

CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 24, 2012 - - 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor William D. Euille, Vice Mayor Kerry J. Donley, Members of Council Frank H. Fannon, Alicia R. Hughes, K. Rob Krupicka (who arrived at 8:18 p.m.), Redella S. Pepper and Paul C. Smedberg.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Young, City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Mr. Johnson, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office; Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Police Captain Ogden; Mr. Trobridge, Director, Office of Information Technology; Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Lerner, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Marks, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Gigi, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Boyd, Special Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office; Mr. Castrilli, Director, Office of Communications; Fire Chief Thiel; Ms. Hamer, Director, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Mortiz, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Mann, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Colton, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Carrel, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Mr. McPike, Director, General Services; Mr. Keeler, Office of Housing; Mr. Cochran, Office of Housing; Ms. Bryan, ITS; and Mr. Lloyd.

Recorded by: Jacqueline M. Henderson, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

1. Calling the Roll.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Euille, and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of Council were present. (Councilman Krupicka arrived at 8:18 p.m.)

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 Meetings of City Council:

(a) The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2012; and

(b) The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2012.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 6-0, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of April 10, 2012 and the public hearing meeting minutes of April 14, 2012. The voting was as follows:

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

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

4. Presentation of the Alex Arts Awards Winners.

City Council recognized the winners of the Alex Arts Awards.

5. Presentation of the 2011 Annual Report from First Night Alexandria.

First Night Alexandria presented its 2011 annual report.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (6-9)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

6. Receipt of the Following Resignation from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Environmental Policy Commission
Kathryn Papp
Patrick Hagan

(b) Social Services Advisory Board
DeShuna Spencer

(A copy of the above resignations are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6 (a-b); 4/24/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Alexandria Archaeological Commission representative
- (b) Human Rights Commission
1 Citizen Member
- (c) Traffic and Parking Board
3 Citizen Members

(A copy of the above appointments are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7 (a-c); 4/24/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

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

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 18, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 4/24/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Consideration of an Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant Program for a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 18, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 4/24/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Hughes, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 6-0, City Council approved the consent calendar. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

6. City Council accepted the following resignations with regret: (a) Kathryn Papp and Patrick Hagan, Environmental Policy Commission; and (b) DeShuna Spencer, Social Services Advisory Board.

7. City Council made the following appointments to boards and commissions: (a) reappointed Kathleen Pepper as the one Alexandria Archaeological Commission representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (b) reappointed Monika Jones as the one citizen member to the Human Rights Commission; and (c) reappointed Gregory Cota and Kevin Posey and appointed

William Schuyler as the three citizen members to the Traffic and Parking Board.

8. City Council authorized \$12,851,539 for capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Program expenditure summary.

9. City Council: 1. approved the submission of the grant application (due April 27, 2012); and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

The voting was as follows:

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

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

10. Commission on Information Technology
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Wilhoit Forrest
John Scott

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 4/14/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council appointed John Scott as the one citizen member to the Commission on Information Technology. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Scott
Donley	-	Scott
Fannon	-	Scott
Hughes	-	Scott
Krupicka	-	absent
Pepper	-	Scott
Smedberg	-	Scott

11. Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Dara Fickes
Peter Smith

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 4/14/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Dara Fickes as the one citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Fickes
Donley	-	Fickes
Fannon	-	Fickes
Hughes	-	Fickes
Krupicka	-	absent
Pepper	-	Fickes
Smedberg	-	Fickes

12. Board of Zoning Appeals
2 Citizen Members

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Mark Allen
Mark Handzlik
Jennifer Lewis
Mark Yoo

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 4/14/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots were tallied with the following results: Mark Allen was reappointed as the one citizen member to the Board of Zoning Appeals and there was no majority on the second

appointment so another vote was taken. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Allen, Yoo
Donley	-	Allen, Handzlik
Fannon	-	Allen, Lewis
Hughes	-	Allen, Lewis
Krupicka	-	absent
Pepper	-	Allen, Lewis
Smedberg	-	Allen, Handzlik

