

CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 14, 2004 - - 7:00 p.m.

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Present: Mayor William D. Euille, Vice Mayor Redella S. Pepper, Members of Council Ludwig P. Gaines, K. Rob Krupicka, Andrew H. Macdonald, Paul C. Smedberg and Joyce Woodson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Sunderland, City Manager; Ms. Evans, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Pessoa, City Attorney; Mr. Jinks, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Caton, Legislative Director; Ms. Fogarty, Director of Planning and Zoning; Mr. Phipps, Division Chief, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Gordon, Public Information Officer; Ms. Boyd, Director, Citizen Assistance; Mr. Neckel, Director, Finance; Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Kincannon, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services; Mr. Skrabak, Division Chief, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Bedwell, Fiscal Officer, General Services; Mr. Mandley, Director, General Services; Mr. Smith, Urban Planner, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Federico, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria; Ms. Niebauer, Director, Human Rights; Ms. Davis, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Johnson, Director, Management and Budget; Mr. Mandley, Director, General Services; Ms. Smith-Page, Director, Real Estate Assessments; Ms. Cohan, Archives and Records; Ms. Riggs, Division Chief, Personnel Services; Ms. Tarver, Pension Administrator, Finance; Ms. Steffee, Office of Historic Alexandria; Ms. Cressey, City Archaeologist, Office of Historic Alexandria; Mr. Mason, Affirmative Action Officer, Human Rights; Mr. Colevas, ITS; Lt. Uzzell, Police Department; and Mr. Lloyd, General Services.

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

OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

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

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

- (a) The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2004;
- (b) The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2004; and
- (c) The Special Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2004.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council approved the public hearing meeting minutes of November 13, 2004, as amended; the regular meeting minutes of November 23, 2004, as amended; and the special meeting minutes of November 30, 2004. The voting was as follows:

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

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

New Business Item #1: Mayor Euille recognized Cub Scout Pack 1515, who were attending tonight's meeting to obtain citizen badges.

- (a) Recognition of the Student Facilitators for the Alexandria Student Connection Forum 2004 on Race and Culture.

Mayor Euille recognized and introduced youth from various high schools and middle schools in Alexandria who participated in the Forum on Race and Culture last week.

New Business Item #2:

- 7.1 Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the T.C. Williams Freshman Football Team.

(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. 7.1, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

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

New Business Item #3:

Mayor Euille introduced the City Employee Choir, who sang in honor of City Manager Phil Sunderland, who will be retiring at the end of the year. On behalf of the City Council and City of Alexandria, Mayor Euille presented Mr. Sunderland with a proclamation honoring his years of service to the City of Alexandria.

Mr. Sunderland thanked Council for the proclamation and requested that City accord the employees of the City respect for their service.

(A copy of the proclamation is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

PROCLAMATIONS

- 4. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Douglas MacArthur Elementary School Principal Debbie Thompson as the Winner of the *Washington Post* Distinguished Educational Leadership Award.

Presentation of this proclamation was deferred until January 2005.

- 5. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring Good Weather on December 31, 2004, for First Night Alexandria and a Presentation by the First Night Alexandria Board of Directors.

(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, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

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

- 6. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring December as Human Rights 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, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

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

7. Presentation of the Federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Preserve America Award.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Macdonald, seconded by Councilman Krupicka and carried unanimously, City Council received the award. The voting was as follows:

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

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (8-22)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

8. Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees.
- (a) Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission
Lorenzo Esters
 - (b) Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission
Francesca Schneller

(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. 8 (a-b), 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria-Caen Exchange Committee
1 Citizen-at-Large
1 Representative From the Alexandria Sister Cities Committee
- (b) Alexandria-Gyumri Sister City Committee
2 Citizen Members
- (c) Alexandria Beautification Commission
2 Citizen Members
- (d) Alexandria Commission on Aging
1 Citizen Member
- (e) Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities
5 Citizen Members (Three of Whom Must Have A Disability)
- (f) Alexandria Community Services Board
1 Citizen Member
- (g) Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
1 Representative Of the Business Community Nominated By
the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
- (h) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Representative From Carlyle House
- (i) Alexandria Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee
2 Citizens Representing the Potomac East Area (Northeast and
Inner City) *
1 Qualified Professional Skilled in Architecture
(* These appointments will be effective when Council adopts the
new ordinance on December 18.)
- (j) Alexandria Public Records Advisory Commission
1 Citizen Member
- (k) Alexandria Sister Cities Committee
3 Citizen Members

