

CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**Regular Meeting****Tuesday, March 12, 2002 - - 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Kerry J. Donley, Vice Mayor William C. Cleveland, Members of Council Claire M. Eberwein, William D. Euille, Redella S. Pepper, David G. Speck, and Joyce Woodson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Sunderland, City Manager; Mr. Pessoa, City Attorney; Ms. Evans, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Swearingen, Director of Management and Budget and Members of his Staff; Mr. Sanderson, Director of Real Estate Assessments; Ms. O'Regan, Director of Human Services; Public Information Officer Gordon; Ms. Federico, Director of Historic Alexandria; Legislative Director Caton; Mr. Ransom, Special Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Neckel, Director of Finance; Health Director Konigsberg; Mr. Skrabak, Division Chief, Environmental Quality; Mr. Howard, Director of Personnel Services; Ms. Davis, Director of Housing; Mr. Baier, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services; City Engineer Baker; Fire Chief Hawkins; Mr. McCobb, Deputy Director of Transportation and Environmental Services; Code Enforcement Director Dahlberg; Ms. Whitmore, Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Fogarty, Director of Planning and Zoning; Ms. Ross, Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning; Mr. Kincannon, Deputy Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Mr. Cole, Director of Information and Technology Services; Library Director O'Brien; Dr. Claiborn, Director of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse; State Senators Ticer and Saslaw; Delegates Moran and Van Landingham; Mr. Mandley, Director of General Services; Ms. Owens, Office of Citizen Assistance; Police Chief Samarra; and Lieutenant Uzzell, Police Department.

Recorded by: Mrs. Beverly I. Jett, CMC, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

At 8:00 a.m., in the Council Workroom, there was a City Council Work Session with Congressman Moran to discuss Federal legislation relative to the City of Alexandria. The items that were discussed are as follows:

Pending Federal Issues of Interest to the City: (a) Federal funding to prepare to respond to terrorism; (b) issues surrounding security at the Federal Courthouse; (c) economic development/funding for purchase of Datatel site; (d) needs related to sanitary sewers; (e) transportation needs - King/Braddock/Quaker; (f) funding for the Alexandria Detention Center; (g) Alexandria waterfront - funding for Windmill Hill Park; (h) enhancing the bike trail system; (i) funding for the stabilization of the fortifications at Fort Ward; (j) funding for open space; (k) flow control; (l) funding to assist in protecting

the privacy of mental health and other health records; and (m) pre-tax payments for long-term care insurance.

The agenda was followed. Congressman Moran provided feedback to the Members of City Council and staff with regard to pending Federal legislation of interest to the City of Alexandria.

Staff was requested to work with Congressman Moran's staff with respect to details of the \$8 million proposed public expenditure for emergency preparedness. Congressman Moran will be liaison with the Justice Department. Mayor Donley stated that we want to maintain as much flexibility under the Byrne grant as possible to enhance our responsiveness to public safety.

Congressman Moran stated that the U.S. Marshal Service's intent is to fully reimburse the City. It's his intent to insure that this is done. The Marshal Service will pay for actual costs incurred.

With respect to street closures in the area of the Federal Courthouse, Congressman Moran suggested another meeting with the U.S. Marshal Service, the U.S. Attorney, the Justice Department and whoever else should be involved to let them know what the City's parameters are.

Congressman Moran indicated continued support for flow control legislation.

There are no Federal funds available for the purchase of the Datatel site.

With respect to sanitary sewers, Congressman Moran said he doubted if he could get any more money for this purpose, but he will try. He is not optimistic.

Regarding transportation needs at the King Street, Braddock Road and Quaker Lane intersection, Congressman Moran will try to get ITS money for this intersection.

Congressman Moran stated that he intends to and has been in touch with the Sheriff on a regular basis. The Sheriff will keep the Congressman apprised. Congressman Moran indicated that the Sheriff needs additional funding for his staffing as well as Federal security measures. He stated that he trusts they will be able to get funding for both.

Sheriff Dunning suggested that the Office of Homeland Security be contacted to see if they have operational money.

No funding will be requested for Windmill Hill Park. Congressman Moran stated that there is one tangentially related issue in terms of the waterfront. There is still the ongoing issue with regard to the use of the property at the foot of King Street extending through the Boat Club and through the Mann/Richards property. Once the City has its consensus plan finalized, he thinks that the Federal Government is finally prepared to move.

Staff was requested to prepare a draft letter for Congressman Moran to send to VDOT identifying where the City wants T21 funds spent and provide him with some sense of the amount.

Congressman Moran has asked the Corps of Engineers for money for Holmes Run improvements, i.e., funds for the bike trail and the improvement of the watershed itself which will be modeled after the success that was achieved on the Four Mile Run project.

Historic Alexandria Director Federico was requested to get a letter of endorsement to Congressman Moran for application for funds to be used for Fort Ward.

There was discussion on the Belle Haven Marina.

Congressman Moran reported that \$600,000 is to be provided for the Arlandria Clinic for a new facility if one can be found.

(Material pertaining to this work session is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council and is incorporated herewith as part of the record.)

The work session was concluded at approximately 9:45 a.m.

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Members of City Council attended the Technology Achievement Awards Reception at 6:45 p.m., in the Vola Lawson Lobby.

(A copy of the finalist profiles is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council and is incorporated herewith as part of the record.)

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OPENING

The Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Donley, and the City Clerk called the Roll; all Members of City Council were present.

New Business Item No. 1: Mayor Donley spoke to the recent death of Assistant City Manager Lori Godwin. He reported that she was a very, very outstanding, dedicated, bright and enthusiastic City employee and will be sorely, sorely missed.

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The Invocation was pronounced by Reverend Christopher Esget, Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church.

3. **THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Minutes for (a) the Public Hearing Meeting of Saturday, February 23, 2002; and (b) the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2002, as submitted. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Cleveland	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

4. **THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Cleveland, seconded by Councilman Euille and carried unanimously, City Council received the Report of the City Clerk dated March 4, 2002, which is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 4; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference. The voting was as follows:

Cleveland	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

5. Recognition of Alexandria Cub Scouts.

In the Council's effort to acknowledge the accomplishments of the City's youth, City Council recognized members of Cub Scout Pack 129, Den 1. Den 1 led the Members of City Council and staff in the "Den 1 Yell."

The Cub Scouts presented Mayor Donley with a knot plaque.

OPENING (continued)

6. Presentation of Proclamation Declaring the Week of March 18-22, 2002, as Alexandria Technology Achievement Week and Recognizing the Technology Achievement Award Finalists.

(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; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilwomen Woodson and Pepper presented the proclamation to the finalists.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
		Speck	"aye"

7. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of March as Women's History Month in the City of Alexandria.

(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. 7; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilwoman Eberwein presented the proclamation.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Eberwein, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The voting was as follows:

Eberwein	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

8. Presentation of Proclamation Declaring the Week of March 17-23, 2002, as Tall Cedars Week in the City of Alexandria.

(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. 8; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilwoman Pepper presented the proclamation.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Euille and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

9. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming Saturday, March 23, 2002, as Homeownership Fair Day in the City of Alexandria.

(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. 9; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Mayor Donley presented the proclamation.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
		Speck	"aye"

10. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming Saturday, April 27, 2002, as Earth Day in the City of Alexandria.

(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. 10; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Euille presented the proclamation.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Euille, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The voting was as follows:

Euille	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

11. Consideration of Update Report on Items Before the 2002 General Assembly Session.

(A copy of Mr. Caton's memorandum dated March 9, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Senators Ticer and Saslaw, Delegates Van Landingham and Moran spoke regarding this year's General Assembly Session and responded to questions.

Legislative Director Caton participated in the discussion.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Euille and carried unanimously, City Council authorized the Mayor to send a letter to Governor Warner indicating that Council would want him to veto the bill that has come forward that denies us the right to have safety in our recreation and other public buildings. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

Mayor Donley noted that he has also talked with all of his colleagues from Fairfax, Fairfax City, Arlington, Falls Church, Prince William and Loudoun and has gained commitments to support a common letter from all of the mayors and chairs in Northern Virginia to also support a veto of this legislation. He reported that the chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors has not signed off, everyone else did.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Euille and carried unanimously, City Council authorized the Mayor to write a letter to Governor Warner requesting that the General Assembly have a special session that will deal with the issue of a referendum for both education and transportation. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

Mayor Donley stated that the mayors and chairs of Northern Virginia will be writing, again with the exception of Prince William County, going on record asking for that same special session.

Councilwoman Pepper stated that somewhere, somehow we have to communicate to the Governor that we don't want him to go ahead just alone with an amendment to the Hampton Roads Bill that includes Northern Virginia. She stressed that this needs to be specified. It was the consensus of Council to go forward with this and the Mayor will contact the Governor.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Euille and carried on a vote of 6-to-0, City Council received the report. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Cleveland	out of room
Euille	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

12. Presentation of The Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2002-2003 (including Schools) and The Proposed Capital Improvements Program for FY 2003-2008 (including the Schools CIP).

(A copy of the Proposed Annual Operating Budget is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the Proposed Capital Improvements Program is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 12; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the Proposed Budget Executive Summary is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 3 of Item No. 12; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the "Citizen's Guide" is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 4 of Item No. 12; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation made by the City Manager is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 5 of Item No. 12; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

City Manager Sunderland presented his Budget Message.

Councilman Speck requested staff to report back with respect to accelerating its schedule for going to the bond market.

General Discussion. Members of Council made comments and congratulated staff for doing a good job.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (13-14) (20-22)

13. Receipt of Resignations from Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria-Gyumri Sister City Committee
Amy E. Wilson
 - (b) Alexandria-Caen Exchange Commission
Beverly Winterscheid

(A copy of each 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 Nos. 13 (a-b); 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

14. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
1 Representative of a Civic Association
 - (b) Alexandria-Caen Exchange Committee
1 Representative from the Business Community
 - (c) Alexandria Commission on Aging
1 Representative of Older Persons
 - (d) Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities
2 Citizen Members Who Have Identified a Disability
 - (e) Alexandria Consumer Affairs Commission
Business Member
 - (f) Alexandria Social Services Advisory Board
1 Parent Member
 - (g) USS Alexandria Liaison Committee
1 Representative From the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
 - (h) Alexandria Youth Policy Commission
1 Member of the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission

(Material pertaining to 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 Nos. 14 (a-h); 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

20. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend the provisions of Title 3 of the City Code which establish real estate tax exemptions and deferrals for elderly or permanently disabled persons.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 6, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

A copy of an Informal Memorandum explaining ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 20; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith 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. 3 of Item No. 20; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

21. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend the provisions of Title 4 of the City Code which establish the fire prevention code for the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 8, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.

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22. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Map adopted by the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance to change the zoning of the property at 4320 Seminary Road (Alexandria Hospital) from R-12/Residential to R-8/Residential, subject to proffers.

(A copy of an Informal Memorandum explaining ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 22; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith 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. 22; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Speck, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Consent Calendar as presented. The City Manager's recommendations are as follows:

13. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Amy E. Wilson from the Alexandria-Gyumri Sister City Committee; and (b) Beverly Winterscheid from the Alexandria-Caen Exchange Commission; authorized the Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions to send the appropriate letters of appreciation and to advertise the vacancies in the usual manner.

14. City Council: (a) appointed Mariella Posey as a Representative of a Civic Association to the Alexandria Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; (b) appointed Christopher Schultz as a Representative from the Business Community to the Alexandria-Caen Exchange Committee; (c) appointed Ralph Smith, III as a Representative of Older Persons to the Alexandria Commission on Aging; (d) appointed Hope Harrison and reappointed Eugene Toni as Citizen Members Who Have Identified a Disability to the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (e) reappointed Alan Dubow as a Business Member to the Alexandria Consumer Affairs Commission; (f) appointed Amy Haberman Gomez as a Parent Member to the Alexandria Social Services Advisory Board; (g) appointed Martha Welch as a Representative from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce to the USS Alexandria Liaison Committee; and (h) reappointed Lori Cooper as a Member of the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Committee to the Alexandria Youth Policy Commission.

