

CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 24, 2009 - - 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, Timothy B. Lovain, Paul C. Smedberg and Justin M. Wilson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Hartmann, City Manager; Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Spera, Acting City Attorney; Ms. Orr, Director, Human Resources Department; Ms. Schramm, Deputy Director, Human Resources Department; Ms. L. Baker, Director, Office on Women; Mr. Trobridge, Deputy Director, Information Technology Services (ITS); Mr. Caton, Legislative Director, City Manager's Office; Mr. Mason, Special Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office; Mr. Gates, Assistant City Manager, City Manager's Office; Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Dr. Gilmore, Executive Director, Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse; Ms. Smith-Page, Director, Real Estate Assessments; Mr. Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Mr. Stewart, Budget Analyst, OMB; Mr. Catlett, Director, Code Administration; Ms. Boyd, Director, Citizen Assistance; Mr. Lambert, Pedestrian/Bicycle Coordinator, T&ES; Ms. Triggs, Director, Finance; Ms. Hamer, Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Mr. Moritz, Deputy Director, P&Z; Mr. Rosenbaum, Demographer, P&Z; Fire Chief Thiel; Police Chief Baker; Mr. McPike, Division Chief, General Services; Mr. Coleman, Division Chief, General Services; Ms. Davis, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. McIlvaine, Deputy Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Cochran, Division Chief, Office of Housing; Ms. Story, Division Chief, Human Resources; Ms. Stephens, Division Chief, Human Resources; Mr. Castrilli, Director, Office of Communications; Police Captain Uzzell; Mr. Outlaw, ITS; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

City Council held a work session at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Work Room on Fire Department budget issues.

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 Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2009;
 - (b) The Special Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2009; and
 - (c) The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2009.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of March 10, 2009, the special public hearing meeting minutes of March 11, 2009 and the public hearing meeting minutes of March 14, 2009. The voting was as follows:

Krupicka	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Gaines	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

3.1 Recognition of Miss Alexandria, Erika Elaine Thomas.

Mayor Euille and City Council recognized Miss Alexandria, Erika Elaine Thomas.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (4-9)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

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

- (a) Alexandria Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Kerry-Ann T. Powell
- (b) Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS Elizabeth Clarey
- (c) Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission Michael D. Casey
- (d) Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council Brian Hricik
- (e) Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission Daniel Cassidy

(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. 4 (a-e); 03/24/09, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 5. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
 - (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee 3 Citizen Members
 - (b) Alexandria Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
 1 Member Designated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
 - (c) Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS

 1 Member From and Representing the Alexandria Commission for Women
 - (d) Alexandria Board of Review of Real Estate Assessments 1 Citizen Member
 - (e) Alexandria Youth Policy Commission

 Member of City Boards, Commissions or Other Organizations Having An Interest in Youth Issues
 Parent Member From School Board District C

(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. 5 (a-e); 03/24/09, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

6. Submission of Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2010 to the Virginia Department of Social Services for the Office on Women's Domestic Violence Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 16, 2009, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 03/24/09, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7. Consideration of Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending February 28, 2009.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 17, 2009, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 03/24/09, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. Submission of a Grant Application From the Office of the Sheriff to the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for Funding to Continue Local Probation and Pretrial Services.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 19, 2009, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 03/24/09, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Acceptance of \$75,000 in Ongoing State (Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Substance Abuse) Funding for the Expansion of Mental Health Peer Support Specialist Services.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 17, 2009, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No.1 of Item No. 9; 03/24/09, 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. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

4. City Council accepted the following resignations with regret: (a) Kerry-Ann T. Powell, Alexandria Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; (b) Elizabeth Clarey, Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS; (c) Michael D. Casey, Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission; (d) Brian Hricik, Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council; and (e) Daniel Cassidy, Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission.

5. City Council made the following appointments: (a) appointed James Broman, Khalil Gueye and Adil Rasti as the three citizen members to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) reappointed Dennis Auld as the member designated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce to the Alexandria Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (c) appointed Patty Donmoyer as the member from and representing the Alexandria Commission for Women to the Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS; (d) reappointed Joseph Grouby as the citizen member to the Alexandria Board of Review of Real Estate Assessments; and (e) appointed Laverne Thomas as the member of City Boards, Commissions or other organizations having an interest in youth issues and appointed Janice McLaury as the parent member from School Board District C to the Alexandria Youth Policy Commission.

6. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application to the Virginia Department of Social Services (due April 6, 2009) for funding, in the amount of \$174,760 for Fiscal Year 2010; (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents for the grant that may be required; and (3) because of severe City budget constraints, affirm that no additional City funds would be available to fund this program in FY 2010 or future years.

7. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2009.

8. City Council authorized the City Manager to: (1) approve the grant application to the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for continuation funding for the current biennial grant cycle (FY2010), in the amount of \$459,209 under the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act-Pretrial Services Act (CCCA-PSA); (2) approve the continuation of six full time positions to deliver the services to be provided under these grant programs. These grant funded positions would terminate upon the expiration of the grant, and the individuals who fill these positions have been notified of this condition of employment; (3) because of severe City budget constraints affirm that no additional City funds would be available to continue this program in future years should grant funding not be available; and (4) execute all documents that may be required.

9. City Council: (1) accepted the State funds in the amount of \$75,000; (2) authorized the use of \$38,435 of State funds to convert two 0.5 FTEs from local funding to State funding; (3) authorized the use of \$27,283 of State funds to convert a current 0.5 FTE Peer Support Specialist (Grade 5 Program Aide I) to a 1.0 FTE benefited Peer Support Specialist (Grade 5 Program Aide I); and (4) authorized the use of \$9,282 for the purchase of contract Peer Support Specialist services.

The voting was as follows:

Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	·

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

10. Alexandria Affordable Housing Advisory Committee 1 Licensed and Practicing Attorney

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:

John Corrado Shejal Desai

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 03/24/09, 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 reappointed John Corrado as the licensed and practicing attorney to the Alexandria Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Corrado
Pepper	-	Corrado
Gaines	-	Corrado
Krupicka	-	Corrado
Lovain	-	Corrado
Smedberg	-	Corrado
Wilson	-	Corrado

11. Alexandria Community Policy and Management Team 1 Designee of the Director of the Alexandria Juvenile Court Services Unit

(The following person volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Ronald Lemley	Lillian Brooks, JD
-	Director of Court Services

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 03/24/09, 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 waived the residency requirement and appointed Ronald Lemley as the designee of the Director of the Alexandria Juvenile Court Services Unit to the Alexandria Community Policy and Management Team. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Lemley
Pepper	-	Lemley
Gaines	-	Lemley
Krupicka	-	Lemley
Lovain	-	Lemley
Smedberg	-	Lemley
Wilson	-	Lemley

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

Public Hearing:

12. Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Authorize the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds to Finance the Construction of Various Public Improvements. (#16, 3/10/09)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 18, 2009, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 03/24/09, 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. 12; 03/24/09, 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. 12; 03/24/09, 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 closed the public hearing. The voting was as follows:

Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	-

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council: (1) approved the ordinance on second reading and final passage authorizing and empowering the issuance, sale, and delivery of up to \$106.7 million in general obligation bonds to finance various capital projects; and (2) authorized the City Manager to notify the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) of the City's intent to "opt-out" of WMATA's upcoming \$468 million bond financing. The voting was follows:

Wilson	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

The ordinance reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 4584

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds to finance the construction of various public improvements in the estimated maximum amount of \$106,700,000, and providing for reimbursement to the City of Alexandria from bond proceeds.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia ("City") has determined that it is advisable to issue up to \$106,700,000 general obligation bonds of the City to finance the cost, in whole or in part, of various capital improvements as described below (the "Projects").

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

1. <u>Authorization of Bonds and Use of Proceeds</u>. The City Council hereby determines that it is advisable to contract a debt and to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the aggregate maximum principal amount of \$106,700,000 (the "Bonds"). The issuance and sale of the Bonds are hereby authorized. The proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Bonds shall be used to pay all or a portion of the costs of the Projects as described below and the Director of Finance is authorized and directed to determine the portion of the cost of each Project to be financed with Bond proceeds.</u>

General Project Description	Estimated Maximum Cost
Schools	\$10,000,000
Construction, remodeling and repairing of school buildings and acquisition of necessary equipment (includes projects contained in the capital improvement program under "Schools").	
City Parks and Buildings	\$69,000,000
Construction, renovation and improvement of existing and new City buildings and park facilities and acquisition of necessary land and equipment (includes projects contained in the capital improvement program under	

"Recreation and Parks" and "Public Buildings").	
Transportation and Metro Improvements	\$23,700,000
Maintenance and upgrade of the City's	
transportation systems (includes projects	
contained in the capital improvement program	
under "Public Transportation and Traffic	
Control," and payment of the City's share of	
certain Washington Metropolitan Area Transit	
Authority (i.e. "METRO") capital	
improvements).	
Information Technology	\$2,000,000
Maintenance and upgrade of the City's	
information technology infrastructure and	
hardware, networks, and software (includes	
projects contained in the capital improvement	
program under "Information Technology	
Plan").	
Infrastructure	\$2,000,000
Construction, renovation and improvement of	
City streets, bridges, storm and sanitary	
sewers and acquisition of necessary	
equipment (includes projects contained in the	
capital improvement program under	
"Community Development," "Sewers," and	
"Streets, Bridges and Pedestrian	
Improvements").	
<u>Total</u> :	\$106,700,000

2. <u>Pledge of Full Faith and Credit</u>. The full faith and credit of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable. The City Council shall levy an annual ad valorem tax upon all property in the City, subject to local taxation, sufficient to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds as the same shall become due for payment unless other funds are lawfully available and appropriated for the timely payment thereof.

3. <u>Details and Sale of Bonds</u>. The Bonds shall be issued upon the terms established pursuant to this Ordinance and upon such other terms as may be determined in the manner set forth in this Ordinance. The Bonds shall be issued in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series, in fully registered form, shall be dated such date or dates as the City Manager and the Director of Finance, or either of them, may approve, shall be in the denominations of \$5,000 each or whole multiples thereof and shall be numbered from R-1 upwards consecutively. The Bonds shall mature on such dates and in such amounts and shall be issued in such principal amount as the City Manager and the Director of Finance, or either of that the final maturity of any Bond is not more than approximately 25 years from its date and the

aggregate principal amount of the Bonds is not more than \$106,700,000. The City Manager and the Director of Finance, or either of them, is authorized and directed, at his or her option, to accept a bid or bids for the purchase of the Bonds which results in the lowest true interest cost to the City and the Bonds shall bear interest, payable semi-annually, at such rate or rates and shall be sold to the successful bidder or bidders at such price as may be set forth in the bid or bids so accepted, or, if he or she deems it to be in the City's financial interest, to forego such competitive bidding and negotiate the sale of the Bonds to one or more initial purchasers; provided that the true interest cost of the Bonds shall not exceed 6.5% per annum. The City Manager and the Director of Finance, or either of them, is authorized and directed to approve such optional redemption provisions for the Bonds as such officer or officers determine to be in the best interest of the City. The City Council may provide for additional or other terms of the Bonds by subsequent resolution.

4. <u>Form of Bonds</u>. The Bonds shall be in substantially the form attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A, with such appropriate variations, omissions and insertions as are permitted or required by this Ordinance. There may be endorsed on the Bonds such legend or text as may be necessary or appropriate to conform to any applicable rules and regulations of any governmental authority or any usage or requirement of law with respect thereto.

5. <u>Book-Entry-Only-Form</u>. The Bonds shall be issued in book-entry-only form. The Bonds shall be issued in fully-registered form and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") as registered owner of the Bonds, and immobilized in the custody of DTC. One fully-registered Bond in typewritten or printed form for the principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds shall be registered to Cede & Co. Beneficial owners of the Bonds shall not receive physical delivery of the Bonds. Principal, premium, if any, and interest payments on the Bonds shall be made to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds on the applicable payment date.

Transfer of ownership interest in the Bonds shall be made by DTC and its participants (the "Participants"), acting as nominees of the beneficial owners of the Bonds in accordance with rules specified by DTC and its Participants. The City shall notify DTC of any notice required to be given pursuant to this Ordinance or the Bonds not less than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date upon which such notice is required to be given. The City shall also comply with the agreements set forth in the City's Letter of Representations to DTC.

Replacement Bonds (the "Replacement Bonds") may be issued directly to beneficial owners of the Bonds rather than to DTC or its nominee but only in the event that:

(i) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds; or
 (ii) The City has advised DTC of its determination not to use DTC as a securities depository; or

(iii) The City has determined that it is in the best interest of the beneficial owners of the Bonds or the City not to continue the book-entry system of transfer.

Upon occurrence of the event described in (i) or (ii) above, the City shall attempt to locate another qualified securities depository. If the City fails to locate another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the City Council shall execute and deliver Replacement Bonds substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A to the Ordinance to the Participants. In the event the City Council, in its discretion, makes the determination noted in (iii) above and has made provisions to notify the beneficial owners of the Bonds by mailing an appropriate notice to DTC, the appropriate officers and agents of the City shall execute and deliver Replacement Bonds substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A to this Ordinance to any Participants requesting such Replacement Bonds. Principal of and interest on the Replacement Bonds shall be payable as provided in this Ordinance and in the Bonds and Replacement Bonds will be transferable in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 9 and 10 of this Ordinance and the Bonds.

6. <u>Appointment of Bond Registrar and Paying Agent</u>. The City Manager and the Director of Finance, or either of them, are authorized and directed to appoint a Bond Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds and as long as the Bonds are in book-entry form, either of such officers may serve as Paying Agent.

The City Manager and the Director of Finance, or either of them, may appoint a subsequent registrar and/or one or more paying agents for the Bonds upon giving written notice to the owners of the Bonds specifying the name and location of the principal office of any such registrar or paying agent.

7. <u>Execution of Bonds</u>. The Mayor and the Clerk of the City are authorized and directed to execute appropriate negotiable Bonds and to affix the seal of the City thereto and to deliver the Bonds to the purchaser thereof upon payment of the purchase price. The manner of execution and affixation of the seal may be by facsimile, provided, however, that if the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk are both by facsimile, the Bonds shall not be valid until signed at the foot thereof by the manual signature of the Bond Registrar.

8. <u>CUSIP Numbers</u>. The Bonds shall have CUSIP identification numbers printed thereon. No such number shall constitute a part of the contract evidenced by the Bond on which it is imprinted and no liability shall attach to the City, or any of its officers or agents by reason of such numbers or any use made of such numbers, including any use by the City and any officer or agent of the City, by reason of any inaccuracy, error or omission with respect to such numbers.

9. <u>Registration, Transfer and Exchange</u>. Upon surrender for transfer or exchange of any Bond at the principal office of the Bond Registrar, the City shall execute and deliver and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Bond or Bonds of any authorized denomination in an

aggregate principal amount equal to the Bond surrendered and of the same form and maturity and bearing interest at the same rate as the Bond surrendered, subject in each case to such reasonable regulations as the City and the Bond Registrar may prescribe. All Bonds presented for transfer or exchange shall be accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer or authorization for exchange, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the City and the Bond Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner or by his or her duly authorized attorney-in-fact or legal representative. No Bond may be registered to bearer.

New Bonds delivered upon any transfer or exchange shall be valid obligations of the City, evidencing the same debt as the Bonds surrendered, shall be secured by this Ordinance and entitled to all of the security and benefits hereof to the same extent as the Bonds surrendered.

10. <u>Charges for Exchange or Transfer</u>. No charge shall be made for any exchange or transfer of Bonds, but the City may require payment by the registered owner of any Bond of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge which may be imposed with respect to the transfer or exchange of such Bond.

11. <u>Non-Arbitrage Certificate and Tax Covenants</u>. The City Manager and the Director of Finance, or either of them, and such officers and agents of the City as either of them may designate are authorized and directed to execute a Non-Arbitrage Certificate and Tax Covenants setting forth the expected use and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds and containing such covenants as may be necessary in order to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), including the provisions of Section 148 of the Code and applicable regulations relating to "arbitrage bonds." The City Council covenants on behalf of the City that the proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Bonds will be invested and expended as set forth in the City's Non-Arbitrage Certificate and Tax Covenants, to be delivered simultaneously with the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and that the City shall comply with the other covenants and representations contained therein.

12. <u>**Revocation of Authorization for Previously Authorized Taxable Bonds**</u>. On October 15, 2005, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 4423 (the "Prior Ordinance") authorizing the City to issue certain amounts of taxable and non-taxable bonds. All authorization under the Prior Ordinance for the issuance by the City of taxable bonds is hereby revoked and rescinded to the extent such bonds have not been issued as of the date of this Ordinance.

13. <u>**Disclosure Documents**</u>. The City Manager and the Director of Finance, or either of them, and such officers and agents of the City as either of them may designate are hereby authorized and directed to prepare, execute, if required, and deliver an appropriate notice of sale, preliminary official statement, official statement, continuing disclosure agreement or such other offering or disclosure documents as may be necessary to expedite the sale of the Bonds. The notice of sale, preliminary official statement, official statement, shall

be published in such publications and distributed in such manner, including electronically, and at such times as the Director of Finance shall determine. The Director of Finance is authorized and directed to deem the preliminary official statement "final" for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12.

14. <u>Further Actions</u>. The City Manager and the Director of Finance and such officers and agents of the City as either of them may designate are authorized and directed to take such further action as they deem necessary regarding the issuance and sale of the Bonds and all actions taken by such officers and agents in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds are ratified and confirmed.

15. <u>Reimbursement</u>. The City Council adopts this declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. The City Council reasonably expects to reimburse advances made or to be made by the City to pay the costs of the Projects from the proceeds of its debt. The maximum amount of debt expected to be issued for the Projects is set forth in paragraph 1 above. The City hereby authorizes the Director of Finance, on behalf of the City, to specifically declare the City's official intent to reimburse portions of the cost of the Projects with Bond proceeds.

16. <u>Effective Date; Applicable Law</u>. In accordance with Section 15.2-2601 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the City Council elects to issue the Bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Public Finance Act of 1991. This Ordinance shall take effect at the time of its enactment.

13. Presentation by Jim Copple of the Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force's School Drop-out Prevention Subcommittee.

Mr. Copple presented the findings and offered recommendations from the Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force's School Drop-out Prevention Subcommittee. Mr. Copple, Ms. Walsh, Executive Director of Secondary Program for the Alexandria Public School System, and Ms. Brooks, Director, Court Services Unit, responded to questions from Council.

14. Consideration of Recommendations of the Traffic and Parking Board in Regard to Motorcoach Parking and the Conversion of the Unit Block of King Street into a One-way Street. (#10, 3/14/09, #20, 2/24/09)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 19, 2009, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 03/24/09, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Director of Transportation and Environmental Services Baier gave a brief presentation on the recommendations from the Traffic and Parking Board and responded to questions from Council about alternative solutions for motorcoach parking. WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilman Krupicka and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Traffic and Parking Board's recommendation to request to change the unit block of King Street to one-way westbound and to install motorcoach loading and unloading spaces on Washington Street and to defer the request to install short-term motorcoach parking on Jamieson Avenue until April with the provision that staff would return to the Traffic and Parking Board with at least two alternate locations and a no-park alternative. Council also issued a proviso that the recommendation goes back to the Motorcoach Task Force in April for further review. The voting was as follows:

Smedberg	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Krupicka	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	

15. Presentation of the Efficiency Study of the Personnel Services Department (now the Human Resources Department.)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 20, 2009, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 03/24/09, 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 report and chart prepared by the consultant and the Director of Human Resources. The voting was follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Gaines	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	

16. Consideration of Evaluation Criteria for Capital Grants to Nonprofit Organizations.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 19, 2009, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 03/24/09, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Chief Financial Officer Johnson responded to questions and concerns from Council about the criteria for capital grants to nonprofit organizations.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Vice Mayor Pepper and carried 6-0-1, City Council referred the City Manager's evaluation criteria for Capital Grants to Nonprofit Organizations to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (BFAAC) for review and a recommendation. The voting was as follows:

Krupicka	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	abstain
	Wilson	"aye"	

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

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 18, 2009, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17; 03/24/09, 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 authorized the capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects detailed in the Capital Improvement Expenditure Summary. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Gaines	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

None

*** The following two items were heard together.***

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Councilmember Lovain reported that the Transportation and Planning Board (TPB) of the Council of Governments (COG) reached a compromise on the widening of I-66, allowing the first spot improvement to proceed because full funding had been secured. Councilmember Lovain stated that the other two spot improvements on I-66 cannot move forward until the multimodal study is completed.

(b) Councilmember Lovain reported that the TPB recently completed a survey of over 10,000 households in the Washington Metropolitan Region about household travel. Councilmember Lovain pointed out that the transit share has grown from 15% to 17.6% in the region, with the highest growth in the outer suburbs. Councilmember Lovain noted that Alexandria has had one of the largest commuter transit share growth from 22.5% to 26.9% and Alexandria has doubled the number of commuters who walk or bike to work from 4.5% to 9%.

(c) Councilmember Lovain reported that the COG Chesapeake Bay Program Planning/Water Resource Committee has discussed reducing the use of plastic bags, focusing on an ordinance that District of Columbia Councilman Tommy Wells introduced, which posed a five cent fee on all plastic and paper bags dispensed by retailers and restaurants. Councilmember Lovain stated that the ordinance would give the retailers one cent back for the tax and two cents if they offer a rebate for reusable bags. Councilmember Lovain noted that both the Virginia and Maryland legislatures were working on a plastic bag ban and plastic bottles and bags are one of the two leading types of litter in the Anacostia River, with the litter ending up on the Alexandria waterfront.