(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. 9 (a-k), 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

- 10. Receipt of the FY 2004 Annual Report of the Alexandria Community Services

Board.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 7, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Receipt of the 2004 Annual Report and Plant Survey From Comcast Cable Communications, Inc.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 7, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Receipt of the 2004 Comcast Cable Communications, Inc., Annual Subscriber Survey Report.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 7, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Vacation - #2004-0001 - 700 South Lee Street. Receipt of Viewers' Report For a Request For Vacation of the Public Right-of-Way at 700 South Lee Street, Zoned RM/Residential Medium. Applicant Ruby R. Schropp. (#18, 11/13/04.)

(A copy of the viewers' report dated December 3, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of Requesting the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee to Conduct a Review of Economic Development Activities in the City.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 9, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Ordinances for Introduction)

15. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Minimum Acreage Devoted to Open Space Use That is Required to Qualify For Open Space Use Value Assessment.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 9, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15, 12/14/04, 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. 15, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council 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. 15, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Increase the Maximum Parcel Size Excluded From Net Worth For Real Estate Exemptions and Deferrals For the Elderly and Disabled.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 9, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16, 12/14/04, 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, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council 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, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the City's Snow Removal Regulations.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 9, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17, 12/14/04, 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. 17, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council 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. 17, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Change the Rate of Interest That the City Charges on Delinquent Tax Accounts.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 9, 2004, is on file

in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

19. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the City's Dog License Regulations and Fees.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 9, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19, 12/14/04, 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. 19, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council 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. 19, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

20. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Revise the Composition of the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee.

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council 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. 20, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

21. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Floor Area Ratio in the CD-X Zone.

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council 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. 21, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

22. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Revoke the Noncomplying Use Status of Coal Fired Power Plants,

and to Categorize Such Uses as Nonconforming Uses, Subject to Abatement.

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 22, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council 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, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Gaines, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Consent Calendar, with the removal of items 11, 14, 15, 16 and 20, and considered them under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

8. City Council accepted the following resignations with regret: (a) Lorenzo Esters, Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission; and (b) Francesca Schneller, Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission.

9. City Council made the following appointments: (a) reappointed Mark Delligatti as the citizen-at-large and reappointed Frederica Dunn as the representative from the Alexandria Sister Cities Committee to the Alexandria-Caen Exchange Committee; (b) appointed Mari Stull and waived the residency requirement and reappointed Samuel Gyulnazarian as the citizen members to the Alexandria-Gyumri Sister City Committee; (c) reappointed Marie Johnston and Kevin Posey as the citizen members to the Alexandria Beautification Commission; (d) reappointed William Harris as the citizen member to the Alexandria Commission on Aging; (e) appointed Laura Lantzy and Melanie DeMayo and reappointed Chester Avery, Jane Kachulis, Tom Sachs as citizen members to the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (f) appointed Ruth Chamowitz as the citizen member to the Alexandria Community Services Board; (g) waived the residency requirement and appointed Michelle Robinson as the representative of the business community nominated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce to the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (h) reappointed Carole Smith as the representative from Carlyle House to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (i) appointed Sylvia Sibrover and Teri Webster as the citizens representing the Potomac East Area and Catherine Moore as the qualified professional skilled in architecture to the Alexandria Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; (j) appointed Nils Kandelin as the citizen member to the Alexandria Public Records Advisory Committee; and (k) appointed Mary Jo Johnson, Jacqueline Manley, and Mariette McCarthy as citizen members to the Alexandria Sister Cities Committee.

10. City Council received the Alexandria Community Services Board's FY 2004 Annual Report and thanked the Board for their efforts on behalf of the City.

12. City Council received the 2004 Annual Subscriber Survey Report from Comcast.

13. City Council received the viewers' report for a request for vacation of the public right-of-way at 700 South Lee Street.

17. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on December 18, 2004.

18. This item was removed from the docket.

19. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on December 18, 2004.

21. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on December 18, 2004.

22. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on December 18, 2004.

