City Council of Alexandria, Virginia

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 24, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.


Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Johnson, Acting City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Police Captain Ogden; Police Chief Cook; Fire Chief Thiel; Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Grover, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Marks, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Hamer, Director, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Wright, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Mortiz, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Fifer, Office of Communications; Ms. Collins, Assistant City Manager/Director, Office of Community and Human Services; Mr. Frazier, Office of Community and Human Services; Ms. Chis, Office of Community and Human Services; Dr. Gilmore, Director, Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse; Ms. Warren, Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse; Ms. Taylor, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Routt, Office of Management and Budget; Ms. Orr, Director, Human Resources; Ms. Davis, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Catlett, Director, Office of Code Administration; Mr. Haering, Director, Health Department; Ms. McLean, Department of Information Technology; 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of Continuation of a Closed Meeting to Discuss Legal, Real Estate Disposition and Personnel Matters.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Vice Mayor
Donley and carried 4-0, City Council convened into closed executive session at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(1) (3) and (7) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of discussion and consideration of the appointment of a specific appointee of the City Council and discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purpose or the disposition of publicly held real property, and consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff pertaining to actual or probable litigation where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body and for consultation regarding specific legal matters requiring provision of legal notice. The voting was as follows:

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(Councilmembers Hughes, Pepper and Smedberg were absent for the vote but joined Council in the closed executive session.)

City Council continued the closed meeting to the end of the meeting's docket.


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 Special Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2011; and
(b) The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2011.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Hughes, seconded by Vice Mayor Donley and carried unanimously, City Council approved the special meeting minutes of May 2, 2011, as amended by the memorandum dated May 20, 2011 concerning the motion on page five; and the regular meeting minutes of May 10, 2011. The voting was as follows:

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RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

PROCLAMATIONS
4. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring May as National Foster Care Month.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The voting was as follows:

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

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (5-9)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

5. Receipt of the Following Resignations From Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Commission for the Arts
   Kasey Kraft
(b) Community Services Board
   Elizabeth Coffey
(c) Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors
   Mark Jinks
(d) Environmental Policy Commission
   Patrick Brennan
(e) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
   Malia DuMont

(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. 5 (a-e); 5/24/11, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
   1 Citizen Member
(b) Commission for Women
1 Citizen Member

(c) Commission on Aging
   1 Citizen Member Who Shall Be 60 Years of Age or Older,
   Including Minority Individuals

(d) Commission on Employment
   1 Citizen-at-Large Member

(e) Human Rights Commission
   1 Citizen Member

(f) Public Health Advisory Commission
   1 Citizen Member Who Shall Be a Health Professional and at the
   Time of Appointment Derive, or Within the Previous Five Years,
   Derived Their Principal Income From Providing Health Care, Health
   Services or Health Related Activities

(g) Social Services Advisory Board
   1 Parent Member

(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. 6 (a-g); 5/24/11, and
is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

7. Consideration of Authorization of Recommended Capital Allocations and
   Planned Expenditures.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 13, 2011, is on file in the
Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7;
5/24/11, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. Consideration of Application for Community Oriented Policing Hiring Program
   Grant Funds.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 18, 2011, is on file in the
Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8;
5/24/11, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Consideration of Appointment of City Representative to the Alexandria Post
   Employment Benefit Trust Board.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 17, 2011, is on file in the
Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9;
WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Hughes, seconded by Vice Mayor Donley and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, as follows: The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

5. City Council noted the following resignations: (a) Kasey Kraft, Commission for the Arts; (b) Elizabeth Coffey, Community Services Board; (c) Mark Jinks, Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors; (d) Patrick Brennan, Environmental Policy Commission; and (e) Malia DuMont, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission.

6. City Council made the following appointments: (a) appointed James Lewis as the one citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) reappointed Joan Dodaro as the one citizen member to the Commission for Women; (c) appointed Margaret Gaynor as the one citizen member who shall be 60 years of age or older, including minority individuals, to the Commission on Aging; (d) reappointed Bishop Garrison as the one citizen-at-large member to the Commission on Employment; (e) reappointed Ludwig Gaines as the one citizen member to the Human Rights Commission; (f) appointed Cherie Spencer as the one citizen member who shall be a health professional and at the time of appointment derive, or within the previous five years, derived their principal income from providing health care, health services or health related activities to the Public Health Advisory Commission; and (g) appointed Stephanie Cruz as the one parent member to the Social Services Advisory Board.

