

CITY COUNCIL

The Alexandria City Council is composed of the Mayor, the Vice Mayor, and five City Council Members. The Mayor and Members of City Council are elected at-large for a three-year term of office. The Mayor, who is chosen on a separate ballot, presides over City Council meetings and serves as the ceremonial head of City government. Many members of the current City Council took office on July 1, 1994, following the May 1994 general election. Mayor Kerry J. Donley, who formerly served as Vice Mayor, was elected Mayor in a February 1996 special election, succeeding Mayor Patricia S. Ticer, who resigned in January following her election to the Virginia State Senate. Following the election of Mayor Donley, City Council in February 1996 selected Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper to serve as Vice Mayor. David G. Speck was elected to City



The members of the Alexandria city Council are [Mayor Kerry J. Donley](#) and [Vice Mayor Redella S. "Del" Pepper](#) (seated); and (standing, left to right) [Council Member Lonnie C. Rich](#), [Councilman William D. Euille](#), [Council Member Lois L. Walker](#), [Councilman David G. Speck](#), and [Councilman William C. "Bill" Cleveland](#). (Photo by Mattox Photography.)

Mayor Kerry J. Donley

Elected Mayor in a February 1996 special election, Kerry J. Donley has served on City Council since 1988 after many years of community service. He served as Vice Mayor from July 1994 until his installation as Mayor in February. Mayor Donley is heavily involved in efforts to promote economic development, meeting regularly with business leaders as part of the Mayor's Local Business Outreach Program and chairing the Alexandria Economic Development and Tourism Board. He is also active in transportation issues as a member

Councilman William D. Euille

Elected in May 1994, Mr. Euille serves on the Alexandria welfare reform committee Alexandria Works!, the Alexandria Economic Development and Tourism Board, and Council's Human Services Committee. He is also a member of the Economic Opportunities Commission, the Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Pension Study Committee, and the Alexandria Sister Cities Committee. He represents the City on COG's Metropolitan Development Committee and on the Northern Virginia Planning District

Council in a special election in April to fill the vacancy created by the election of Mayor Donley. The current City Council holds office through June 30, 1997.

First organized in July, 1749, Alexandria derives its governing authority from a State Charter granted to the City by the Virginia General Assembly. Alexandria has operated since September 1, 1922, under the City Council-City Manager form of government, which assigns to City Council the authority to establish City policies; appoint the City Manager, the City Attorney, and the City Clerk; adopt the annual budget, including an appropriation of funds for the operation of the Alexandria City Public Schools; adopt ordinances; issue bonds; and appoint the members of 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 operations of City government.

of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Northern Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council, and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Improvement Study Coordinating Committee. In addition, he serves on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Board of Directors, the Washington Area Housing Partnership, the City Council Task Force to Monitor the Closing of Cameron Station, the Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission, and the Beauregard Street Corridor Task Force. In the community, he serves on the boards of the Alexandria United Way, the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau, the American Heart Association, and the Eisenhower Avenue Partnership.

Vice Mayor Redella S. "Del" Pepper

First elected to City Council in 1985, Mrs. Pepper was elected Vice Mayor by City Council in February 1996 after Vice Mayor Donley's election as Mayor. Vice Mayor Pepper co-chairs the City Council Task Force on Information and Communication Technologies, the Beauregard Street Corridor Task Force, the Eisenhower Interchange Task Force, and the Task Force to Monitor the Closing of Cameron Station. She co-chairs the welfare reform committee Alexandria Works! and serves on the Library Board, the City Manager's Anti-Drug Committee, the Commission on Aging, the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission, COG's Air Quality Committee (MWAQC), and is an alternate director on the COG Board of Directors. In the community, she serves on the boards of the

Commission. In the community, he serves on the boards of the Eisenhower Avenue Partnership, Hopkins House Association, the Alexandria Hospital Service Corp., the Northern Virginia Urban League, and the Alexandria Scholarship Foundation. He served on the Alexandria School Board from 1974 to 1984.

Council Member Lonnie C. Rich

Elected to City Council in May 1991, Mr. Rich has been most heavily involved in education, crime, and welfare reform issues. He serves on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Human Services and Public Safety Committee. He also serves on City Council's Human Services Committee, the Economic Opportunities Commission, and the Alexandria City/Alexandria Hospital Task Force. He sponsored the Americorps "Service to Alexandria" project and serves on its advisory board. He co-chaired the Alexandrians for an Elected School Board and was a founding member of Alexandrians for Better Community Schools.

Councilman David G. Speck

Elected to City Council in an April 1996 special election to fill the vacancy created by the election of Mayor Donley, 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 Board of Governors, the City Manager's Anti-Drug Committee, the Transportation Safety Commission,

Legislative meetings of City Council are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers in City Hall, 301 King Street. Public hearings are generally held on the Saturday after the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. During July and August, City Council is in recess.

YMCA, T.C. Williams PTSA, and Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Councilman William C. "Bill" Cleveland

A Member of City Council since 1988, Mr. Cleveland served as Vice Mayor from 1991 to 1994. Locally, he serves on the Alexandria-Carr/Norfolk Southern Design Review Board, the Alexandria City/Alexandria Hospital Task Force, the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and the Economic Opportunities Commission. He also serves as the City's principal representative on the Council of Governments Committee on Noise Abatement at National and Dulles Airports and on the Regional Transportation Planning Board. He is a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Self-Determination and Federalism and the Governor's Commission for Citizen Empowerment. He formerly served on the State Board of Corrections. In the community, he serves on the boards of the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau, The Untouchables, and Christmas in April.

and COG's Metropolitan Development Committee. In the community, he serves on the boards of Hopkins House Association, the Robert S. Rixse Foundation, and Senior Citizens Employment and Services of Alexandria, Inc. He is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Finance Policy Committee of the Virginia Municipal League and an appointee of the Virginia Senate to the Commission on State and Local Taxing Authority and Service Responsibility.

Council Member Lois L. Walker

Elected to City Council in 1994, Mrs. Walker co-chairs the Council Task Force on Information and Communication Technologies, chairs the Interim Board of Directors of the Potomac West Pilot Project, and serves on the Waterfront Committee. She represents the City on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) Board of Directors, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Northern Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council, the Virginia Railway Express Board of Directors, and the Metropolitan Washington Transportation Planning Board. She chairs the Virginia Municipal League's Community and Economic Development-Public Safety Policy Committee. In the community, she serves on the boards of Healthy Families Alexandria and Opera Americana.