The voting was as follows:

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

11. Receipt of the 2004 Annual Report and Plant Survey From Comcast Cable Communications, Inc.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 7, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council received the Comcast 2004 Annual Report and Plant Survey. The voting was as follows:

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

14. Consideration of Requesting the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee to Conduct a Review of Economic Development Activities in the City.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 9, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council requested that the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee conduct a review of the City government funded economic development activities in the City. The voting was as follows:

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

15. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Minimum Acreage Devoted to Open Space Use That is Required to Qualify For Open Space Use Value Assessment.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 9, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15, 12/14/04, 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. 15, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council 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. 15, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Woodson, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried 6-1, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading, and scheduled a public hearing, second reading and final passage on December 18, 2004. The voting was as follows:

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

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

23. Alexandria Commission for Women
1 Citizen Member

(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. 23; 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Tina Games-Evans as the citizen member to the Alexandria Commission for Women. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Games-Evans
Pepper	-	Games-Evans
Gaines	-	Connor
Krupicka	-	Games-Evans
Macdonald	-	Connor
Smedberg	-	Games-Evans
Woodson	-	Connor

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

24. Presentation of the Report of the Ad Hoc Task Force to Review Sites for a New Police Department Facility.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 10, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 24, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Gaines, seconded by Councilman Krupicka and carried unanimously, City Council heard the presentation by the Task Force, received the report and thanked the members of the Task Force for their work on behalf of the City. The voting was as follows:

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

25. Appointment of the City Employee Nominees of the City Manager and Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Employee Nominees to the Retirement Board For the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Plan.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 9, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 25, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council appointed the following individuals to the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Plan Board: Michael Cross,

Christopher Lockwood, Patrick Evans (alternate), Dana Lawhorne, Joseph Seskey, Shirl Mammarella (alternate), Michele Evans, Mark Jinks, Henry Howard, Jr., D. A. Neckel and Bruce Johnson (alternate). The voting was as follows:

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

26. Consideration of Approval in Concept of a Proposed Change to the Supplemental Retirement Program for Alexandria Deputy Sheriffs and Emergency Medical Technicians.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 10, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 26, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Macdonald, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved in concept the proposed changes to the supplemental retirement program for deputy sheriffs and EMTs, authorized the City Manager and the City Attorney to proceed to prepare the amendments to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Plan (Supplemental Retirement Plan) documents and present the proposed plan to Council for final adoption in early 2005. The voting was as follows:

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

27. Consideration of Approval in Concept of a Plan Amendment to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Plan to Implement Two Proposed Changes That Would Make Normal Retirement Age and the Calculation of Final Average Earnings the Same as in the Provisions of the Virginia Retirement System.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 9, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 27, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Macdonald, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council approved the proposed Supplemental Retirement Plan amendment in concept and authorized the City Manager and the City Attorney to develop the plan documents and present them to Council for final adoption in early 2005. The voting was as follows:

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

28. Consideration of Approval of Two License Agreements With the Potomac Riverboat Company to Berth the Matthew Hayes and the Admiral Tilp in Commercial Dock Space at the City Marina.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 9, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 28, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council approved and authorized the City Manager to execute the four-year license agreements (November 1, 2004 through December 21, 2008) with the Potomac Riverboat Company, allowing it to berth the Matthew Hayes and the Admiral Tilp in commercial dock space at the City Marina with the following modification: (1) approve a five-year term with a right of first negotiation for an additional three-year term and (2) a directive to staff to align the three other contracts with Potomac Riverboat Company along the same term lengths and general provisions in the license agreements. The voting was as follows:

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

29. Consideration of Applying for National Historic Register Status for the Gunston Hall Apartments.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 7, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 29, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilman Macdonald and carried unanimously, City Council received the report and directed staff to take the following actions: (1) assemble a citizen work group and direct staff to work with the citizen group to begin preparing a "Preliminary Information Form" in order to determine if the property is eligible for nomination to the Historic Preservation List; (2) charge the citizen group and City staff to explore other options in order to support the goals of preservation and affordable housing; and (3) to take proactive measures to identifying potential property owners. The voting was as follows:

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

Woodson "aye"

30. Consideration of the FY 2004 Workforce Utilization and FY 2004 Applicant Tracking Report for City Employees.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 10, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 30, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council received the reports and thanked the members of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, the Commission for Women, the Human Rights Commission, and the Commission on Aging for the assistance they provided in the preparation of the reports. The voting was as follows:

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

31. Receipt of Resolution Affirming the City's Policy Regarding Real and Personal Property Tax Exemptions and Setting the Resolution for Public Hearing on Saturday, January 24, 2005.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 10, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No.1 of Item No. 31, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Macdonald, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council received the resolution affirming the City's policy regarding real and personal property tax exemptions and setting the resolution for public hearing on Saturday, January 22, 2005. The voting was as follows:

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

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

None

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Councilwoman Woodson reported that she attended the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference in Indianapolis and requested that the students from Alexandria who participated in the conference be invited to a meeting in January to share their experiences with Council.

