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CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 24, 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; Public Information Officer Gordon; Mr. Culpepper, Deputy Director of Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Davis, Director of Housing; Ms. Steele, Acting Director of Human Services; Ms. Chis, Director of Family Services; Ms. Federico, Director of Historic Alexandria; Mr. Eiffert, Deputy Director of Housing; Mr. Neckel, Director of Finance; Ms. Oviatt, Director of Office on Women; Ms. Whitmore, Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Mr. McKinney, Director of JobLink; Ms. Pippy of Youth Employment; Mr. Mandley, Director of General Services; City Engineer Baker; Mr. Howard, Director of Personnel Services; Ms. Boyd, Director of Citizen Assistance; Police Chief Samarra; and Police Lieutenant Uzzell.

Recorded by: Susan K. Seagroves, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

OPENING

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

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

3. **THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Cleveland, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2002, as submitted. The voting was as follows:

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

4. **THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Cleveland, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council received the Report of the City Clerk dated September 16, 2002, which is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 4; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference. The voting was as follows:

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

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Councilwoman Pepper introduced two outstanding youth from the Summer Youth Employment Program this past summer, Donald Anthony and Rosmell Mejia, who are both T.C. Williams students. City Council recognized these individuals for a job well-done and commended *JobLink* and everyone involved in providing summer work experience to the City's youth.

(Material from *JobLink's 2002 Teenswork! and Community Digital Divide Initiative* is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of the Youth Recognition Item (a); 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

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(b) Councilman Speck raised a Point of Personal Privilege, regarding a youth item, to announce that this Saturday, throughout the City, The Lemonade Project will set up lemonade stands where kids will be selling lemonade to raise funds for the Police Youth Camp and the Child and Family Centers. He urged everyone to stop for a glass of lemonade to help the kids and these charities.

(An e-mail message from the committee members of "Kids Helping Kids" received on this item, dated September 26, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of the Youth Recognition Item (b); 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

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New Business Item No. 1: Councilwoman Woodson introduced Dr. Massouda Jalal, the female candidate for president in Afghanistan in the recent election. She explained that of the three candidates, two of them male, Dr. Jalal came in second. The doctor addressed the Council and audience to speak of her country and experiences as a female in Afghanistan.

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OPENING (continued)

5. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing Lawrence P. Robinson on Being Named Elk of the Year.

(A copy of the proclamation is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Euille presented the proclamation.

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

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

6. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

(A copy of the proclamation is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 9/24/02, 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"

7. Recognition of The Company of Sisters, Inc., for Historical Photographs and Oral Histories Given to the Alexandria Community.

(A copy of the news release of the Office of Historic Alexandria, dated August 15, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilwoman Pepper introduced Louis Hicks, Director of the Black History Resource Center, and the members of The Company of Sisters, Inc. They are involved in documenting, by photographs and oral histories, the people who lived or worked in Alexandria in past decades in order to carry on an appreciation for the history we have in the City. City Council received from The Company of Sisters two photographs depicting Alexandria senior citizens. The City Manager will find a good place to showcase these photos.

8. Presentation of the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy's (ACAP) *Get Real Magazine*.

(A copy of ACAP's *Get Real* magazine is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Mayor Donley presented to the City Council a copy of the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy's *Get Real* magazine which is trying to get the word out about adolescent pregnancy. He explained that it will be a teen magazine to come out twice a year with information about positive lifestyles. The Mayor highlighted the back of the magazine where "Get a Life -- 40 Things to Do" lists some positive things for teens to do in Alexandria and the D.C. area.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (9-19)

Without objection, City Council removed docket item nos. 16 and 17 from the Consent Calendar and considered them under separate motions.

