

City of Alexandria

*301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314*



Action Docket - Final

Saturday, November 17, 2012

9:30 AM

Council Chamber

City Council Public Hearing

OPENING

1 Calling the Roll.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Donley, and the Deputy City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present, except for Councilman Speck, who was absent. Councilwoman Hughes arrived at 9:38 a.m., and Mayor Euille arrived at 10:45 a.m.

2 Public Discussion Period

The following persons participated in the public discussion period:

(a) Annabelle Fisher, 5001 Seminary Road, stated that the City of Alexandria has too many boards and commissions and requested Council look at eliminating some of boards and commissions as soon as possible.

(b) Rodger Digilio, 1115 King Street, stated that the King Street Gardens Park Foundation Board is selling bricks in the park to raise money in support of the park improvements. Mr. Diligio reported that with the new water bills, some City residents are not being billed for refuse charges and he requested that the billing process be corrected as soon as possible.

(c) Thomas Yager, 2662 Centennial Court, stated that the extension of Sanger Avenue is causing some concerns with the residents in the Seminary Heights and surrounding neighborhoods and requested that City officials and staff review the placement and extension as the Beauregard Small Area Plan proceeds, possibly making an adjustment that would not affect personal property in the area.

(d) Rebecca Heirholzer, 2649 Centennial Court, stated her property is less than 10 feet from the proposed road and bike path. Ms. Heirholzer also stated that the extension of Sanger Avenue was probably overlooked during the overall consideration of the Beauregard Small Area Plan and the residents are coming to Council because all other entities have referred them to this venue. Ms. Heirholzer requested that Council defer the extension of the parallel road until some other viable options have been investigated.

(e) John Curley, 5107 Heritage Lane, requested that Council address the extension of Sanger Avenue and come up with a solution that would be the least detrimental to the surrounding communities.

Vice Mayor Donley requested that Council receive a report from staff regarding the status of Sanger Avenue and to identify some potential options and directed the Beauregard Implementation Group to examine some alternatives to relocate the road or move the road and other mitigation solutions.

(f) Dino Drudi, 315 North West Street, spoke about the recently passed constitutional amendment and elections statistics, specifically about the results from the State Board of Elections about offices with more than one person is elected.

(g) Andrea Dies, 505 Robinson Court, stated that the emergency e-Alerts received

from the City are not useful to the citizens because they are not timely and lacked essential information. Ms. Dies also noted that there is no where for those who want to volunteer during emergencies to receive information about how to help.

Councilman Fannon requested that the City Manager place the discussion of emergency preparations and volunteers on the agenda for the Council consideration.

(h) Gian Macone, 408 East Custis Avenue, stated there were some traffic concerns with Potomac Yard and the cut-through traffic in the neighborhoods. Mr. Macone stated that there appears to be a disconnect with the types of cut-through traffic that is occurring in the the neighborhoods and the memorandum issued by Director of Transportation and Environmental Services Baier does not address the future cut-through traffic plans and mitigation measures.

(i) Jerry King, 400 East Howell Avenue, stated that the residents of Del Ray were concerned about the cut-through traffic in the community, especially trucks cutting through and traffic enforcement in the area. Mr. King requested the City to provide plans to alleviate the problems concerning the traffic.

(j) Michael Beavin, 309 East Del Ray Avenue, stated that his chief concern regarding the cut-through traffic in the neighborhood was safety for those living in the neighborhood and requested that the traffic volumes for East Del Ray Avenue be studied in addition to the other streets.

(k) Margaret A. Heins, 412 East Custis Avenue, expressed concerned about what appears to be implementation of traffic mitigation measures by developers in the Potomac Yard areas and requested Council to consider ways and plans to protect the community from cut-through traffic. Ms. Heins requested that Del Ray be considered for the implementation of a parking district.

(l) Laura Macone, 408 East Custis Avenue, stated that she was unsure what the plan for the neighborhood was, especially regarding the traffic. Ms. Macone stated that the community was seeking clarification on developer contribution and participation of the neighborhoods in the Complete Streets Program, along with clarification of other options.

Director at Transportation and Environmental Services Baier stated that there have been several measures taken to alleviate some of the traffic problems and traffic enforcement has been increased for the area. Mr. Baier noted that there will be a meeting on November 29 at 7:00 p.m., at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center to address issues including a discussion of the developer of Landbay F contribution to traffic calming measures; the neighborhoods possible participation in the Complete Streets Program along with all other city neighborhoods; and review of the traffic data collected about the neighborhood, particularly the southern streets in the neighborhood.

Vice Mayor Donley requested staff provide during the meeting on November 29 some solutions for the elimination of cut-through truck traffic and some solutions presented for consideration and a plan to gain consensus on which solutions are acceptable.

Councilman Smedberg requested a plan for the entire area affected by the Potomac Yard development and a timeline that shows when the measures will be implemented.

(m) Philip Matyas, 219 North Pitt Street, requested that Council review the Union Street Corridor Study, particularly the parking elements of the plan. Mr. Matyas offered some suggestions for improving the parking in the area.

Please note: Mayor Euille arrived at the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR

(3)

Planning Commission

- 3 [SUP12-062](#) Special Use Permit #2012-0062
601 Four Mile Road - Community Lodgings
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to operate a community center;
zoned RA/Multifamily. Applicant: Community Lodgings, Inc. by David
Chamowitz
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0
City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.

END OF ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

- 4 [13-0815](#) Public Hearing on the Proposed City Legislative Package For The 2013
General Assembly Session.
*City Council closed the public hearing and approved the Legislative Package for the
2013 General Assembly session.*

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

Planning Commission (continued)

- 5 [SUP12-067](#) Special Use Permit #2012-0067
808 King Street - Agua Viva
Public Hearing and Consideration of the one year review of an existing SUP
for a restaurant; zoned KR/King Street Urban Retail Staff: Department of
Planning & Zoning
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0
City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.
- 6 [DSUP11-32](#) Development Special Use Permit #2011-0032

5740 Edsall Road - Edsall Road Shell Gas Station

Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for a development special use permit, with site plan, to construct a full service gas station with a convenience store and a drive-thru carwash facility; and a special use permit request for a parking reduction; zoned CG/Commercial General. Applicant: NOVA Petroleum Realty, LLC represented by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney. Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0 with amendments

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation with an amendment to condition 11A stating, "Beer or wine coolers may be sold only in 4-packs, 6-pack or bottles of more than 40 fluid ounces. Wine may be sold only in bottles of at least 750 ml or 25.4 ounces. Fortified wine (wine with alcohol content of 14% or more by volume) may not be sold. (Police)"; and change the 12 to include languages stating that the signage should be a monument no greater than 6 feet.

7 [DSUP11-21](#)

Development Special Use Permit #2011-0021

2500 Main Line Boulevard - Potomac Yard Landbay H & I Multifamily
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for a development special use permit, with site plan, to construct a five-story multifamily residential building including a request for a modification to the setback-to-height ratio, and a special use permit request for a parking reduction; zoned CDD#10/Coordinated Development District #10. Applicant: BA/MGL Potomac, LLC represented by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney. Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0 with amendments

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.

8 [DSUP12-12](#)

Development Special Use Permit #2012-0012

Encroachment #2012-0003

1800 Main Line Boulevard - Potomac Yard Landbay J Multifamily
Public Hearing and Consideration of requests for: A) a development special use permit, with site plan, to construct a five-story multifamily residential building with ground floor retail and special use permit requests for bonus density pursuant to Section 7-700 of the zoning ordinance for the provision of affordable housing, a parking reduction and to transfer 3 units from Landbay H; and B) an encroachment into the public right-of-way for stairs and stoops; zoned CDD#10/Coordinated Development District #10. Applicant: WP East Acquisitions, LLC represented by M. Catherine Puskar, attorney.

DSUP: Recommend Approval 6-0

Encroachment: Recommend Approval 6-0

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation, noting the correction of the technical error in the staff report for the Potomac Yard Landbay J Multifamily development, the unit number should be 183.

9 [MPA12-007](#)

Master Plan Amendment #2012-0007

Transportation Master Plan Amendment - Transit Way Corridors A, B and C
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for amendments to the Transportation Master Plan related to transit way corridors A (Route 1/North-South area), B (Duke St/Eisenhower Ave area) and C (Van Dorn St.

and Beauregard St. area). Staff: Department of Transportation and Environmental Services Note: The Corridor areas encompass additional streets surrounding the noted streets. See City of Alexandria Transit Concept Map in the Transportation Master Plan for more information.
 Planning Commission Action: Adopted Resolution 6-0

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.

- 10 [BAR12-187A](#) Public Hearing and Consideration of an Appeal of the Board of Architectural Review's decision approving a fence design at 500A & 501 S Union St. Case No. BAR2012-0187. Applicant: City of Alexandria Appellant: Townsend Van Fleet on behalf of petitioners
- City Council overturned the decision of the Board of Architectural Review - Old and Historic District. City Council:(1) approved the nautical post and rope fence design to be combined with appropriate signage to warn the public about the bulkhead and (2) requested that City staff expedite the Windmill Hill Park bulkhead question in terms of design and funding, giving staff direction for preparing for the Capital Improvement Plan deliberations for the next year.*

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 11 [13-0817](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance Updating Financial Disclosure Requirements for Certain City Employees.
 [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council adopted an ordinance updating financial disclosure requirements for certain City employees. (ORD. NO. 4777)*
- 12 [13-0818](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Bring the Sewer Line Maintenance Charge Set Forth Therein into Conformity with the Previously Adopted Resolution Setting the Fee at \$1.25 per 1,000 Gallons of Water Supplied. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council adopted an ordinance to bring the sewer line maintenance charge set forth therein into conformity with the previously adopted resolution setting the fee at \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons of water supplied. (ORD. NO. 4778)*

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

DEFERRAL/WITHDRAWAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Planning Commission (continued)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Note: The action docket is a summary of Council's meeting deliberations prepared

largely for staff follow-up. Formal minutes of the meeting, when approved by Council, become the official record of the meeting and of Council decisions made at the meeting.