WHEREUPON, ballots were again distributed (second voting), tellers were again appointed and the ballots were again tallied with the following results: There was no majority vote, so another vote was taken. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Handzlik
Donley	-	Handzlik
Fannon	-	Lewis
Hughes	-	Lewis
Krupicka	-	absent
Pepper	-	Lewis
Smedberg	-	Handzlik

WHEREUPON, ballots were again distributed (third voting), tellers were again appointed and the ballots were again tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Jennifer Lewis as the one citizen member to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Lewis
Donley	-	Lewis
Fannon	-	Lewis
Hughes	-	Lewis
Krupicka	-	absent
Pepper	-	Lewis
Smedberg	-	Lewis

13. Commission for Women
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Alicia Daly
Jacinta Greene

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City

Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 4/14/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Jacinta Greene as the one citizen member to the Commission for Women. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Greene
Donley	-	Greene
Fannon	-	Daly
Hughes	-	Greene
Krupicka	-	absent
Pepper	-	Daly
Smedberg	-	Greene

- 14. Commission on Employment
 - 1 Business Representative From Among Recognized Area Businesses, Including Minority Owned and Small Businesses

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

NAME:	ENDORSED BY:
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Fernando Torrez

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 4/14/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council waived the residency waiver and appointed Fernando Torrez as the one business representative from among recognized area businesses, including minority owned and small businesses, to the Commission on Employment. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Torrez
Donley	-	Torrez
Fannon	-	Torrez
Hughes	-	Torrez
Krupicka	-	absent
Pepper	-	Torrez
Smedberg	-	Torrez

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

- 15. Consideration of a Report on Demographics of the City of Alexandria in 2010.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 21, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 4/24/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Mann, Planning and Zoning, made a presentation of the report and he, along with Ms. Hamer, Director, Planning and Zoning, responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Vice Mayor Donley and carried 5-0, City Council: 1. received the report; and 2. considered the information, as appropriate, in evaluating programs, policies and strategies for the City's future. The voting was as follows:

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

16. Consideration of Housing Trust Fund Budget Transfer.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 18, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 4/24/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes and carried 5-0, City Council approved the transfer of \$200,000 within the Housing Trust Fund monies to the traditionally federally-funded Homeownership Assistance Program from the Moderate Income Homeownership Program. The voting was as follows:

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

17. Consideration of a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Port Security Grant Program. **(THIS ITEM HAS BEEN DEFERRED)**

This item was deferred.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

None

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Mayor Euille acknowledged the presence in the Chambers of some of the participants in the Parent Leadership Training Institute, along with their leader and executive director Fay Slotnick.

(b) Mayor Euille said congratulations go to the administrator/CEO for the Inova Alexandria Hospital, Chris Candio, who has been named a top female CEO by Smart CO Magazine.

(c) Mayor Euille said the Mayor's State of the City address has been released and is available to watch on alexandriava.gov, Facebook, YouTube, and Comcast Cable Channel 70.

(d) Councilman Fannon said the Miracle League had the dedication of its field this last Saturday and he thanked Bill Rivers and Don Simpson for their leadership in raising the money for that.

(e) Councilman Fannon said that earlier this month, Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks sent Council an email on the streetcar issues with Alexandria and Arlington and the Arlington staff had briefed the Arlington County Board about the issues and challenges. He asked Mr. Jinks to give a presentation.

Deputy City Manager Jinks made a presentation of the streetcar and the issues surrounding it and he and Director of Transportation and Environmental Services Baier responded to questions of City Council.

Mayor Euille suggested they have a meeting with the leadership of Arlington and Alexandria to talk about the next steps.

(f) Councilwoman Hughes passed out buttons she received at a Jaycees meeting last evening for Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse month, where they highlighted the need to do more.