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

- (a) Alexandria-Caen Exchange Committee
Gregory Jones
- (b) Alexandria Commission for Women
Lisa Webster
- (c) Alexandria Waterfront Committee
William H. Kuehnle

(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 Nos. 9(a-c); 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

10. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Commission for the Arts
1 Member Who Represents the Public-at-Large
As An Arts Consumer and Participant
- (b) Alexandria Commission for Women
2 Citizen Members
- (c) Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities
1 Citizen Member
- (d) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Representative From Planning District I
- (e) Alexandria Industrial Development Authority
1 Citizen Member
- (f) Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission
1 Member From Among the High School Youth of the City
- (g) Alexandria Youth Policy Commission
1 Member of the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission

1 Citizen 18 Years of Age or Younger

(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. 10(a-g); 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

11. Consideration of Submission of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to Conduct a Regional Terrorism Response Exercise Involving Alexandria's Hazardous Materials (HAZ MAT) Response Team.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 12, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of Submission of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Fire Programs to Upgrade the Fire Department's Computer Reporting System for Reports Submitted to the State.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 12, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of Housing Trust Fund Budget Allocations for FY 2003.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of Submission of Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Health for the Office on Women's Sexual Assault Response and Awareness Program for November 1, 2002 to October 31, 2003.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 12, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

15. Receipt of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2002.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 10, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

18. Consideration of Submission of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Fire Programs to Upgrade Audio Visual Training Equipment in a Classroom at the Fire Department's Training Academy at Lee Center.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 10, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

19. Consideration of Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Memorandum of Understanding to Accept the Gift of a Shipbuilder Statue.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Euille, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Consent Calendar with the exception of docket item nos. 16 and 17 which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations are as follows:

9. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Gregory Jones from the Alexandria-Caen Exchange Committee; (b) Lisa Webster from the Alexandria Commission for Women; and (c) William H. Kuehnle from the Alexandria Waterfront Committee; and requested the Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions to send the appropriate letters of appreciation and to advertise the vacancies in the usual manner.

10. City Council (a) appointed Victor Ciardello as a Member Who Represents the Public-at-Large as an Arts Consumer and Participant to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts; (b) appointed Olga Trujillo and Abbie Wheeler as Citizen Members to the Alexandria Commission for Women; (c) appointed Ruth Soto as a Citizen Member to the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (d) reappointed Kleber Masterson, Jr. as a Representative from Planning District I to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (e) reappointed Roger Machanic as a Citizen Member to the Alexandria Industrial Development Authority; (f) appointed Jessica Schneller as a Member from Among the High School Youth of the City to the Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission; and (g) appointed Jerome Cordts as a Member of the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission and Raymond Ejiofor as a Citizen 18 Years of Age or Younger to the Alexandria Youth Policy Commission.

11. City Council: (1) approved this grant award, totaling \$10,000, from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM); and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all documents that may be required.

12. City Council: (1) approved this grant submission to the Virginia Department of Fire Programs; and (2) authorized the City Manager to submit this application for State assistance.

13. City Council approved the following new Housing Trust Fund allocations for FY 2003: (a) \$51,500 for the Employer Assisted Housing (EAH) program; and (b) \$104,100 for homeownership counseling. The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) has approved these allocations. In the version approved by AHAC, \$11,500 for EAH counseling was included in the Homeownership Counseling budget. Staff has moved those funds to the EAH allocation for consistency with the previous (FY02) allocation.

14. City Council approved this request, which will result in continuing to fund one .50 FTE Outreach Prevention Specialist for the Office on Women's Sexual Assault Response and Awareness (SARA) Program's Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Project. The Department of Criminal Justice Services currently provides funding for the remaining .50 FTE. The Outreach Prevention Specialist position will continue to be supervised by the Coordinator of the Sexual Assault Response and Awareness Program. This grant-funded position would terminate upon the expiration of the grant, and the individual who fills this position would be notified of this condition of employment at the time that they are hired. It should be noted that there are no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expired.

City Council: (1) Approved the submission of the grant application to the Virginia Department of Health for funding in the amount of \$30,192 for continued funding of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Project; (2) Approved the continuation of .50 FTE of a full-time grant-funded Outreach Prevention Specialist position; and (3) Authorized the City Manager to execute all documents that may be required.

15. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2002.

18. City Council: (1) approved this grant submission to the Virginia Department of Fire Programs; and (2) authorized the City Manager to submit this application for State assistance.

19. Councilman Speck asked for clarification from staff about what future costs we will incur for the maintenance, repair and restoration of the statue. Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Director Whitmore responded to his questions.

City Attorney Pessoa related that the City will not be obligated to replace or restore this statue if something serious happens to it. Under the Visual Artists Rights Act, the City has limitations on what we can do to it voluntarily, but if it is struck by lightning, or something like that, and is destroyed, then there is no requirement that we repair or replace the statue.

City Council authorized the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding among the City of Alexandria, the Friends of Public Art for the Year of Celebration, and the artist, Michael Curtis (Attachment 1 to the City Manager's memorandum). The execution of the memorandum by the City Manager shall constitute conclusive evidence of his approval, and that of the City Attorney, of any and all changes from the contract in the form presented to Council.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The voting was as follows:

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

16. Authorization of Recommended Capital Project Allocations and Planned Expenditures.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 16, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilwoman Woodson reported meeting with Arlandria residents who feel they are losing their identity when they are constantly considered only to be part of Upper Potomac West. She reminded staff that Arlandria is a community in Upper Potomac West, but she asked that they try to help the community of Arlandria to retain its identity by referring to it directly.

Transportation and Environmental Services Deputy Director Culpepper answered Councilwoman Woodson's questions about the status of traffic calming and reported that the recommendations will be coming to Council this fall.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried unanimously, City Council authorized the capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Expenditure Summary (Attachment 1 to the City Manager's memorandum). The voting was as follows:

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

17. Request to Spend Revenue Maximization Grant Fund Monies in the Department of Human Services to Recruit Additional Foster and Adoptive Homes.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Assistant City Manager Jinks addressed Councilwoman Eberwein's concerns about the continued funding of this worthwhile program, assuring her that these are federal grant dollars that we can draw down for new services like this, and it is pretty assured to be a constant revenue stream. She requested that when this comes back to Council, she would like some facts on the success rate that we achieved by increasing the number of in-City foster homes based on this grant, and then think about making it a permanent part of the department budget.

Mr. Jinks responded to Councilwoman Woodson's question about whether there are other dollars out there in the Revenue Maximization Grant Fund Monies so that perhaps we can maximize other programs in Human Services. She asked that he continue to look into these programs. Mr. Jinks will come back to Council with a report which explains the program, shows the funding and where the dollars have gone to date.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Eberwein, seconded by Councilwoman Woodson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the spending of additional grant revenues currently located with the Department of Human Services to help support the foster families who currently share their homes with the City's children and to allow for recruitment of additional foster and adoptive homes. The additional revenues will allow the conversion of a part-time Social Worker II position to a full-time Social Worker II position in the Department of Human Services. This grant-funded position will terminate upon the expiration of the grant funds, and the individual who will fill the position will be notified of the condition of employment at the time they are hired and will sign an agreement of understanding regarding this condition of employment. The voting was as follows:

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

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (continued)

20. Receipt of Report from the Citizen Committee Appointed to Review Council Compensation.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 10, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 20, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 20; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

City Council thanked the members of the review committee, and Members of Council participated in a full discussion of this matter.

Assistant City Manager Evans replied to Councilwoman Eberwein that she will add an additional footnote to clarify the report that the City does offer health insurance to Council, but it is at their own expense.

City Manager Sunderland asked for clarification on whether Council wants a Public Hearing on the issue or on the ordinance. The Mayor asked for two hearings, one on the issue and one on any ordinance that comes forward.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Cleveland, seconded by Councilman Speck and carried unanimously, City Council received this report and scheduled a public hearing on the matter. Council requested staff to solicit specific, written comments from the League of Women Voters, Chamber of Commerce and both political parties. The voting was as follows:

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

21. Consideration of Establishment of a Capital Development Office for the City of Alexandria.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.