7. City Council authorized $1,590,229 for capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Program Planned Expenditures summary.

8. City Council: 1. approved the grant application (due May 25, 2011) to the U.S. Department of Justice which provides 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for 3 years (36 months) for newly-hired, full time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies); and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

9. City Council appointed City Retirement Administrator Steven Bland to the City of Alexandria Post-Employment Benefits Trust Board.

The voting was as follows:

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

10. Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors
    1 National or International Trade or Professional Association Executive
    1 Hotel Owner/Manager Representative

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Victor Parra  
Michael Barber

(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; 5/24/11, 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 requirement and appointed Victor Parra as the one national or international trade or professional association executive representative and waived the residency requirement and appointed Michael Barber as the one hotel owner/manager representative to the Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors. The voting was as follows:

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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

11. Oral Report on Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC-133) Project at Mark Center. (Staff Presentation)

Mr. Grover, BRAC Coordinator, Transportation and Environmental Services, made a presentation of the report on the BRAC-133 project at Mark Center and he, along with Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, responded to questions of City Council.

12. Consideration of a Resolution Recommending that the City Post Signage Recommending That Individuals Refrain From Smoking in City Parks and Bus Shelters. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 20, 2011, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 5/24/11, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, a motion was made by Councilwoman Pepper and seconded by Councilman Krupicka, to adopt the resolution to post signage recommending that individuals refrain from smoking in City parks and bus shelters.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Councilwoman Hughes to initiate phase 1 of the program and proceed over the summer with the installation of a sign discouraging smoking in each of the city's 35 playgrounds used by young children.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

The original motion carried by a roll-call vote of 5-2 and is as follows:

Pepper "aye" Donley "aye"
Krupicka "aye" Fannon "no"
Euille "aye" Hughes "no"
Smedberg "aye"

Councilwoman Pepper stated that City staff would be working with the logos on the bottom, the City seal has to be there and there will be a small, discrete sign that says if one needs help, there is a number to call.

Acting City Manager Johnson said just to be clear, City staff will come back to Council before it proceeds with phase 2 or 3.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2453

WHEREAS, Goal 2 in the City Council's Strategic Plan states that "Alexandria respects, protects and enhances the health of its citizens and the quality of its natural environment;" and

WHEREAS, Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan also calls for an initiative to "establish a proactive health program to reduce respiratory illness by reducing exposure to second hand smoke and indoor air contaminants;" and

WHEREAS, Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan states that, "Alexandria is a community that supports and enhances the well-being, success and achievement of children, youth and families;" and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Eco-City Action Plan calls for "the promotion of
respiratory health .... and improvement in air quality by reducing exposures to such air contaminants as secondhand smoke;" and

WHEREAS, there is clear evidence that exposure to second-hand smoke causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke; and

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States has stated that, "There is no risk-free level of exposure to second-hand smoke. Even small amounts of second hand smoke exposure can be harmful to people's health;" and

WHEREAS, brief exposure to second-hand smoke places children at greater risk for early atherosclerosis, decreased lung function, increased rates of bronchitis, pneumonia and respiratory functions; development of cancer, heart disease and lung disease; build-up of fluid in the inner ear; and behavioral problems; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately one person in eight in the City of Alexandria suffers from a respiratory disease and tobacco smoke is the greatest single cause of respiratory illness; and

WHEREAS, data from the American Lung Association estimates that there are more than 11,400 person with asthma and more than 5,300 persons with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) including emphysema and chronic bronchitis in the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of emergency visits and hospitalizations at INOVA Alexandria Hospital each year are attributed to asthma; and

WHEREAS, our public spaces – such as parks and playgrounds – exist to foster health and recreation; and

WHEREAS, City-owned bus shelters exist to protect citizens and visitors from inclement weather, and those who use our bus shelters, including children and teens, should not be exposed to second-hand smoke; and

WHEREAS, many localities across the nation have taken action to reduce the amount of second hand smoke in public areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexandria City Council:

Asks that our community members be considerate of others and assist in keeping City parks, playgrounds, and City-owned bus shelters smoke-free; and

Requests that City staff place a sign discouraging smoking in each of our City playgrounds this summer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council requests that staff review the
sign program and report back to Council in the fall on the feasibility of installing similar signs discouraging smoking around children and others in City parks and in City-owned bus shelters.