(d) Vice Mayor Pepper noted the passing of Jim Cisco, the former president of the Watergate at Landmark and a very active citizen of Alexandria. Vice Mayor Pepper reported that funeral services will be held Friday at Alfred Street Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m.

(e) Councilman Krupicka reported that on Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 p.m., Earth Hour will be held around the world to raise awareness about climate change, environmental awareness and global warming. Councilman Krupicka stated that the goal is to designate one hour when cities will turn off their lights to raise awareness.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Director of Transportation and Environmental Services Baier gave an update on the availability of a drop off space for shuttles at the Van Dorn Metro Station. Mr. Baier reported that the interim plan will allow the longer buses to stop in the right turn lane on Eisenhower Avenue servicing the Van Dorn bus bay to load and unload onto the sidewalk and will allow the smaller buses turn right into the short term Kiss and Ride lot for loading and unloading. Mr. Baier stated that for the long term plan the Metro Kiss and Ride lot will be utilized in a different way to provide for stacking on site. Mr. Baier noted that the lot will be restriped with the possible removal of the metered spaces and the possible reconfiguration of Metro Road to allow for sidewalk widening and the storage of the large buses in the Metro lot. Mr. Baier responded to questions and comments from members of Council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

18. Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) I-95/395 HOV/Bus/HOTLanes Project.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 20, 2009, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18: 03/24/09, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Gaines, seconded by Councilman

Smedberg and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution regarding the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) I-95/395 HOV/Bus/HOT Lanes Project. The voting was as follows:

Gaines	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Smedberg	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2325

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is negotiating with a private firm, Fluor/Transurban, to expand and extend the existing two-lane high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facility on I-95/395 into a three-lane high occupancy toll (HOT) facility between Spotsylvania and Arlington counties, a portion of which is located within the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is concerned that this project may have significant adverse impacts on mobility and quality of life along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has requested documentation from the HOT lanes project team that indicates how the HOT lanes will benefit Alexandria as well as how possible adverse impacts of the HOT lanes to Alexandria are being addressed; and

WHEREAS, according to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), during the morning peak period, the two existing HOV lanes on I-95/395 outside the Capital Beltway carry about 25 percent more people than the four conventional lanes, and inside the Beltway the existing HOV lanes carry 50 percent more people than the conventional lanes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is committed to preserving and improving the person throughput on this corridor; and

WHEREAS, local jurisdictions and regional transportation organizations of which Alexandria is a voting member, including the NVTC and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), have expressed concerns about this project and its potential impacts on transit and mobility in the region; and

WHEREAS, most of these concerns have not been adequately addressed or resolved; and

WHEREAS, despite these outstanding concerns, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has concluded that the Virginia Department of Transportation

(VDOT) and Fluor/Transurban have satisfied the conditions laid out on August 31, 2006 for a Categorical Exclusion (CE), despite the numerous design exceptions and waivers that are required to construct the project and that will make the HOT lanes less safe and less usable as a transit facility; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria believes that the environmental documentation for this proposed project was not properly prepared nor did it receive adequate review, and that this project will have an adverse impact on the citizens of Alexandria and the Northern Virginia region as it is currently designed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Alexandria must withhold its support for the I-95/395 HOV/Bus/HOT lanes project until the issues, questions and concerns herein expressed are adequately addressed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City of Alexandria requests that:

1. VDOT and Fluor/Transurban provide additional information specifically detailing project impacts and benefits within the northern segment of the I-395 portion of the corridor,

2. The operational analysis results presented in the project Interchange Justification Report (IJR) be disaggregated to separately present the project benefits and impacts on the general purpose and reserved use lanes,

3. Additional information be provided clearly demonstrating that the receiving street network at the northern project terminus can satisfactorily serve the projected increases in traffic demand as a result of this project,

4. The project demonstrate its consistency with local jurisdictions plans for transit-supportive development, expand its operational analyses to include all impacted local streets, and include in any subsequent project agreements financial and operational provisions to mitigate all adverse impacts,

5. Unless the project can provide convincing evidence that the numerous design exceptions and waivers will not compromise the safety of the HOV/Bus/HOT lanes, any final project agreement define safety performance standards for the project and require that HOT operations be discontinued inside the Capital Beltway based on an independent finding that the actual safety performance of the facility has failed to meet those standards,