(g) Councilwoman Hughes circulated a flyer for the fifth annual Alexandria Gives on Saturday, May 5 between 10 and 4:00 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center. The Jaycees are working in concert with the Alexandria Community Trust, Volunteer Alexandria and the City to receive items that are gently worn.

Vice Mayor Donley also noted Giving Day on May 2, which is an on-line, all day opportunity for people to go on line through their favorite charity and give in a competitive situation to the charities of their choice, and the charities that have the most in terms of numbers of donors in gross amount will receive matching funds.

(h) Councilwoman Hughes said that this past Saturday at Ben Brenman Park they had a wonderful event for Earth Day where over 1,200 Alexandrian's showed up. They had a fashion show, the Ellen Pickering award was given, along with other awards and activities.

(i) Councilwoman Hughes said she is the vice chair of the Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and she circulated the minutes from their February meeting, along with the agenda, for the April meeting, in which it focused on public safety and received a number of reports from health officials, police chiefs, fire chiefs, sheriffs, and an emergency manager's committee report. It focused on the homeless in April and gives information by jurisdiction on the reduction of homelessness in 2011 coming into 2012.

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(Councilman Krupicka arrived at this time - 8:18 p.m.)

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ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

18. Consideration of a Resolution for the Final Amended Budget for Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Environmental Impact Statement Study Project and Amendment to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Funding Agreement. **[ROLL-CALL VOTE]**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 18, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18; 4/24/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, made a presentation of the report and he, along with Ms. Gigi, Potomac Yard Projects Manager, Transportation and Environmental Services, responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Hughes, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council: 1. approved amended the budget for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station EIS project from \$2.7 million to \$4.3 million; and 2. approved a resolution increasing the current WMATA funding agreement for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station from \$2.7 million to \$4.3 million. The voting was as follows:

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

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2498

WHEREAS, the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Group was established in June 2011 to build upon work completed by the Potomac Yard Metrorail Feasibility Group and the findings of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Feasibility Study completed in February, 2010.

WHEREAS, The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board established an initial project budget of \$1.5 million on February 26, 2009 to fund the Potomac Yard Feasibility Study as well as begin the environmental review and analysis of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station proposal.

WHEREAS, the City amended its funding agreement with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to reflect this \$1.5 million in funds on September 1, 2011.

WHEREAS, subsequent to these actions by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and the City, the environmental review was changed from an Environmental Assessment to an Environmental Impact Statement study process.

WHEREAS, the higher level Environmental Impact Statement study process also results in an estimated \$4.3 million study cost which is consistent with the cost of other Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Environmental Impact Statement studies for projects of this nature.

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

The City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, approves a funding allocation agreement increase with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to a total of \$4.3 million for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station environmental review process.

OTHER

19. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 18, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19;

4/24/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Councilwoman Hughes said she will be out of town May 30-June 11 for a family issue.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. received the following additions to the City Council calendar: a work session on AEDP issues scheduled for Wednesday, June 13 at 5:30 p.m.; the Business Philanthropy Summit and Spring for Alexandria community service day hosted by Volunteer Alexandria on Friday, May 4, 2012; the closing ceremony for Project Discovery on Thursday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Vola Lawson Lobby; the Annual Waterfront Walk on Saturday, June 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The walk will be held at Windmill Hill Park, 501 S. Union Street; the groundbreaking for Freedmen's Cemetery on Saturday, June 16 at 8:15 a.m.; the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services will be celebrating its 15th anniversary at Belle Haven Country Club on Thursday, June 28, 2012, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and added the Sunday, May 6 ALIVE walkathon at 2:00 p.m., along with the Old Dominion Boat Club flag raising ceremony at 2:00 p.m. also on May 6; and 2. approved the schedule as proposed. The voting was as follows:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 20. Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for the Purpose of Consultation With Legal Counsel for Legal Advice.

The closed meeting was not held.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the April 24, 2012 regular meeting at 8:42 p.m. The voting was as follows:

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

APPROVED BY:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson
City Clerk and Clerk of Council