13. Consideration of the Long Range Multi-Department Planning Work Program. (Staff Presentation)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 18, 2011, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 5/24/11, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Planning Director Hamer made a presentation of the report and she, along with Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the proposed FY 2012 multi-department planning initiatives and work program. The proposed work program is consistent with the FY 2012 budget in regard to staffing and other budget resources: complete the small area plan for the Beauregard Corridor and when that is complete, initiate a small area plan for Eisenhower West; complete the housing master plan; expand school facilities planning work in coordination with Alexandria City Public Schools; complete the transit corridor feasibility studies for high capacity transit corridors A, B and C; continue work with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on the Potomac Yard Metro Station environmental impact statement and complete the transitway environmental assessment; continue implementation of the Arlandria action plan; continue implementation of the Braddock Metro neighborhood plan and the King Street retail studies; and complete the next phases of Fort Ward studies and plans. The voting was as follows:

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WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Hughes, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the application by the City of Alexandria, Prince George's County and the District of Columbia to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for a $60,000 regional technical
assistance grant related to establishing a regional transit-oriented development fund. The voting was as follows:

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Ms. Collins, Assistant City Manager/Director, Office of Community and Human Services, made a presentation of the report and responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. received the report of the Alexandria Fund for Human Services FY 2012 and FY 2013 grant awards, which includes the CF, YF and CPF grant awards; and 2. thanked the members of the citizen review panels of the Early Childhood Commission, Youth Policy Commission and the CPF for their leadership in the allocation process. Staff was directed to schedule a work session in the fall to discuss making changes to the program. The voting was as follows:

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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) Councilman Krupicka said the task force put together between the City and Schools last fall to take a look at the Youth Policy Commission and the Early Childhood Commission and explore ways to improve alignment between City and School services has finished its work, and he submitted the report along with the draft ordinance. He said it will be docketed in June but wanted Council to have a preview of it. The new commission will focus on youth services around outcomes as opposed to
focusing on a certain age groups. The goal is to create a very outcome focused model that it can work with the schools on and it can hold its partners in the not for profit community accountable to and it can use and report back to Council with so the community knows how they are making progress on those outcomes. Councilman Krupicka thanked the members of the different community organizations that serve kids who helped with it.

(b) Councilwoman Pepper noted that last Friday was Ride Your Bike to Work Day and approximately 500 people passed through Market Square.

(c) Councilwoman Pepper said that on Saturday at Market Square was the kick-off for the commemoration of the 150 years since the Civil War and they estimated there were 1,000 people participating.

(d) Councilman Fannon said Memorial Day is the Rocky Versace dedication at the statute and there will be a commemoration ceremony at 11:00 on Monday, May 30. It will read off the names of the 60 Alexandrians who died in the Vietnam War. It will be held at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center off of Commonwealth Avenue.

(e) Councilman Fannon said the 34th annual Memorial Day Jazz Festival will be held at Fort Ward Park at 1:00 p.m.

(f) Councilman Fannon said that the Alexandria Aces baseball team opening night is at 7:00 p.m. on June 3.

(g) Councilman Fannon mentioned the commemoration event of the Civil War this past weekend, and it was 150 years ago today when the Alexandria troops assembled at Prince and Washington Streets and headed south to join the Confederacy. All aspects of the Civil War were represented.

(h) Mayor Euille said that last Friday, there was a presentation of 24,000 books to the City Public School System, and the books had a value in excess of $120,000 and was made by Duffy Books and Homes USA, Inc. The books were presented by New Zealand Ambassador Mike Moore, who has been a strong advocate for making sure children have the opportunity to read.

