

CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 2006 - - 7:00 p.m.

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. Hartmann, City Manager; Mr. Pessoa, City Attorney; Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Fogarty, Director, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Farner, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Mason, Acting Public Information Officer and Special Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Neckel, Director, Office of Finance; Ms. Smith-Page, Director, Real Estate Assessments; Dr. Gilmore, Director, Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse; Police Lt. Uzzell; Police Chief Samarra; Mr. Kincannon, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs; Ms. Barnett, Deputy Director of Arts, Marketing and Special Services, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Durham, Office Space Coordinator, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Powalisz, Recreation Supervisor, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs; Ms. Boyd, Director, Citizen Assistance; and Mr. Lloyd.

Recorded by: Jackie M. Henderson, City Clerk and Clerk of Council

City Council held a work session with the Alexandria Transit Company Stockholders from 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. in the Council Work Room.

OPENING

- 1. Calling the Roll.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Euille, and the City Clerk called the Roll; all the Members of City 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 Meeting of City Council:

- (a) The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2006.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Woodson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2006. The voting was as follows:

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

PROCLAMATIONS

5. Presentation to Mayor Euille from the Taxi Drivers In Honor of His Continuing Assistance to the Taxi Drivers.

The taxi drivers presented Mayor Euille with a plaque and thanked the members of Council and staff for its hard work.

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring March as American Red Cross 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. 5; 2/28/06, 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 endorsed the proclamation. The voting was as follows:

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

7. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring March 4 as St. Patrick's Day Parade Day and March as Irish-American Heritage 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. 7; 2/28/06, 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"	

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

4. Recognition of Sheryl Bell's Unique Praise Dancers.

Council recognized the Unique Praise Dancers, who performed for Council.

PROCLAMATIONS (continued)

8. Presentation of a Proclamation Acknowledging Local Art in City Hall in the Juried Art Show Planned by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, the Art League, the Delray Artisans and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

(A copy of the proclamation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 2/28/06, 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"	

9. Presentation of a Check From Whole Foods in the amount of \$50,000 for a New Playground at the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center at 1108 Jefferson Street.

City Council was presented with a check in the amount of \$50,000 from Whole Foods Alexandria.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (10-15)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

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

- (a) Alexandria Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
Boyd Walker
- (b) Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors
Trudi Van Dyke

(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. 10(a-b); 2/28/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board
1 Citizen Member
- (b) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Representative from the Alexandria Archaeological Commission
- (c) Alexandria Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
1 Homeowner
1 Representative of A Landlord

(A copy of the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11(a-c); 2/28/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

12. Receipt of the FY 2005 Annual Report from the Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 16, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 2/28/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Receipt of the FY 2005 Annual Report of the Economic Opportunities Commission.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 13, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13;

2/28/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of Authorization of Recommended Capital Project Allocations and Planned Expenditures.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 22, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 2/28/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2006.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 23, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 2/28/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Gaines, seconded by Councilman Krupicka and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of item #13 and considered it under separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

10. City Council accepted the following resignations with regret: (a) Boyd Walker, Alexandria Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; and (b) Trudi Van Dyke, Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors.

11. City Council made the following appointments: (a) reappointed Peter Rutledge as the one citizen member to the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board; (b) reappointed S. Kathleen Pepper as the one representative from the Alexandria Archaeological Commission to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; and (c) reappointed Fletcher Johnston as the one homeowner and Joann Poladian as the one representative of a landlord to the Alexandria Landlord-Tenant Relations Board.

12. City Council received the Annual Report from the Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission and thanked the Commission for its efforts on behalf of the City.

14. City Council authorized the capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Expenditure Summary.

15. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2006.

The voting was as follows:

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

13. Receipt of the FY 2005 Annual Report of the Economic Opportunities Commission.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 13, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 2/28/06, 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 received the report, which covers the activities of the Economic Opportunities Commission from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 (FY 2005.) The voting was as follows:

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

The following item was taken out of turn:

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

- 16.1 Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Establish the Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2006, and to conform the city code to the amendments to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 which were made by the General Assembly in 2005.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 23, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16.1; 2/28/06, 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. 16.1, 2/28/06, 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. 16.1,

Euille	-	Traylor
Pepper	-	Lantzy
Gaines	-	Lantzy
Krupicka	-	Lantzy
Macdonald	-	Lantzy
Smedberg	-	Traylor
Woodson	-	Lantzy

- 16.2 Deferral from the February 25, 2006, City Council meeting:
(The public hearing on this item has been closed.)

TEXT AMENDMENT #2005-0008

FOR THE PROPERTIES BOUNDED BY FOUR MILE RUN, JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY, BRADDOCK ROAD, SLATERS LANE AND THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY

Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for an amendment to the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance to revise the CDD Zone regulations, Section 5-600, to allow for a revised Monroe Avenue connection for the Monroe Avenue Bridge. Staff: Departments of Planning and Zoning and Transportation and Environmental Services.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend Denial 6-0-1

This item was deferred.

17. Recommendations and Status Report on Legislation Introduced at the 2006 General Assembly Session.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 27, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17; 2/28/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Caton made a presentation of the legislation and status update and answered questions of Council.

City Council received the report.

18. Presentation by the Office of Planning and Zoning on Good Community Design.

City Council heard a presentation by Ms. Fogarty, Mr. Farner and Mr. Tom Canfield, architect, on what staff, the Planning Commission, the BAR's and Council do.

The following item was taken out of turn:

OTHER

20. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 23, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 2/28/06, 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 adopted the City Council Schedule for the months of February 2006 through June 2006, with the following additions and changes: (a) The Cherry Blossom Festival on Saturday, April 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Duke Street, the opening ceremony/dedication is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.; (b) the Historic Preservation Forum on Wednesday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. (location to be determined.) Charleston, South Carolina Mayor Joseph R. Riley, Jr. will be the featured speaker; (c) the March 20 budget work session will be held at Samuel Tucker Elementary School, 435 Ferdinand Day Drive; (d) the Jaycees award ceremony for Community Appreciation Night has been changed to April 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Campagna Center; and (e) May 18 is the dedication of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge at 11:00 a.m. The voting was as follows:

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

Council will decide at a later date whether March 28 at 5:30 is a good date for a work session with the Planning Commission.

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Councilwoman Woodson left the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

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19. Consideration of Salary Supplements for Alexandria Magistrates Similar to Those Provided by Other Jurisdictions in Northern Virginia.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 23, 2006, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 2/28/06, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. George Ball, Chief Magistrate for the City, made a presentation to Council on the Magistrates, the process for selecting Magistrates, the role of the Magistrates, and the demographics and answered questions of Council.

WHEREUPON, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by

Councilman Gaines and failed 2-4, to approve the salary adjustment for the Magistrates. The voting was as follows:

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

Mayor Euille suggested that this come back during the normal budget process.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

None

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Police Chief Samarra made a report to Council on the shooting by a City Police Officer of an 18-year old youth on February 25 at the IHOP Restaurant on Duke Street, said they are actively investigating the case, and provided Council with a copy of the Department's Use of Force Policy. He said the Detectives have been working with Commonwealth Attorney Sengel, and should present its case to him within the next two weeks. He noted his visit with the family today and said they will be complete, honest and thorough in its investigation. He also answered questions of Council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

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Mayor Euille noted that on the website is a copy of the Mayor's State of the City Address, which was given February 24.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion

by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilman Krupicka and carried unanimously, the regular City Council meeting of February 28, 2006, was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The voting was as follows:

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

APPROVED BY:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk