

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
WITH THE STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2007

5:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL WORK ROOM

AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome and Comments | Mayor William D. Euille |
| II. | Discussion of Legislative Package Proposals | Mayor William D. Euille
Legislative Director Bernard Caton |

(See "ADOPTION OF CITY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE FOR THE 2008 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION" docket memorandum for November 27 Council meeting, pages 1-5, for a listing of proposals)

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| III. | City Council Discussion of Legislative Package | |
| IV. | Determination of Delegation Sponsors and
Comments by Members of the General Assembly
Delegation | Delegate Adam Ebbin
Delegate David Englin
Delegate Brian Moran
Senator Richard Saslaw
Senator Patsy Ticer |

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Honorable Mayor Euille
Members of the City Council

The City Council's
meeting tonight with the Alexandria delegation to the General Assembly
offers an opportunity for the Council to register the City's interest in
preserving the independence and permitting authority of the State Air
Pollution Control Board(APCB).
As many of you undoubtedly know, the
APCB has become the leading state level advocate of measures to ensure
clean air for Alexandria. Unfortunately for Alexandria, however, the Air
Board's future is under serious threat in the Assembly. Legislation passed
last session and signed by the Governor, would (subject to action by the
coming Assembly) consolidate the Air Board (and other citizen
environmental boards, e.g. water) would) into and under the Director of
the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

If this legislation

is re-enacted in the coming Assembly session, the Air Board will lose its independence and its permitting authority. This would constitute a serious

Comments: setback for Alexandria's efforts to clean up the Mirant Plant. We witnessed at the VDEQ hearing on November 19, the VDEQ, in contrast to the APCB, appears consistently to position itself on the Mirant Corporation's side of issues.

I urge you to raise the preservation of the Air Board's authority as a priority issue with the General Assembly delegation in your meeting today. Failure to do so would certainly be misinterpreted by the delegation and would, indeed, be inconsistent with the strong support that so many of you have given to the cause of clean air. With the recent declarations of support over the Mirant plant from the Arlington and Fairfax boards of supervisors, it is doubly important that our delegation to the Assembly take strong and united position on this issue.

Yours

respectfully,

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(also on behalf of Ernest Lehman, also of Alexandria)

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Mayor Euille and Members of Council,

Having seen Dick Moose's letter

regarding the proposed consolidation of the Air Board and it's potential
loss of regulatory and enforcement power, I just want to add my voice in
favor of impressing on all members of the legislative delegation the
opposition of Alexandria's citizens to such a merger.

I saw Justin

Wilson's response note, which guided us to the text of the legislative
package, so this is just by way of reinforcing that this is very important
to many of us.

Comments:

One last point: On the DEQ site it says the enforcement
position for the Air Board is vacant. I e-mailed DEQ's Michael Dowd this
morning to inquire whether it was still vacant, and if so, how long it had
been vacant. He responded that the position has been vacant for 10 months
and remains so, but that recently people have been interviewed and that he

hoped to fill it soon. I'd like our legislators to push for filling that position. Regulations are meaningless if there is no one to enforce them.

Sincerely,
Christa Watters