(i) Mayor Euille said he and Councilman Fannon had the opportunity to welcome the Tall Ship Gloria which visited Alexandria and is docked at the Duke Street pier. It is a travelling ambassador goodwill and friendship ship of the Columbian government and has a crew of 160 members.

(j) Vice Mayor Donley offered congratulations to the T.C. Williams rowing teams. The boys first four and the boys second four each won gold medals at the Virginia Championship, so they are state champions. The girls first eight and the girls second eight were silver medalists at the Virginia State Championships. This past week in Philadelphia, the girls second eight was the gold medal first place finisher and
the girls first eight made the finals and finished fifth. Vice Mayor Donley said they are still in the midst of their season and will be competing at the national championships this weekend and then are off to Canada for the Canadian Championships the following weekend.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Johnson said he has been acting manager for 18 days and said its been an honor to be entrusted with the responsibility during the interim period with keeping the City moving forward. Mr. Johnson said there are a lot of City staff who keep the City moving forward - the City Manager's staff, the department heads and senior staff and all the City employees who are very dedicated. He recognized Laura Triggs, who moved up to Chief Financial Officer while he serves as Acting City Manager and Morgan Routt and Kendel Taylor, who will share the duties of Acting Office of Management and Budget Director.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

16. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Establish the Tier II Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District. (Staff Presentation)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 19, 2011, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 5/24/11, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

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. 2 of Item No. 16; 5/24/11, 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. 3 of Item No. 16; 5/24/11, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Deputy City Manager Jinks made a presentation of the report and responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council introduced the ordinance establishing the Tier II Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District (which does not include Potomac Greens), passed it on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, June 25, 2011. The voting was as follows:

Donley    "aye"    Fannon    "aye"  

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17. Consideration of a Resolution Supporting an Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for 2011 Safe Routes to School Grant. 

[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated May 16, 2011, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17; 5/24/11, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council: 1. adopted the resolution supporting an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for FY 2011 safe routes to school grant; 2. authorized the City Manager to submit a safe routes to school grant application in the amount of $500,000 to install pedestrian countdown signals and associated pedestrian safety improvements at 10-15 intersections within a two-mile radius of schools; and 3. execute all necessary documents that may be required.

Councilman Krupicka noted that he is chair of the State Safes Routes to School Program but they do not allocate the money or decide the grants nor do they see the applications, they simply do the advocacy for the importance of the programs, they don't touch the money.

The voting was as follows:

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The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2454

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Safe Routes to School Program of the Virginia Department of Transportation allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by City Council resolution be made in order that the Virginia Department of Transportation fund Safe Routes to School applications for:

- A Project grant of $500,000 to make safety improvements including installation of pedestrian countdown signals and associated pedestrian safety improvements at 10-15 intersections within a 2-mile radius of schools

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the City
Manager is authorized, for and on behalf of the City of Alexandria, hereafter referred to as the PUBLIC BODY, to execute and file an application to the Department of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia, hereafter referred to as the DEPARTMENT, for financial assistance in the amount of $500,000 to defray the costs borne by the PUBLIC BODY for Safe Routes to School programs; and to accept from the DEPARTMENT reimbursements in such amounts as expenses are submitted, and to authorize the City Manager to furnish the DEPARTMENT grants in such amounts as may be awarded, and to authorize the City Manager to furnish to the DEPARTMENT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the application. The City Council certifies that the funds shall be used in accordance with the requirements of Section 58.1-638.A of the Code of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the PUBLIC BODY is not required to provide local matching funds and that the records of receipts of expenditures of funds granted the PUBLIC BODY may be subject to audit by the DEPARTMENT and by the State Auditor of Public Accounts, and that funds granted to the PUBLIC BODY for defraying the expenses of the PUBLIC BODY shall be used only for such purposes as authorized in the Code of Virginia. The undersigned duly qualified and acting as City Clerk of the PUBLIC BODY certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the City Council held on the 24th day of May 2011.

18. Consideration of Endorsement of the National Science Foundation Relocating Their Headquarters to the City of Alexandria. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 18, 2011, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18; 5/24/11, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Vice Mayor Donley said he wanted it to be part of the record that it is the policy of the City Council that they want the National Science Foundation in the City.

