


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 22, 2007
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF REPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL'S NAMING COMMITTEE ON NAMING OPPORTUNITIES TO RECOGNIZE THE LATE FORMER ALEXANDRIA MAYOR FRANK E. MANN

ISSUE: Consideration of Report from the City Council's Naming Committee on Naming Opportunities to Recognize the Late Former Alexandria Mayor Frank E. Mann.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That City Council:

- (1) Approve the recommendation of the Naming Committee to expand the use of the entrance to City Hall at Market Square as a place to locate plaques honoring important Alexandrians such as the late Frank E. Mann, former mayor and to place a plaque honoring Mayor Mann in the entryway across from the plaques honoring City police officers, sheriff's deputies and firefighters who have died in the line of duty;
- (2) Set for public hearing on Saturday, September 15, the recommendation of the Naming Committee to name the City baseball field at Four Mile Run Park in honor of the late former Mayor Mann; and
- (3) Request the Park and Recreation Commission to provide Council with its recommendation on the naming of the field before the September 15 public hearing.

DISCUSSION: Former Mayor Frank E. Mann, who died on April 25, served three terms as the City's Mayor (1961-1967 and 1976-1979), was a member of City Council from 1952 to 1958 and represented the City as a delegate in the Virginia General Assembly from 1970 to 1975 (Attachment). At Council's May 8, 2007, legislative meeting Mayor Euille acknowledged former Mayor Mann's accomplishments and his many years of dedicated service to Alexandria. He also asked that we look into possible short-term and long-term naming opportunities to honor and memorialize former Mayor Mann.

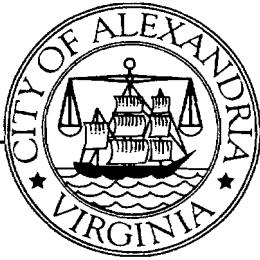
On June 13, the City Naming Committee which includes Vice Mayor Del Pepper, Council Member Tim Lovain, and City Manager Jim Hartmann met to discuss naming options. The Committee recommends that the entry area to City Hall at the Market Square entrance to the building be designated as a place where notable Alexandria elected officials can be honored by displaying a plaque describing their service to the City. One section of the area already includes the plaques honoring the City police officers, deputy sheriffs and firefighters who have died in the line of duty. The Committee suggests that the opposite wall (on the right side as you enter the building) be designated as the place for plaques honoring Alexandria elected officials whom the Council wishes to recognize. If Council concurs with this recommendation, we will install the plaque this summer.

With respect to a long-term naming opportunity, the Committee recommends that Council consider naming the Four Mile Run Baseball Field in honor of former Mayor Mann, who was instrumental in bringing a major league farm team (the Alexandria Dukes) to Alexandria in his last term as mayor. (The team later relocated to Prince William County.) Although the baseball field was rebuilt for the team in the late 1970's, it has been known by its location and is not named after an individual.

In order to obtain public input before making a final long-term naming decision this fall, I recommend that Council set the proposal to name the Four Mile Run Baseball Field in honor of the late former Mayor Mann for public hearing on Saturday, September 15. I also suggest that Council ask the Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission to provide Council with its input on the proposal prior to the public hearing.

ATTACHMENT: April 27, 2007 Press Release

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Former Mayor of City of Alexandria Passes Away *Frank Mann Led the City for Three Terms As Mayor*

Frank E. Mann, former Mayor of the City of Alexandria, died on Wednesday, April 25, at the age of 86. Mann, who was born in Atlanta, Ga. on May 1, 1920, began his political career in Alexandria serving two terms on the City Council from 1952 to 1958. He went on to serve three terms as Mayor from 1961 to 1967 and 1976 to 1979, and three terms as a delegate in the Virginia General Assembly from 1970 to 1975.

“Frank Mann spent several years guiding our great city at a time of many changes in American society and in Alexandria,” said Mayor William D. Euille. “We thank him for his leadership and dedication to Alexandria and extend our deepest condolences to his family.”

During his tenure as Mayor, the City purchased Fort Ward Park and restored it as a Civil War centennial project (1961); created the Department of Planning and Zoning (1962); and was named an All-American City (1964). Alexandria’s Old and Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places (1966); and the negotiations to bring Metro to Alexandria began (1970s). When he was Mayor, he established the Frank Mann Trust to fund training for City and School employees.

Mann served as President of the Mann Potato Chip Company and the Potato Chip Institute, International; Vice President of Sunshine Biscuits and Kidstuff, Inc.; Chairman of the Board for the American Logistics Association; and Board Member for First Commonwealth Savings and Loan and PepCom Industries. Some of his community and civic leadership activities included Charter Member and President of the Alexandria Optimists; President and Chorus Director of the Alexandria Harmonizers; and Chairman of the Board for the Alexandria Boys Club.

He was a 1941 graduate of George Washington University, and, upon graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy where he earned a Bronze Star for his overseas service in the Pacific theater during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Anita, two daughters, a stepson, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mann will take place on Tuesday, May 1, at 3 p.m. at Christ Church, located at 118 N. Washington St. A reception will follow from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club at 6023 Fort Hunt Road.

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