and enjoy.

(j) Vice Mayor Pepper noted that there would be three Council members attending the Mayor's Local Business Outreach Program on June 17, 2004, at 4:00 p.m., at the Nu Yu Salon in Cameron Station. Vice Mayor Pepper pointed out that the program is an effort to find out what local businesses need to function effectively in Alexandria.

(k) Councilwoman Woodson requested that employers consider hiring the youth in the community to help foster healthy self-esteem and give them hope for their future.

(l) Councilwoman Woodson mentioned her recent trip to the D-Day Celebration in France, along with Mayor Euille.

(m) Councilman Krupicka stated that he attended a productive Youth Policy Council meeting last month, where new officers were elected and a lively political debate with members of the Democratic and Republican parties was held.

(n) Councilman Krupicka reported that he attended the Healthy Families Metrostage fundraiser, featuring the play, "Mahalia." Councilman Krupicka gave the play rave reviews and encouraged everyone to see the play.

(o) Councilman Smedberg stated that he attended the T.C. Williams Scholarship Fund Award Ceremony on June 2, 2004. Councilman Smedberg noted that Councilman Gaines and Vice Mayor Pepper were in attendance and that over \$400,000 in scholarships were awarded to the students.

(p) Mayor Euille requested that staff bring before Council by the end of the legislative session a report and some recommendations relative to possible affordable



housing initiatives.

(q) Mayor Euille reported that there would be a kickoff celebration for "Alexandria Book Tour: A Passport to Adventure," Friday, June 18, 2004 on Market Square at noon.

(r) Mayor Euille reported that he, Councilwoman Woodson, and Citizen Assistance Director Boyd traveled to Caen, France and participated in the festivities to commemorate World War II. Mayor Euille also noted that he had the opportunity to meet Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, tour the American cemetery and tour the battlegrounds of Omaha Beach and Normandy. Mayor Euille thanked the City of Caen for hosting the Alexandria delegation.

**ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Sunderland reported that: (a) the Arlandria-Chirilagua Festival will be held on Mount Vernon Avenue on Sunday, June 13, 2004 from 12 noon until 7:00 p.m. and (b) there will be a Public Hearing on the draft of the Vision and Strategic Plan in the Council Chambers on June 15. 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

31. Consideration of a Resolution From the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board Regarding the Voluntary Rent Guidelines. (**ROLL-CALL VOTE**)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 27, 2004, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 31, 0/6/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously by **roll-call vote**, City Council adopted the resolution to maintain the City's Voluntary Rent Guidelines. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Gaines	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

**RESOLUTION NO. 2108**

**WHEREAS**, more than half of the dwelling units in the City of Alexandria are renter-occupied; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council has continually expressed its concern for the well-being of the City's tenants and landlords through proposed charter changes, legislation, and establishment of the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Landlord-Tenant Relations Board has previously expressed its concern to the City Council regarding excessive rent increases;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia calls upon the Alexandria Landlord-Tenant Relations Board to monitor and investigate complaints of rent increases in excess of the following guidelines and to conduct a review of the guidelines every six months and forward recommendations to Council at a minimum of every 12 months:

- If the tenants pay all utilities, not more than five percent cumulatively per year;
- If all utilities are included in the rental amount, not more than seven percent cumulatively per year;

PROVIDED, however, that Board investigators will recognize and take into account any unusual costs, capital improvements and major repairs to the property (which should be substantiated by the owner), and extraordinary increases (more than 50%) in assessments;

PROVIDED, further, that the landlord may apportion increased real estate taxes in an equitable manner;

PROVIDED, further, that when a landlord converts utilities to a sub-metered or individually metered system, the amounts of monthly rents, plus annualized utility costs, shall remain within these guidelines.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board will report to City Council on the adequacy of the above guidelines in 2005.

#### **OTHER**

#### 32. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 4, 2004, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item 32, 6/9/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Assistant City Manager Evans suggested that the Saturday, June 12 public hearing would conclude no later than 6:00 p.m. and reconvene following the conclusion of the Strategic Plan Public Hearing on June 15 if needed.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the schedule of Council's regular City Council meetings for June 2004 with the following additions and changes: Friday, June 18, 12 Noon, Reading Initiative on Market Square; the Open Space Public

Hearing on June 21, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers; the rededication of George Washington Middle School on Tuesday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m. and; the Duke Street Concourse dedication ceremony Saturday, July 17 at 9:00 a.m. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Gaines	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Woodson	"aye"	

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, at 9:30 p.m., City Council convened in executive session, pursuant to Section 2-2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real property for public open space and recreation purposes, and pursuant to Section 2-2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a public officer appointed by the City Council. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
	Smedberg	"aye"	

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously, at 10:15 p.m., City Council reconvened the meeting. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Macdonald	absent
	Smedberg	"aye"	

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously on a **ROLL CALL** vote, City Council adopted the resolution pertaining to the executive session. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Smedberg	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
	Macdonald	absent	

The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2109**

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council has this 9th day of June, 2004 recessed into closed executive session pursuant to a motion made and adopted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the city council that such closed executive session was conducted in accordance with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the city council does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters that were identified in the motion by which the closed executive session was convened, and that are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act from the Act's open meeting requirements, were heard, discussed or considered by council during the closed executive session.

**NEW BUSINESS ITEM NO. 2**

Mayor Euille announced that the City Council accepted a formal resignation from City Manager Sunderland and thanked him for his 18 years of service. Mayor Euille stated that City Manager Sunderland would remain with the City through early fall until a new City Manager can be hired.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, at 10:21 p.m., the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2004, was adjourned. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Smedberg	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
	Macdonald	absent	

**APPROVED BY:**

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**WILLIAM D EUILLE**

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**MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Gloria Sitton     Deputy City Clerk