

## City Council



*The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council: Mayor Kerry J. Donley and Vice Mayor William D. Euille (seated); and (standing, left to right) Council Member Lonnie C. Rich, Councilwoman Redella S. "Del" Pepper, Councilman William C. "Bill" Cleveland, Council Member Lois L. Walker, and Councilman David G. Speck.*

The Alexandria City Council is composed of a Mayor, Vice Mayor, and five City Council Members who are elected at-large and serve a three-year term of office. The Mayor, who is elected on a separate ballot, presides over City Council meetings and serves as the ceremonial head of City government. The current City Council was installed on July 1, 1997, and will hold office through June 30, 2000.

First organized in July 1749, Alexandria derives its governing authority from a State Charter granted 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 create and make appointments to 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.

Legislative meetings of City Council are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. 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. City Council's legislative meetings and public hearings are televised live on cable channel 11.

## **Mayor Kerry J. Donley (e-mail: [mayoralx@aol.com](mailto:mayoralx@aol.com))**

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 was re-elected in May 1997 for a three-year term through June 30, 2000. He is employed by Virginia Commerce Bank as a Senior Vice President. He 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 Partnership Board. Mayor Donley is also active in transportation issues, serving as a member and former chair of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council and as a member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Regional Mobility Panel. He also serves on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Board of Directors, the Washington Area Housing Partnership, and the Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission. He also chairs the newly established Alexandria Youth Policy Commission. He is currently serving as the Chair of the Virginia Municipal League's Legislative Committee. 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. Mayor Donley resides in the Seminary Valley section of Alexandria's West End with his wife, Eva, and their five daughters.

## **Vice Mayor William D. Euille (e-mail: [wmeuille@tidalwave.net](mailto:wmeuille@tidalwave.net))**

Elected to City Council in 1994 and re-elected in 1997, Mr. Euille was named Vice Mayor by City Council on July 1, 1997, for the three-year Council term through June 30, 2000. Vice Mayor Euille is co-chair of the Alexandria Welfare Reform Committee (Alexandria Works!), the Call to Community initiative on racial and ethnic diversity and the Fair Share Task Force. He serves on the Alexandria Economic Development and Tourism Board, City Council's Human Service Committee, the Economic Opportunities Commission and the Local Emergency Planning Committee. He represents the City on the Council of Governments' Board of Directors (Alternate). 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. As President/CEO of William D. Euille and Associates, Inc., he was a 1996 finalist for the Greater Washington Entrepreneur of the Year.

## **Councilman William C. "Bill" Cleveland (e-mail: [bclevela@moon.jic.com](mailto:bclevela@moon.jic.com))**

A Member of City Council since 1988, Mr. Cleveland served as Vice Mayor from 1991 to 1994. He serves on the Alexandria-Carr/Norfolk Southern Design Review Board, the Alexandria City/Hospital Task Force, the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Economic Opportunities Commission. He established Alexandria's first Neighborhood Watch program and led the City in establishing the Alexandria Enterprise Zone. He also serves on COG's Committee on Noise Abatement at National and Dulles Airports and on the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission. He served on former Gov. Allen's Council on Self-Determination and Federalism, the State Board of Corrections, and the Commission for Citizen Empowerment. He serves on the Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board and the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Advisory Committee under Gov. Gilmore's administration. He serves on the boards of the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau, The Untouchables, Christmas in April, the Eisenhower Avenue Partnership Membership Committee and the Northern Virginia Community College Foundation. A life member of the NAACP, he and his wife, Ruth, have lived in Alexandria for 25 years. Mr. Cleveland serves as an Officer with the U.S. Capitol Police Department.

### **Councilwoman Redella S. "Del" Pepper (e-mail: [delpepper@aol.com](mailto:delpepper@aol.com))**

First elected to City Council in 1985, Mrs. Pepper served as Vice Mayor from February 1996 through June 1997. Councilwoman Pepper co-chairs the Beauregard Street Corridor Task Force and the Welfare Reform Committee (Alexandria Works!). She also serves on the Commission on Information Technology, the Library Board, the City Manager's Anti-Drug Committee, the Commission on Aging and the Sister Cities Committee. At the regional level, she is on the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission, where she chairs the Regional Resources Committee and serves on the Ad Hoc Committee on Telecommunications. She also serves as the City's representative on COG's Air Quality Committee (MWAQC). In the community, Mrs. Pepper serves on the boards of the YMCA, the T.C. Williams PTSA, the Campagna Center, and RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and is on the Transportation and Waste-to-Energy Plant committees of the Eisenhower Avenue Partnership.

### **Council Member Lonnie C. Rich (e-mail: [lonnierich@aol.com](mailto:lonnierich@aol.com); web site: <http://members.aol.com/lonnierich>)**

Elected to Council in 1991 and re-elected in 1994 and 1997, Mr. Rich has taken an active lead in public education (high academic and disciplinary standards and the addition of new schools); crime (zero tolerance for nuisance activity, anti-panhandling ordinance, and increased landlord responsibility); scattered site public housing to avoid concentrated poverty; welfare reform with work as the important component; a balanced, fair share approach to other assisted housing; expansion of civil rights for the gay community; and fiscal responsibility. He sponsored the Americorps "Service to Alexandria" project and serves on its Advisory Board. He led the successful Alexandrians for an Elected School Board. He and Vice Mayor Euille initiated the City's Call to Community to foster dialogue and better working relations among the City's diverse communities. He serves on COG's Human Services and Public Safety Committee and Metropolitan Development Committee.

### **Councilman David G. Speck (e-mail: [dspeck@nicom.com](mailto:dspeck@nicom.com))**

Elected to City Council in an April 1996 special election to fill the vacancy created by the election of Mayor Donley, Mr. Speck was re-elected in 1997. He also served on Council from July 1991 to June 1994 and in the Virginia General Assembly from 1980 to 1982. As a Member of City Council, he serves on the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors, the City Manager's Anti-Drug Committee, the Transportation Safety Commission and the Alexandria-Arlington Task Force on the Waste-to-Energy Plant. In the community, he serves on the boards of the Hopkins House Association, the Robert S. Rixse Foundation, Senior Citizens Employment and Services of Alexandria, Inc., and the Alexandria Business Cares Foundation. Additionally, he is Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Virginia Municipal League. Professionally, Mr. Speck is a Managing Director of Wheat First Union. He holds a doctoral degree from George Washington University.

### **Council Member Lois L. Walker (e-mail: [lowalker@aol.com](mailto:lowalker@aol.com))**

Elected to Council in 1994 and re-elected in 1997, Mrs. Walker co-founded the City Council Task Force on Information and Communication Technologies, the Potomac West Alliance, and serves on the Waterfront Committee. She represents the City on the Metro Board of Directors, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Northern Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council, the Virginia Railway Express Board of Directors, COG's Transportation Planning Board and the Chesapeake Bay Steering Committee. She is a member of the Virginia Municipal League's Transportation Policy Committee and is Vice-Chair of VML's Urban Section. She is a member of the National League of Cities' Leadership Training Council. She serves on the advisory board of Healthy Families Alexandria and co-chairs the King Street Metro Area Task Force. Mrs. Walker attended The George Washington University and is a licensed real estate broker.