20. City Council Introduced and Passed the Ordinance on its First Reading; set it for Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage on Saturday, March 16, 2002.

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END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The voting was as follows:

Speck	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (continued)

15. Verbal Report on the Status of Proposed Improvements to the CSX Overpass at the King Street Metro Station.

Transportation and Environmental Services Director Baier provided Council with a status report on the proposed improvements to the CSX Overpass at the King Street Metro Station. Staff was requested to communicate to CSX that June 15, is the goal for completion of the improvements.

16. Verbal Report on the Status of the Datatel Building on Mount Vernon Avenue.

Councilwoman Eberwein requested that the City/Schools committee consider the issue of the possible relocation of the School Administration Building to the Datatel site.

City Manager Sunderland and Planning and Zoning Deputy Director Ross gave Council a status report of the Datatel Building on Mount Vernon Avenue.

17. Consideration of Amending the Status of Chetworth Park in the City's Master Plan for Dog Exercise Areas and Fenced Dog Parks.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 5, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.

A copy of a verbatim transcript of this item is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 17; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Members of City Council, Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Director Whitmore, and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Deputy Director Kincannon participated in a discussion of this item. Ms. Whitmore responded to questions posed to her by Members of Council.

WHEREUPON, a motion was made by Councilman Speck, seconded by Councilwoman Woodson to rescind effective April 30, 2002, the designation of Chetworth Park as a dog exercise area, thereby requiring that dogs using the park be on leash, and authorized and directed the City Manager to take all actions necessary and desirable to carry out this rescission.

Councilman Euille offered a friendly amendment to change the effective date to May 30, 2002; which friendly amendment was accepted by the maker and seconder of the motion.

Council returned to the amended motion which is as follows:

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Speck, seconded by Councilwoman Woodson and carried on a vote of 6-to-1, City Council: (1) effective May 30, 2002, rescinded the designation of Chetworth Park as a dog exercise area, thereby requiring that dogs using the park be on leash, and authorized and directed the City Manager to take all actions necessary and desirable to carry out this rescission. The voting was as follows:

Speck	"aye"	Cleveland	"no"
Woodson	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
	Pepper	"aye"	

18. Presentation of Alternative Redistricting Options for Future School Board Elections.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 7, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried on a vote of 6-to-0, City Council received the report and made public the eight alternative redistricting alternatives and the schedule for community input and Council consideration of redistricting options. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Cleveland	out of room
Pepper	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
	Speck	"aye"	

19. Consideration of Amendments to the List of Blighting Influences in Potomac East and Potomac West.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 1, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Euille, seconded by Councilwoman Woodson and carried on a vote of 6-to-0, City Council approved the deletion of one property from the currently approved List of Blighting Influences in Potomac East and Potomac West. The voting was as follows:

Euille	"aye"	Cleveland	out of room
Woodson	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
	Speck	"aye"	

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

None

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Councilwoman Pepper requested staff to move forward and pursue regulation of adult uses within the City.

(b) Councilwoman Pepper reported on a conversation she had with Seminary Hills Civic Association president Dickinson about the possibility of dedicating a room at the new Burke Library in memory of Lori Godwin.

City Manager Sunderland reported that staff will be thinking about ways to recognize Lori.

(c) Councilwoman Pepper noted that Burke Library will be having its opening on Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m.

(d) Councilman Speck requested a report regarding an increase in the number of pit bulls in the City.

(e) Councilwoman Eberwein congratulated the George Washington Middle School's symphonic band and its director for receiving a grade of one from all four judges at last week's District 10 Festival Competition.