Communications received on this item are on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 21; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.

A copy of a partial verbatim on this item is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 3 of Item No. 21; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Speck gave some background on this matter, and the Members of City Council discussed the need to have a public hearing in order to receive comments from citizens and the nonprofit organizations before taking any further action.

WHEREUPON, a motion was made by Councilman Speck, seconded by Councilwoman Woodson, to receive the report and schedule a public hearing.

THEREUPON, a substitute motion was made by Vice Mayor Cleveland, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper, to not take this forward and to defer it; which motion FAILED on a vote of 2-to-5. The voting was as follows:

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

WHEREUPON, City Council returned to the main motion made by Councilman Speck, seconded by Councilwoman Woodson and carried on a vote of 5-to-2, City Council received the report and scheduled it for public hearing. The voting was as follows:

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

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

None

REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Mayor Donley reported on the progress of the Eisenhower-to-Duke Task Force which has met twice so far this month and will meet again this week to draft a report to Council. The Task Force was deadlocked on the no-build alternatives and does not have a build recommendation to report. Council charged the Task Force to come up with one no-build option and two build options, but the Task Force was unable to come up with those recommendations.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Councilwoman Eberwein brought to Council's attention that COG has put out a new map for linking land use and transportation planning. It is a very complete document and very appropriate for us to consider. She encouraged Council to get a copy of this from COG.

(b) Councilwoman Eberwein questioned T&ES Deputy Director Culpepper about whether the Connector is a highway in and of itself. The information that has gone out has said that it is four lanes or less, no more than four lanes, but she wanted to know whether staff has explored other alternatives besides four lanes.

Mr. Culpepper reported that in preparing the analyses that were presented to the Task Force, and for the purposes of location comparisons, they were all based on a cross-section which had four lanes. Specific subanalyses that looked at two- or three-lane alternatives weren't carried out analytically; however, they have been addressed in general terms as real possibilities as we go from the location selection stage to a concept design stage. Typically, that would be where those would be explored in detail. Based on the available traffic projections, they look like very strong potentials, but it is the same potential for all the build alternatives so it really isn't a basis for making a location decision so much as going to a final build decision. Mr. Culpepper will come back to Council with an analysis of negative traffic impacts and what kind of difference there would be.

In response to Mayor Donley, Mr. Culpepper explained that the next step in this process is a much more thorough analysis, specifically an environmental impact analysis. As a part of the environmental impact study, we would expect to go forward with this and look at some possibilities to mitigate any adverse impacts based on the more detailed study and the preferred alignment. Staff analysis has not looked at a six-lane alternative nor has it been suggested by the traffic projections as being needed. The Mayor explained that he asked these questions to put it on the record in response to a flyer being circulating that says this is a four- to six-lane road; it is not. The flyer also describes it as a highway; it is not. The author of the flier has taken editorial liberties with the facts in putting this out.

Councilwoman Eberwein explained that she had raised this subject to deal with the perception that it is four lanes or more, and to let the public know that Council is interested in exploring other options with the size of the Connector. Once you build a flyover, it would be prohibitively expensive to add lanes to it. Councilman Speck and Councilwoman Pepper participated in the discussion.

(c) Councilwoman Woodson reported on a report on the census published by the COG planning committee on which she and Councilwoman Eberwein serve.

(d) Councilwoman Woodson again reminded everyone that the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer is on October 28, at 8:30 a.m. at Cameron Run Regional Park, and encouraged everyone to participate. They have raised close to \$60,000 in pledges so far. Call 838-5030 for information.

