

City Council



Alexandria City Council: (standing left to right) Council Member Lois L. Walker, Councilman William D. Euille, Council Member Lonnie C. Rich, Councilman William C. Cleveland, and Vice Mayor Redella S. "Del" Pepper; (seated) Mayor Kerry J. Donley

Alexandria City Council is composed of a Mayor, Vice Mayor, and five City Council Members. The Mayor and Members of Council are elected at-large for three-year terms. The Vice Mayor is selected by City Council. The current Council took office on July 1, 1994. The Mayor, who is chosen on a separate ballot, presides over City Council meetings and serves as the ceremonial head of City government.

As an independent city, Alexandria derives its governing authority from a State Charter granted by the Virginia General Assembly. Operating since September 1, 1922, under the City Council-City Manager form of government, City Council determines City policy; adopts the annual budget; appropriates monies for the Alexandria City Public Schools; adopts ordinances; appoints the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk; authorizes the issuance of bonds; and appoints City boards and commissions. The City Manager is responsible for carrying out City Council's policies, directing City personnel, and supervising the day-to-day operation of City government.

In May 1994, City voters chose Alexandria's first elected School Board. The School Board is elected from three, three-member districts and members serve three-year terms.

Legislative meetings of Council are on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall. Public hearings are generally held on the Saturday following the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. During July and August, Council is in recess.

Mayor Kerry J. Donley Elected to City Council in 1988 after many years of community service, Mr. Donley was elected Vice Mayor in 1994. He serves on the City Manager's Anti-Drug Committee, the Alexandria Economic Development and Tourism Board, the Task Force to Monitor the Closing of

Cameron Station, the Clermont Interchange Task Force, and the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Board of Governors. In the community, he serves on the boards of the Alexandria United Way, the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau, and the American Heart Association. Mayor Donley was elected on February 20, 1996 to fill the vacancy created by former Mayor Patricia Ticer, who was elected State Senator for Alexandria.

Vice Mayor Redella S. "Del" Pepper A member of City Council since 1985, Mrs. Pepper is an alternate Director to the COG Board and serves on COG's Human Services and Public Safety Committee and the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission. Within the City, she co-chairs the Task Force on Information and Communication Technologies, the Task Force to Monitor the Closing of Cameron Station, the Alexandria-Arlington Task Force on the Waste-to-Energy Plant, and the Clermont Interchange Task Force. She is a member of the City Manager's Anti-Drug Committee and the Commission on Aging.

Councilman William C. "Bill" Cleveland A Member of City Council since 1988, Mr. Cleveland served as Vice Mayor from 1991-1994. Locally, he serves on the Alexandria City/Hospital Task Force and on the boards of the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau, The Untouchables, and Christmas in April. He also serves on the State Board of Corrections, the Governor's Council on Self-Determination and Federalism, and the Governor's Commission for Citizen Empowerment. He is a member of COG's Environmental Policy Committee.

Councilman William D. Euille Elected in May 1994, Mr. Euille is a member of Council's Human Services Review Committee, COG's Metropolitan Development Committee, the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission, the Alexandria Pension Study Committee, the Eisenhower Partnership, and Alexandria's Sister Cities Committee. He is a director of the Alexandria Hospital Service Corp., the Hopkins House Association, the Alexandria Scholarship Foundation, and the Northern Virginia Urban League. He served on the Alexandria School Board from 1974 -84.

Council Member Lonnie C. Rich Elected to City Council in May 1991, Mr. Rich has been involved in education, crime, and welfare reform issues. He is a member of the City Council's Human Services Review Committee and the Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission. He sponsored the Americorps "Service to Alexandria" project and serves on its Advisory Board. He co-chaired Alexandrians for an Elected School Board and was a founding member of Alexandrians for Better Community Schools.

Councilman David G. Speck was elected to City Council in the April 9, 1996, Special Election to fill the Council vacancy created by the election in February of former Vice Mayor Kerry Donley as Mayor. Mr. Speck served on Council from July 1991 to June 1994, and in the Virginia General Assembly from 1980 to 1982. As a Member of Council, he serves on the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association's Board of Governors, the City Manager's Anti-Drug Task Force, COG's Metropolitan Development Committee, and the Transportation Safety Commission. In the community, he is a trustee of the Robert S. Rixse Foundation, and a director of the Senior Citizens Employment and Services of

Alexandria, Inc. He formerly chaired the Alexandria Health Services Corporation, parent board of the Alexandria Hospital, and previously served as secretary/treasurer of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Speck was appointed by the Senate of Virginia to serve on the Commission on State and Local Taxing Authority and Service Responsibility. He also serves as a member of the Virginia Municipal League's Finance Policy Committee.

Council Member Lois L. Walker Elected to City Council in May 1994, Mrs. Walker serves on COG's Metropolitan Development Committee and COG's Committee on Noise Abatement at National and Dulles Airports, as well as the Alexandria Waterfront Committee. She co-chairs the Task Force on Information and Communication Technologies. She also serves on the Virginia Municipal League's Community and Economic Development-Public Safety Steering Committee.