(b) Councilwoman Woodson reported on a session she attended at the NLC Conference concerning Parent Leadership, which is similar to the City's Citizens Academy. Councilwoman Woodson noted that she would send more information concerning Parent Leadership and Democracy in Governance to Council soon.

(c) Councilwoman Woodson congratulated the Health Department and Community Services Board on the grand opening of the new facility and clubhouse in the West End.

(d) Councilwoman Woodson congratulated the Arlandria Community Center on the dedication of the new facility. Councilwoman Woodson noted that there would be a microenterprise growing out of the Arlandria Community Center.

(e) Vice Mayor Pepper reported that the 70 foot red spruce from the George Washington National Forest in Highland County used for the Capitol Christmas Tree stopped at the George Washington Masonic Temple. Vice Mayor Pepper presented an ornament from the visit to the City.

(f) Vice Mayor Pepper reported that she and Mayor Euille attended the opening for the Lifelong Learning and Resource Center at the Urban League. Vice Mayor Pepper noted that the center will help citizens who are interested in continuing their education.

(g) Vice Mayor Pepper gave her top ten events of 2004 as follows: (1) the openings: the Duke Street Concourse, the Durant Center, and the Health Department and the West End Clubhouse; (2) T.C. Williams groundbreaking; (3) 97.2% of 1001 residents surveyed said the quality of life in Alexandria was very good or good; (4) completion of the 2004-2015 Strategic Plan for Alexandria; (5) Superintendent Perry's DUI arrest in April; (6) June announcement of City Manager Phil Sunderland's retirement and the November announcement of James Hartmann of Spartanburg, South Carolina as the new City Manager; (7) the legislation and study of the Mirant Power Plant and the establishment of the task force to monitor the studies; (8) the closing of the Alexandria Psychiatric Unit in August after 42 years of operation; (9) the May announcement of General Growth properties of plans to demolish most of the present Landmark Mall and build a new urban center with mixed uses, including office, retail and residential, with Hecht's and Sears remaining. This should help revitalize the West End. The West End Business Association was formed as a result of these plans; and (10) The mourning of the deaths of Alexandrians Nancy Dunning, John Catillo,

Laura Lyman and Sgt. Deforest Talbert.

(h) Mayor Euille thanked Councilwoman Woodson for the reports about the NLC Conference. Mayor Euille congratulated Washington, D.C.'s Mayor Anthony Williams on becoming president of the NLC. Mayor Euille also announced that he accepted an appointment as the Vice Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee and he would be attending a retreat in January.

(i) Mayor Euille extended his condolences to the family of Barbara Gilly, a community advocate for the disabled and affordable housing and noted that a reception and proclamation would be given at the January 11 meeting to honor her.

(j) Councilman Smedberg reported that Healthy Families held their annual Holiday Party at the Hilton.

(k) Councilman Smedberg congratulated the West End Business Association on having a successful Holiday Celebration.

(l) Councilman Smedberg reported that the first Hospital Task Force meeting was held and was very productive. Councilman Smedberg stated that they received reports about the hospital expansion, short term strategic plans, and status of the Casey Clinic. Councilman Smedberg thanked Michele Evans, Assistant City Manager and Dr. Konigsberg for putting the meeting together.

(m) Councilman Gaines reported that he and Mayor Euille attended the opening of the Child and Family Network Centers West End Daycare Facility. Councilman Gaines also reported that the facility received a \$250,000 appropriation from Congressman Moran, as well as a contribution from Freddie Mac of \$450,000.

(n) Councilman Krupicka reported that the Hospital Task Force meeting was productive and an update was received on the Psychiatric Services at the Hospital. Councilman Krupicka noted that the transitioning of services to INOVA Mount Vernon was going well.

(o) Councilman Krupicka reported that the taxicab process is still ongoing and he and Councilman Gaines have met with drivers, companies and consumers. Councilman Krupicka noted that next week they would be submitting comments on an early proposal, followed by a meeting in early January about the different proposals.

(p) Councilman Krupicka reported that the Citizen Corps group is close to completing the efforts of this task force and the Citizen Corps was working on the final proposal to address emergency preparedness to present to Council.