Mr. Hawkins, president/CEO, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, along with Ms. Landrum, senior vice president, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership were present to respond to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution indicating its support for efforts seeking a National Science Foundation relocation to Alexandria. The voting was as follows:

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The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2455

WHEREAS, the General Services Administration (GSA) on behalf of the National Science Foundation (NSF) has released a solicitation seeking expressions of interest from property owners and developers in Northern Virginia for up to 690,000 rentable square feet of office space; and

WHEREAS, four sites located in the City of Alexandria responded to the solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the NSF office site solicitation is substantially transit oriented as a Metrorail station is required to be within one-half of a mile of NSF; and

WHEREAS, the prospectus for the NSF lease has been submitted to the appropriate committees of the U.S. Congress for approval, with a solicitation for offers (SFO) likely to be issued in the summer of 2011 with a NSF lease award expected as soon as the end of calendar year 2011; and

WHEREAS, the recruitment of NSF to the City supports Goal 1 of City Council’s Strategic Plan of 2010 which states “Target federal users and associated contractors (with preference for leased versus owned space) as a primary opportunity for economic development in Alexandria;” and

WHEREAS, the City’s Economic Sustainability report recognized the economic and fiscal values of office space on the City economy and tax base; and

WHEREAS, NSF, with an annual budget of about $6.9 billion (FY 2010) supports a significant tail of contractors, and group of related businesses and organizations who would wish to locate adjacent to NSF headquarters in leased office space. Many of these entities receive grants from NSF; and

WHEREAS, NSF is one of the largest users of hotel and meeting facilities in the area where its current headquarters is located, currently generating more than 60,000 hotel nights per year; and

WHEREAS, the NSF proposal is to lease privately developed and owned office space which would represent taxable property on the City’s tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, the four proposed sites in Alexandria will need to be consistent with City land use policies, ordinances and public approval processes, and

WHEREAS, the City would welcome NSF as a corporate entity providing investment and jobs in Alexandria; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Alexandria will work closely and actively with property owners competing for the NSF lease award to assure that the GSA and NSF understand the benefits of locating in the City, as well as the City's abilities to expedite required construction permitting and plan reviews and responsively facilitate other regulatory processes that will positively impact offers in the City of Alexandria; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Alexandria indicates its strong support for the National Science Foundation moving its headquarters to the City of Alexandria.

OTHER

19. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 18, 2011, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 5/24/11, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Smedberg noted that he would be out of town June 29, which is the date reserved for carry-over from the public hearing in June, so he asked staff to front-load important issues on the docket.

Acting City Manager Johnson said he would be out of town June 11 to attend his son's graduation, so he would not be present at the work session on the waterfront plan.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Donley and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. scheduled a work session in the Council Chamber on the proposed Waterfront Plan on Saturday, June 11 at 9:30 a.m.; 2. postponed the Tuesday, June 14 work session on the Housing Master Plan until the fall; 3. received the tentative City Council calendar for September 2011 through June 2012 (it will be docketed for the first meeting in September for Council approval); and 4. noted the addition to the City Council calendar of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2. The voting was as follows:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20. Consideration of Continuation of a Closed Meeting from 5:30 p.m. to Discuss Legal, Real Estate Disposition and Personnel Matters.
WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Hughes, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, at 9:40 p.m., City Council continued the closed executive session from 5:30 p.m. pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(1)(3) and (7) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of discussion and consideration of the appointment of a specific appointee of the City Council and discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purpose or the disposition of publicly held real property, and consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff pertaining to actual or probable litigation where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body and for consultation regarding specific legal matters requiring provision of legal notice. The voting was as follows:

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

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Hughes, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened the meeting at 10:34 p.m. The voting was as follows:

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

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Hughes, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution pertaining to the Executive Session. The voting was as follows:

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

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2456

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 24th day of May 2011, recessed into 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 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 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 executive session.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilwoman Hughes, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of May 24, 2011 at 10:35 p.m. The voting was as follows:

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

APPROVED BY:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE  MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC
City Clerk and Clerk of Council