(e) Councilwoman Woodson reported on a meeting of the Black Community Forum, a coalition of organizations and individuals, who met at Minnie Howard last Saturday morning to discuss issues of concern to their community. Those issues included education, housing, employment, recreation and police. The organizations were the NAACP, the NCBW, the Elks, the Masons, the Departmental Progressive Club, and there were a number of concerned citizens. The 75 to 80 people in attendance came up with issues and made recommendations, as opposed to just identifying problems. These recommendations will be presented to the City Manager and the Superintendent of Schools for review and possible implementation. This meeting will be rebroadcast by Comcast on September 25 and 27, at 9 p.m., on cable channel 69.

(f) Councilman Euille--dressed in full Scottish regalia--presented gifts to Mayor Donley on behalf of the Lord Provost of Dundee, Scotland. Councilman Euille reported on his recent trip to Dundee to help celebrate its 40-year sister city relationship with Wurzburg, Germany. He noted that all six City travelers paid their own expenses.

(g) Councilman Speck brought up a problem with bicyclists running through stop signs and lights without stopping, and he wanted to find out what can be done to change their behavior. Police Chief Samarra agreed that this is not an education issue, and he will have his officers look out for violators. They can receive a citation, similar to a traffic violation for failure to stop at a stop sign, which can cost \$50 and a court appearance.

Mayor Donley stated that COG is having a press conference to discuss safety measures it will be taking, and he suggested that maybe we could look at more bike routes within the City.

(h) Mayor Donley announced that Councilwoman Woodson will be joining Councilman Speck and him on the Legislative Subcommittee this session. These meetings have been noticed in the past and will continue to be posted. The first meeting will be on October 2, to begin developing the City's legislative package.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

22. Consideration of Resolution Endorsing the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services Obtaining Accreditation from the American Public Works Association (APWA). **[ROLL-CALL VOTE]**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 11, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 22; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Euille, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried on a unanimous ROLL-CALL vote, City Council adopted the resolution endorsing the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services' efforts to obtain accreditation from the American Public Works Association (APWA); and (2) authorized the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services to forward this resolution to the APWA. The voting was as follows:

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

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2042

WHEREAS, the American Public Works Association (APWA) is an organization that provides national accreditation and recognition to public works agencies; and

WHEREAS, APWA has developed best management practices for public works agencies that have become the standard toward which public agencies across the country aspire to achieve; and

WHEREAS, public works agencies that become accredited by the APWA for achieving these best management practices are recognized nationally and locally for their commitment to professionalism and to improving the delivery of public works services; and

WHEREAS, APWA provides public works agencies with suggestions for improving communication, clarifying budget needs, identifying operational and management needs, promoting teamwork and staff development, improving interdepartment coordination, increasing knowledge of service delivery, training and orienting supervisors and benchmarking the Department's performance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services seeks to obtain accreditation from the APWA in an effort to achieve its goal of providing the best services possible to the residents, visitors, and businesses in the City of Alexandria and creating a good working environment for its employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexandria City Council hereby expresses its support of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services in obtaining accreditation from the American Public Works Association.

23. Consideration of a Resolution Endorsing the Parks and Recreational Facilities General Obligation Bond Referendum. **[ROLL-CALL VOTE]**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 19, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 23; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Euille, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried on a unanimous ROLL-CALL vote, City Council adopted the general obligation bond resolution. The voting was as follows:

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

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2043

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the opportunity for Virginia citizens to have continued access to Virginia's recreation facilities and natural resources is dependent upon the Commonwealth's ability to preserve land and fund recreational capital projects; and

WHEREAS, Virginia voters will have the opportunity to approve a bond referendum on November 5, 2002, that will provide \$119 million to purchase land for three new state parks, 11 existing parks, 10 new natural area preserves and eight existing preserves and to fund construction and improvement projects throughout Virginia's 34 state parks; and

WHEREAS, in November 2001, the Virginia state park system was recognized for excellence in park management and presented with the National Gold Medal and State Park Award as the best state park system in the nation by the National Sporting Goods Association's Sports Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Virginia ranks 50th in the country in percentage of the state budget spent on parks and 49th in per capita state park spending; and

WHEREAS, visitation in Virginia state parks increased from 3.8 million visitors in 1991 to 7.1 million visitors in 2001, nearly 40 percent of whom are from outside the Commonwealth, contributed \$144 million to its economy in 2001; and

WHEREAS, taxes will not have to be raised to pay for this bond, and it will not jeopardize Virginia's AAA bond rating; and

WHEREAS, passage of this referendum will protect Virginia's unique and threatened land resources for future parks and natural area preserves and improve recreational offerings throughout Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexandria City Council endorses the passage of the referendum on the November 5, 2002, ballot authorizing the issuance of a general obligation bond of the Commonwealth of Virginia for \$119 million.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alexandria City Council encourages the voters of Virginia to vote "YES" on the question of whether the referendum should take effect.

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24. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 19, 2002, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 24; 9/24/02, and is incorporated herewith as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) scheduled a work session on Upper Potomac West at 6:00 p.m. before Council's Tuesday, October 8 legislative meeting; (2) scheduled a work session on Eisenhower East at 6:00 p.m. before Council's Tuesday, December 10 legislative meeting; and (3) noted the following events that have been added to the Council Calendar: (a) the ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening kickoff of the Eisenhower Recycling Center on Saturday, October 19, at 8:30 a.m.; (b) a work session on the Eisenhower-to-Duke Connector before Council's Wednesday, October 23 legislative session, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers; (c) a Special Public Hearing on the Eisenhower-to-Duke Connector on Tuesday, October 29, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers; and (d) the Scottish Christmas Walk parade on Saturday, December 7 (time to be determined). The voting was as follows:

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

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New Business Item No. 2: Councilman Euille recognized the journalism students from George Washington University who were attending the Council meeting.

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CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

25. Alexandria Early Childhood Commission
1 Member-at-Large

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

NAME	ENDORSED BY:
Nancy Busick*	
Charles Wilson	

*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; 9/24/02, 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 Nancy Busick as a Member-at-Large to the Alexandria Early Childhood Commission. The voting was as follows:

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

26. Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Representative From Planning District II

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

NAME	ENDORSED BY:
Patrick Butler, III*	
Holly Evans	

*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. 26; 9/24/02, 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 Patrick Butler, III as a Representative from Planning District II to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission. The voting was as follows:

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

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27. Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission
1 Member From Planning District II

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

NAME	ENDORSED BY:
Picot Chappell	David Newcomb Liz Wixson

Warren Leishman

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(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; 9/24/02, 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 Picot Chappell as a Member from Planning District II to the Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission. The voting was as follows:

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

28. Consideration of the Convening of an Executive Session to discuss settlement of actual and probable litigation involving the City, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried on a vote of 6-to-0, at 9:48 p.m., City Council convened in executive session at this time, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel and staff with respect to the settlement of the following claims against the City: an automobile accident claim pending in the Alexandria Circuit Court, styled Tashawana Green v. Anne W. Ellis, et al.; a claim pending before the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, styled Loralyn Key v. the City of Alexandria; and an FLSA claim pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, styled Alexandria Committee of Police, Local 5, et al. v. the City of Alexandria; and pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, 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		out of room

THEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Cleveland, seconded by Councilwoman Woodson and carried on a vote of 4-to-0, at 10:25 p.m., City Council reconvened the meeting. The voting was as follows:

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

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried on a vote of 5-to-0, City Council authorized the City Attorney to settle the three claims which were the subject of the executive session along the lines discussed in the executive session. The voting was as follows:

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

THEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried on a ROLL-CALL vote of 6-0, City Council adopted the resolution pertaining to the Executive Session. The voting was as follows:

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

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2044

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 24th day of September 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 Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Cleveland and carried on a vote of 6-to-0, at 10:28 p.m., the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2002, was adjourned. The voting was as follows:

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

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APPROVED BY:

KERRY J. DONLEY

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Susan K. Seagroves, Deputy City Clerk