(q) Councilman Krupicka reported that he met last week with the Volunteer Emergency Families for Children Organization, which provides temporary emergency shelter and foster parents. Councilman Krupicka pointed out that organization needed more volunteers.

(r) Councilman Krupicka reported that there would be a new CERT class starting in the early part of 2005 and noted that the City was second in the state with the number of citizens trained for emergency response.

(s) Councilman Krupicka reported that the Lend-A-Hand Group needs more volunteers to mentor and tutor students at area schools.

(t) Councilman Macdonald congratulated the Health Department on its grand opening.

(u) Councilman Macdonald stated that he participated in the judging for the Parade of Lights and enjoyed it thoroughly.

(v) Councilman Macdonald thanked Mayor Euille, Rose Boyd, and other staff members for hosting the Dundee delegation.

(w) Councilman Macdonald congratulated the Campagna Center for hosting another successful Scottish Walk.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

32. Consideration of a Resolution Establishing an Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force. (#29, 11/23/04) **[ROLL-CALL VOTE]**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 10, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 32, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Gaines, seconded by Councilman Macdonald and carried unanimously by roll call vote, City Council adopted the resolution establishing an Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force. The voting was as follows:

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

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2128

WHEREAS, the local governments of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region are working together to address gang activity in the region; and

WHEREAS, this fall several members of City Council participated in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' regional forum to address ways to alleviate gang activity in the Washington metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council is concerned about the increasing incidents of gang-related activity in the metropolitan area, and wishes to improve education and communication regarding gangs among City agencies, between the City and others in the region, and within the Alexandria community; and

WHEREAS, although to date the City of Alexandria has experienced a relatively low amount of criminal activity by gang members, in part due to the effective suppression efforts of the Alexandria Police Department, gangs are a regional problem and, as such, could impact Alexandria at any time (for instance, if gang members from other jurisdictions come into the City to recruit members or commit crimes); and

WHEREAS, numerous City and state departments and agencies serving Alexandria have an interest in gang suppression, prevention and intervention; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to establish an Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force to address gang issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alexandria City Council hereby establishes an Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force which shall be appointed by the mayor and shall consist of the following 13 members:

- Two members of the Alexandria City Council
- One member of the Alexandria School Board
- One representative of TC Williams High School
- One representative of City Middle Schools
- One representative of Alexandria Elementary Schools
- One representative of the private schools in Alexandria
- One representative of the Alexandria Tenant and Workers Support Committee
- One representative of the Alexandria Branch of the NAACP
- One representative of the Alexandria Youth Council
- One representative of the Alexandria Interfaith Council
- Two representatives from the City at large

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that advisors to the Task Force shall include, as needed, the City Manager, the Commonwealth's Attorney, the Police Chief, the Sheriff; and the Directors of Court Services, Human Services, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse, Adult Probation

and Parole, and the Office on Women.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall continue for a period of 18 months from the date of its first meeting, and shall at that time dissolve unless authorized to continue by the City Council; and that at least 30 days before the end of its first year, the Task Force shall inform the Council whether it believes it should be authorized to continue in existence and, if so, it shall recommend the length of time it believes it should continue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the charge to the Task Force shall be to undertake the following:

- (1) to receive briefings on the status of gang suppression, prevention and intervention programs and activities in the City and, insofar as directly relevant to the City, the status of similar programs and activities in the metropolitan region;
- (2) to assist in informing and educating the Alexandria community about the gang suppression, prevention and intervention programs and activities that are occurring in the City and in the region;
- (3) to assist in identifying programs and activities that will address specific gang-related problems or issues in the City, with a particular emphasis on programs and activities that will prevent individuals from joining gangs and/or that will intervene with individuals who are members of a gang to facilitate their withdrawal from such membership;
- (4) to assist in identifying opportunities to obtain funding for programs and activities that will address such gang-related problems or issues in the City; and
- (5) to assist in identifying state or local laws that should be enacted or amended to enable the City, and possibly other local governments, to better address problems and issues arising from or related to gangs.

33. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds by the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Alexandria for the National Society of Black Engineers. **[ROLL-CALL VOTE]**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 7, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 33, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously by roll call vote, City Council adopted the resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds by the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Alexandria for the National Society of Black Engineers. The voting was as follows:

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

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2129

WHEREAS, the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Alexandria ("Authority") has considered the application of the National Society of Black Engineers ("NSBE"), an organization which is not organized exclusively for religious purposes and is described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), requesting the issuance of the Authority's revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 ("Bonds") to assist NSBE in financing or refinancing (i) the costs of acquiring NSBE's national headquarters building located at 205 Daingerfield Road in Alexandria, Virginia (the "Facility"); (ii) the costs of funding a debt service reserve fund, working capital, capitalized interest; and (iii) the costs associated with the foregoing, including credit enhancement fees, other eligible expenditures, and the costs of issuance in connection with the Bonds (collectively, the "Project");

WHEREAS, Section 147(f) of the Code provides that the governmental unit having jurisdiction over the issuer of private activity bonds and over the area in which any facility financed with the proceeds of private activity bonds is located must approve the issuance of the bonds;

WHEREAS, the Authority issues its bonds on behalf of the City of Alexandria, Virginia ("City"); the Facility is located in the City and the City Council of the City (the "Council") constitutes the highest elected governmental unit of the City;

WHEREAS, the Authority has recommended that the Council approve the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Authority's resolution approving the issuance of the Bonds, subject to the terms to be agreed upon, a certificate of the public hearing and a Fiscal Impact Statement have been filed with the City.

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

1. The Council approves the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority for the benefit of NSBE, as required by Section 147(f) of the Code and Section 15.2-4906 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended ("Virginia Code"), to permit the Authority to assist in the financing and refinancing of the Project.

2. The approval of the issuance of the Bonds does not constitute an endorsement to a prospective purchaser of the Bonds of the creditworthiness of the Facility or NSBE, and, as required by Section 15.2-4909 of the Virginia Code, the Bonds shall provide that neither the City nor the Authority shall be obligated to pay the Bonds or the interest thereon or other costs incident thereto except from the revenues and moneys pledged therefore, and neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Commonwealth of Virginia nor any political subdivision thereof, including the City and the Authority, shall be pledged thereto.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

34. Consideration of a Resolution in Support of an Amendment to the Virginia Constitution to Allow a Governor to Serve Two Consecutive Terms.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 8, 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 34, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilman Krupicka and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the resolution in support of an amendment to the Virginia Constitution to allow a Governor to Serve two consecutive terms. The voting was as follows:

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

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2130

WHEREAS, the Virginia Constitution prohibits any governor from succeeding himself, and limits a governor to no more than one consecutive, four-year term; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is the only state that does not allow governors to serve two or more consecutive terms;

WHEREAS, all previous attempts by the General Assembly to amend the Virginia Constitution and permit a governor to serve two consecutive terms have been defeated;

WHEREAS, a joint subcommittee of the General Assembly is studying whether the Virginia Constitution should be amended to allow governors to serve two consecutive terms;

WHEREAS, both current Governor Mark Warner and his predecessor, Jim Gilmore, have said that being prohibited from running for a second term prevents a governor from making many meaningful government reforms;

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, the State's leading economic development agency, has stated that "a one-term Governor simply places Virginia at a disadvantage as we go about the long process of building the economic future of the Commonwealth";

WHEREAS, it is to the advantage of all levels of government for governors to be able to take the time that is needed to carefully develop policies and programs that will benefit local governments in the Commonwealth and all Virginians;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexandria City Council supports an amendment to the Virginia Constitution to allow Virginia governors to serve two consecutive terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, the members of the City's General Assembly delegation, and the chair of the Joint Subcommittee studying whether to support a Constitutional amendment allowing the Virginia Governor to serve two consecutive terms.

OTHER

35. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December , 2004, is on file in the office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No.1 of Item No. 35, 12/14/04, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the schedule of regular City Council meetings for December 2004 through June 2005, with the following additions and changes: a reception in honor of Barbara Gilly, 5:00 p.m., January 11, 2004, in the Vola Lawson Lobby; the Chatham Square Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, January, 18, 2005, at 10 a.m.; the Community Visioning Session on Saturday, February 5, 2005 (time and location to be announced); the "Taste of Alexandria at the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)" event on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the PTO Atrium; the Alexandria Technology Achievement Awards reception on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 6:15 p.m., in the Vola Lawson Lobby; the Alexandria Technology Achievement Awards breakfast on Thursday, March 10, 2005 (location to be announced); the Alexandria Technology Achievement Awards luncheon on Friday, March 11, 2005 at noon (location to be announced); and the Salute to Women Award Banquet on March 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 625 First Street. The voting was as follows:

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

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Gaines, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2004 at 11:15 p.m. The voting was as follows:

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

APPROVED BY:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, Deputy City Clerk