6. The environmental documentation submitted by Fluor/Transurban be re-examined by VDOT and FHWA, including a thorough review of the required design exceptions and waivers, and that both agencies work directly with each local jurisdiction to ensure that the impacts to localities resulting from this project are fully identified and adequately addressed in the environmental document and any subsequent project agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City of Alexandria requests additional information specifically addressing the following issues, concerns and questions with regard to the I-395/Seminary Road interchange:

1. How will the transit-only restriction be enforced to insure minimal violation rates?

2. In the event the transit-only restriction cannot be adequately enforced, what will be the impacts of HOV/HOT traffic using this access, either as violators or permitted users if the transit-only restriction is removed, on local streets and neighborhoods in the area?

3. The interchange turning platform has restrictive geometry. Will full-size transit vehicles be able to effectively navigate this platform? Will the proposed BRT service be able to navigate this platform?

4. VDOT is currently working with the City and the Department of Defense in seeking approval of a modification of this interchange to provide direct ingress and egress to the adjacent BRAC 133 site. Will the proposed new south-facing access point preclude this modification?

5. What impacts, if any, are anticipated on local streets and the HOV/Bus/HOT lanes during periods of heightened security levels at the BRAC 133 site?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City of Alexandria requests additional evidence that the reconfigured Shirlington/Quaker Lane interchange will operate in a satisfactory manner, including traffic flow around the rotary, reasonable pedestrian/bicycle accommodations and avoiding unacceptable queuing on interchange approaches.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, improved transit and HOV operations is the primary benefit of this project, the project design should reflect this priority and the City of Alexandria will strongly oppose any final project agreement that does not include significant improvements to transit and HOV services, including, but not limited to, the proposed bus rapid transit (BRT) service operating in the HOV/Bus/HOT lanes and project concession payments to support off-line transit service improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City of Alexandria requests information specifically identifying the impact of the proposed project on the travel times of transit services currently operating in the I-95/395 HOV lanes and who will fund any additional capital and operating costs that may be incurred in order to maintain current service levels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City of Alexandria requests clarification of several issues, questions and concerns regarding HOT lane enforcement, specifically:

- 1. To what extent will electronic or photographic enforcement techniques be used?
- 2. What agency or agencies will be responsible for enforcement?

3. How enforcement will be effectively accomplished without compromising safety or unduly impacting operations?

4. What is the estimated cost of enforcement and how will it be funded?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City of Alexandria requests clarification of several issues, questions and concerns regarding emergency/incident response for

the HOV/Bus/HOT lanes, specifically:

1. How will emergencies, such as collisions and vehicle breakdowns, be managed in order to maintain operations with minimal disruption? Is there a rapid response/ clearance policy or plan?

2. Will local first responders be expected to respond to emergencies and/or incidents in the HOV/Bus/HOT lanes? If so, what funding is being provided to offset increased costs to local jurisdictions?

3. How will snow removal be handled and what performance standards will apply? In segments with reduced shoulder widths, will snow be trucked to a disposal site, and if so, where will it be located?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria requests that VDOT and Fluor/Transurban fully address in detail each of the issues, questions and concerns contained in this Resolution, as well as respond back to the City in a timely manner.

19. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Funding for Targeted Acquisition of Foreclosed Properties.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 17, 2009, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 03/24/09, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Gaines, seconded Vice Mayor Pepper and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council approved the resolution authorizing the submission of an application during the first round of funding (due before April 3, 2009) to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for \$939,955 in Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding to acquire, rehabilitate and rehabilitate and re-sell at least four foreclosed properties in the Hume Springs Community of Alexandria. The voting was as follows:

Gaines	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Pepper	"aye'	Lovain	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Smedberg	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2326

WHEREAS, in accordance with Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development application procedures for its Neighborhood Stabilization Program, it is necessary that a request by Council be made in order that the City may be considered for funding under this new federal program; and WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria recognizes the destabilizing effects of foreclosure, vacancy and abandonment on certain residential neighborhoods within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria wishes to apply for Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds to improve housing conditions and to stabilize the Hume Springs community by acquiring and rehabilitating eligible homes; and

WHEREAS, the City plans, subject to approval of fiscal year 2010 program budgets by City Council and by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to expend \$200,000 in federal HOME funds, \$9,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds, \$520 in local Housing Trust Fund, and receive \$35,208 through in-kind services and volunteer labor through Rebuilding Together Alexandria, to serve four low-income households, of which at least one household will be very low-income.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia requests that the Department of Housing and Community Development accept and consider an application for \$936,955 in Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Alexandria hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary to advance this application.

20. Consideration of a Resolution Establishing an Alexandria Complete Count Committee for the 2010 Census

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 16, 2009, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 03/24/09, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Smedberg requested that Senior Services and the Alexandria Gay and Lesbian Neighborhood Association be added to the list for committee members.

Councilman Gaines recommended that the committee work with the Council of Governments Policy Development Committee representative and use the information that they have gathered concerning Census for member jurisdictions.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Pepper, seconded by Councilman Gaines and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council: (1) approved the resolution establishing an Alexandria Complete Count Committee; (2) authorized the Mayor to select a person to serve as Chair of the Committee; and (3) authorized the City Manager to solicit and appoint members to the group. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Gaines	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"

Euille "aye" Smedberg "aye" Wilson "aye"

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2327

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau will conduct a decennial census in the spring of the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau believes that there has been a substantial undercounting of population in Alexandria in previous censuses, and that there will be a substantial undercount in the year 2010 unless an effort is mounted to encourage the public to participate in the Census; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to establish a Complete Count Committee charged with the responsibility of ensuring that all City residents participate in the year 2010 Census.

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

1. There is hereby established an ad hoc committee known as the Alexandria Complete Count Committee ("Committee").

2. The Mayor will appoint a Chair of the Committee and the City Manager will appoint the members.

3. The Committee shall consist of up to 35 members representing a broad cross section of Alexandria's population. It is particularly important that the Committee have strong representation from civic associations, community-based organizations, the business community, and organizations that serve the population that is most likely to be undercounted.

4. The function of the committee shall be as follows:

(1) Consult with the Bureau of the Census and other persons who can provide estimates about what groups have a high likelihood of being undercounted in the year 2010 Census;

(2) Establish a list of groups that will be targeted for priority attention in an effort to encourage their members to be counted in the year 2010 Census;

(3) Develop a program to encourage participation in the year 2010 Census by the public generally, and by the target groups in particular; and

(4) Prepare recommendations to the City Manager about expenditures of funds to accomplish item number 3 above in an amount not to exceed the funds appropriated by City Council.

5. The Committee is empowered to adopt rules and regulations in regard to procedure and other matters so long as the same are not inconsistent with the City Code including, but not limited to, the establishment of subcommittees through which it may carry on its functions and purposes.

6. The City Manager shall appoint such staff to provide administrative and logistical support to the Committee as the City Manager shall deem necessary and appropriate, subject to the availability of funds and staff.

7. The Committee shall prepare a report of its work upon completion of its activities and submit the report to City Council.

OTHER

21. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 20, 2009, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 03/24/09, 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 revised calendar which included the Alexandria Jaycees' Community Appreciation Night at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18 in the Sister Cities Conference Room. The voting was as follows:

Smedberg	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Lovain	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	

EXECUTIVE SESSION

22. Consideration of Convening an Executive Session Closed to the Public to Discuss with Legal Counsel the Status of Cable Franchise Negotiations, the Status of Certain Land Use Litigation and the Potential Resolution of Certain Workers' Compensation Claims.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Lovain, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, at 9:23 p.m., City Council convened in Executive Session, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the *Code of Virginia*, for the purpose of discussing with Legal Counsel the status of cable franchise negotiations, the status of certain land use litigation and the potential resolution of certain workers'

compensation claims. The voting was as follows:

Lovain	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Smedberg	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Lovain, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, at 10:00 p.m., City Council reconvened the meeting. The voting was as follows:

Lovain	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Smedberg	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Lovain, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution pertaining to the Executive Session. The voting was as follows:

Lovain	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Smedberg	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2328

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 24th day of March 2009, recessed into executive session pursuant to a motion made and adopted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the city council that such executive session was conducted in accordance with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the city council does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters that were identified in the motion by which the executive session was convened, and that are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act from the Act's open meeting requirements, were heard, discussed or considered by council during the executive session.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion

by Councilmember Lovain, seconded by Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of March 24, 2009 at 10:05 p.m. The voting was as follows:

Lovain	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
Smedberg	"aye"	Gaines	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
	Wilson	"aye"	

APPROVED BY:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton CMC Deputy City Clerk