


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 20, 2005
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 
SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE

ISSUE: City Council Schedule.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) Schedule a special meeting of Council in order to hold a public hearing on the proposed concept plans for Jones Point Park at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 27 in the Council Chamber; and
- (2) Receive the revised calendar which includes:
 - a memorial service and tour of the LST 325 on Friday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m. at Robinson Terminal, located adjacent to the Potomac River at Union Street and Oronoco Street; and
 - the 24th Annual Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival on Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19 at Oronoco Bay Park.

DISCUSSION: As Council is aware, the plans for Jones Point Park, approved by Council several years ago, have been under review again as a result of the federal and state safety concerns that have resulted in the removal of the proposed parking for park uses that was to be located under the Wilson Bridge. In an effort to develop alternative concept plans for the park, staff from the Departments of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities and Transportation and Environmental Services and the Office of Historic Alexandria have led a Work Group that includes representatives of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force Subcommittee, Park and Recreation Commission, Environmental Policy Commission, Youth Sports Advisory Commission, Archaeology Commission, Historic Alexandria Resource Commission, Jones Point Park Stakeholders Group and the National Park Service. The Work Group has held several meetings to discuss alternative park concept plans and to seek input from the public on those plans.

At the next meeting of the Work Group, scheduled for May 26 at 7 p.m. at Mount Vernon Elementary School, the Work Group is expected to discuss the proposed Alternative Park Concept Plans and finalize their recommendations on the Plans. Council will receive the recommendations on the Alternative Concept Plans at its June 14 legislative meeting. It is extremely important that Council take action on the Alternative Concept Plans before it adjourns in June, so that the City's recommendations on Jones Point Park are considered by the National Park Service before it takes final action this fall on the future plans for Jones Point.

Because we expect a large turnout when Council conducts its public hearing on the Alternative Concept Plans, I suggest that we schedule the hearing on a separate evening. Since the docket for Council's June 21 public hearing is expected to be quite long with many speakers, I recommend that we schedule the public hearing on the Jones Point Park Alternative Concept Plans at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 27. Council action on the Alternative Concept Plans would be scheduled for the legislative meeting on Tuesday, June 28.

The LST 325 is a World War II era vessel, staffed by volunteers and LST veterans. The veteran warship is making stops around the country to raise awareness of the role and history of the Landing, Ship, and Tank (LST) in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. It is coming to the Washington area as a memorial to those who fought and died, as well as to honor the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. It will be open the public from May 27 to May 29.

ATTACHMENT: Council Calendar

STAFF: Michele Evans, Assistant City Manager

City Council Schedule - MAY 2005 as of 5-20-05

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 6:00 P.M. Budget Work Session, Council Chambers	3 NOON Days of Remembrance program, Market Square	4	5 7:00 P.M. Citizen Academy, Council Work Room	6	7
	7:00 P.M. Budget Adoption, Council Chambers					
8	9 11:00 A.M. Successful Aging Expo, Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 625 First Street	10 5:30 P.M. Work session with Ad Hoc Transportation Task Force, Council Work Room	11	12 7:00 P.M. Citizen Academy, Council Work Room	13	14 8:30 A.M. Kick-off reception for the Potomac Yard Project, Carlyle House
		7:00 P.M. Council First Legislative Session, Council Chambers				9:30 A.M. Council Public Hearing, Council Chambers
15	16	17 7:00 P.M. Joint Work session with the Planning Commission, Council Work Room	18	19 9:00 A.M. 10 th Annual Health and Benefits Fair, Charles Houston Community Center, 905 Wythe Street	20 6:45 to 9:00 A.M. Bike to Work Day, Market Square	21
				7:00 P.M. Citizen Academy, Council Work Room		
22	23	24	25 5:30 P.M. Work Session with the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission on the Community Health Assessment, Council Work Room	26 7:00 P.M. Citizen Academy, Council Work Room	27 10:00 A.M. Memorial Service and Tour of the LST 325, Robinson Terminal	28
29	30 HOLIDAY Memorial Day	31				

City Council Schedule - JUNE 2005 as of 5-20-05

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 7:00 P.M. Citizen Academy, Police Department (exact location TBD)	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 7:00 P.M. Citizen Academy, Council Work Room	10	11
12	13	14 6:00 P.M. Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities awards reception, Vola Lawson Lobby	15	16 7:00 P.M. Citizen Academy, Council Work Room	17	18 24th Annual Red Cross Waterfront Festival, Oronoco Bay Park
19 24th Annual Red Cross Waterfront Festival, Oronoco Bay Park	20	21 4:00 P.M. Council Public Hearing, Council Chambers	22	23	24	25 All America City Award competition presentation, Atlanta, Georgia
26	27	28 7:00 P.M. Council Second Legislative Session, Council Chambers	29	30		