(f) Councilwoman Woodson encouraged Council Members to take a tour of T. C. Williams High School and note its condition which is clearly dated. It is seriously dated. She stated that as Council thinks about the funding of this, it also needs to be cognizant of the need for flexibility and design so that we will be able to deal with change in the use of that building as we have change in the population. She requested that when the designs are considered that they will work closely with the Recreation Center and create a flexible usage of that building, whether it's the existing building or additions or perhaps a total replacement.

(g) Councilwoman Woodson announced her internship for the fall semester. For further information, please contact her website at Council@joycewoodson.net or call 703-838-4500 and ask for Barforce Baldwin.

(h) Councilwoman Woodson reported on her recent attendance at the NLC Congressional City Conference held in Washington, D.C.

(i) Assistant City Manager Evans announced that in the April issue of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, Alexandria came in second for this year's Top 10 list of America's Best Cities for Women. She provided Council with a copy of the article; a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Oral (i); 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.

(j) City Manager Sunderland announced visitation for Lori Godwin will be on Thursday, March 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Demaine Funeral Home, 520 South Washington Street. Services and interment are private.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (continued)

23. Consideration of Resolution in Support of the Belle Haven Marina.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 7, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 23; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Mayor Donley spoke to this item.

Councilwoman Eberwein offered that the resolution be amended by striking "to accommodate an appropriate and balanced number of motorized and non-motorized water craft" in the third and fourth sentences of the Resolve clause; which amendment was accepted by Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Euille and carried on a unanimous ROLL-CALL vote, City Council adopted the resolution, **as amended**, and requested that it be forwarded to the Members of the City's Congressional delegation. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Speck	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021

WHEREAS, since the mid-1940's, the Belle Haven Marina has functioned as a concession from the National Park Service and the George Washington Memorial Parkway; and

WHEREAS, over that period, the marina has provided a useful recreational service to thousands of Northern Virginians; and

WHEREAS, the marina provides not only boating slips for the owners of boats who patronize the services of the marina, but a sailing school for new sailors; and

WHEREAS, the Belle Haven Marina offers an affordable rental service to daytime boaters who wish to sail or canoe on this beautiful stretch of the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, supporters of the marina and the National Park Service have committed to protecting and preserving its adjacent neighbor, the environmentally sensitive Dyke Marsh; and

WHEREAS, the Belle Haven Marina is considered a significant resource for residents of Fairfax County and its neighbors in Alexandria;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alexandria City Council requests the support of the Northern Virginia Congressional Delegation for the continued safe operation and eventual improvement of the Belle Haven Marina and its environs provided adequate safeguards exist to protect and preserve the environmentally sensitive Dyke Marsh.

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OTHER

24. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 6, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 24; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilwoman Woodson announced that she will be out of town on Saturday, April 27, and will be unable to attend Earth Day 2002, and Christmas In April.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council received the revised calendar which includes: (a) a reception hosted by the Community Advisory Committee on Child Welfare Services in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month, on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:00 p.m., in the Vola Lawson Lobby; (b) the rededication of the Burke Library at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, April 20; (c) Alexandria Earth Day 2002 on Saturday, April 27, at 9:00 a.m. on Four Mile Run Park; and (d) a reception hosted by the Robert S. Rixse Foundation to honor 25 past recipients of Rixse scholarships, and to announce additional community grants on Tuesday, June 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Vola Lawson lobby. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
		Speck	"aye"

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

25. Alexandria Commission for the Arts
 1 Member Who Has Expertise in the Arts, Either as a
 Practitioner of Various Art Disciplines or as a Professional
 Administrator

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

NAME	ENDORSED BY:
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Elizabeth Beck

Taylor Wells*
 (Residency Waiver Required)

*Incumbent

(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. 25; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Whereupon, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots tallied with the following result: City Council waived the residency requirement and reappointed Taylor Wells as a Member who has expertise in the arts, either as a practitioner of various arts disciplines or as a professional administrator to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. The voting was as follows:

Donley	-	Beck
Cleveland	-	Beck
Eberwein	-	Beck
Euille	-	Wells
Pepper	-	Wells
Speck	-	Wells
Woodson	-	Wells

26. Alexandria Community Services Board
2 Consumers (Current Direct Recipients of Public or Private Mental Health, Mental Retardation, or Substance Abuse Treatment Rehabilitation Services) or Family Members (Immediate Family Members or the Principal Caregivers Who Are Not Paid)

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

NAME	ENDORSED BY:
Robert Bovey	
Timothy Callahan	
David O'Brien	

(Material pertaining to 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. 26; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith 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 Robert Bovey and David O'Brien as Consumers to the Alexandria Community Services Board. The voting was as follows:

Donley	-	Bovey, O'Brien
Cleveland	-	Bovey, Callahan
Eberwein	-	Bovey, O'Brien
Euille	-	Bovey, Callahan
Pepper	-	Bovey, O'Brien
Speck	-	Bovey, Callahan
Woodson	-	Bovey, O'Brien

27. Alexandria Consumer Affairs Commission
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME	ENDORSED BY:
Christopher Bellanca	
W.A. Petger Bolton	
Kimberley Moore	
James Rorke	

(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. 27; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Whereupon, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots tallied with the following result: City Council appointed Kimberley Moore as a Citizen Member to the Alexandria Consumer Affairs Commission. The voting was as follows:

Donley	-	Bellanca
Cleveland	-	Bolton
Eberwein	-	Moore
Euille	-	Moore
Pepper	-	Moore
Speck	-	Bellanca
Woodson	-	Moore

28. Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission
1 Member From Among the High School Youth of the City

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

NAME	ENDORSED BY:
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Stephanie Beck

Kimberly Dawkins*

Lauren Kuhmerker

*Incumbent

(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. 28; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Whereupon, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots tallied with the following result: City Council reappointed Kimberly Dawkins as a Member from among the High School Youth of the City to the Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission. The voting was as follows:

Donley	-	Dawkins
Cleveland	-	Dawkins
Eberwein	-	Dawkins
Euille	-	Dawkins
Pepper	-	Dawkins
Speck	-	Dawkins
Woodson	-	Dawkins

Staff was requested to talk with the Park and Recreation Commission Members to look at the possibility of whether there is an alternative arrangement, i.e., have two student representatives, but have one designated as a junior or a sophomore who could fulfill their whole term. This way we would not only get the longer term, but also get some continuity.

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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (continued)

29. Consideration of City Policy on Penalties for Late Filing and Late Payments of Taxes.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 6, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 29; 3/12/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Speck, seconded by Councilwoman Eberwein and carried unanimously, City Council deferred this item to the Tuesday, March 26, 2002 legislative meeting. The voting was as follows:

Speck	"aye"	Cleveland	"aye"
Eberwein	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
		Woodson	"aye"

EXECUTIVE SESSION

30. Consideration of The Convening of an Executive Session, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Virginia Code, to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried unanimously, at 11:33 p.m., City Council convened in executive session at this time, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of considering the acquisition of real property for a public use, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Cleveland	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
		Speck	"aye"

THEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried on a vote of 6-to-0, at 11:48 p.m., City Council reconvened the meeting. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Eberwein	out of room
Cleveland	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
		Speck	"aye"

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried on a vote of 6-to-0, City Council authorized the City Manager and the City Attorney to initiate the acquisition of the property which was the subject of the executive session along the lines discussed with Council. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Eberwein	out of room
Cleveland	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
	Speck	"aye"	

THEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried on a unanimous ROLL-CALL vote, City Council adopted the resolution pertaining to the executive session. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Cleveland	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
	Speck	"aye"	

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 12th day of March 2002, 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 Woodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried unanimously, at 11:50 p.m., the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 12, 2002, was adjourned. The voting was as follows:

Woodson	"aye"	Eberwein	"aye"
Cleveland	"aye"	Euille	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
		Speck	"aye"

APPROVED BY:

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk