



ORIGINAL

The Alexandria City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor William T. Rachford, Jr. present and the following members answering roll call:

Council Members:

Barbara Weber	Present	Bob Simon	Present
Stacey Graus	Present	Dave Hart	Present
Scott Fleckinger	Absent	Joe Anderson	Present

Also present:

Karen Barto	City Clerk	Mike Duncan	City Attorney
Mark Brueggemann	City Engineer	Lt. Dan Wittrock	Police Dept.
Sam Trapp	Public Works Super		

Mayor Rachford led the pledge to the flag. Stacey Graus read the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**March 17, 2011 Meeting**

**MOTION:** Barb Weber made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

**VISITORS & GUESTS:**

**Karen Minshall, Park & Recreation Chairperson** – She invited everyone to attend the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the ball field area of the park. There are four different age groups.

Park & Rec would like to build a parking lot on the ball field that is closest to the parking lot. That field is not used as much because it has drainage problems. They need more parking, especially for the events that are held at the park. She is looking for grants and will be getting bids, but wanted council to consider this for the budget for the coming year. She thinks it would cost about \$40,000. A diagram of the proposed plan was provided to council.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

*Mike Duncan read the following:*

*First reading:*

**ORDINANCE #2011-03** - An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria amending Chapter 155 of the City Code of Ordinances entitled Fire Prevention Code, by enacting a new section therein to be designated as Section 155.10 and repealing Sections 155.01, .02, and .03 in order to designate the Alexandria Fire District as the authority having jurisdiction to perform all life, safety fire inspections within the City of Alexandria.

Mr. Duncan said this ordinance was suggested by the Fire Chief to re-vamp the ordinance relative to the fire prevention code to remove outdated language and to incorporate newer language with proper NFPA designations, etc. He then read the new Section 155.10 from the ordinance.

Dave Hart pointed out a typo in the first sentence in Section 1. It should say "155.10" instead of "115.10". Mr. Duncan will edit this.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Police Department:** In Chief Ward's absence, Lt. Dan Wittrock distributed the Annual Report, and noted a 25% reduction in crime for 2010. This is due to the combined cooperation between the PD and all the citizens. Thanks also to the Criminal Investigation Department, who played a large role in this. There are several programs within the department, including VIP and the Victim Advocate Program. The Advocate contacts the victims that report a crime, and then follows up with them, giving any assistance they might need. The VIP program is strong. Last year they saved the City over \$46,000 by the work they performed.

Also on April 19 & 21, there will be a teen driver's class. Please see the City website for that information. The 8-week Criminalistics Academy started tonight. The PD has been awarded a FEMA grant of \$57,000 for the generator.

Mayor Rachford highly recommended parents take advantage of the teen driving program. Lt. Wittrock said the program is not just classroom instruction, but also a behind-the-wheel training.

**Zoning Department:** Mayor Rachford said council has a copy of the Zoning Administrator's update dated April 7 outlining progress being made on four different properties in town that have code enforcement issues and legal proceedings. We are actively pursuing the various property owners to get the issues resolved.

**Public Works:** Mr. Hart said Mark Brueggemann would be giving a report.

**Fire Department:** None

**Planning & Zoning:** None

**Safety Committee:** Barb Weber said the committee met on March 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss how to control open solicitation for money from some of the 501(C)(3) solicitors. It doesn't look like the City has a lot of leverage, as these solicitors are protected by the First Amendment.

Ms. Weber also reminded everyone that the City does have a No Knock Ordinance, which restricts business contact with any citizen who displays the sticker on their property. It does NOT restrict political or religious solicitation. The stickers can be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office for an application.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of 2010 Audit Report:** Council was sent an electronic copy of the 2010 Audit Report and asked to review it. Mayor Rachford asked for a motion to approve the report. Ms. Weber asked what the on-going construction was on the report. Karen Barto thought it have been a street project that was being worked on at the time. Dave asked if the audit was something that council approved. Mike Duncan explained that the auditor requested approval in order to acknowledge that it was received and council is satisfied.

**MOTION:** Barbara Weber made a motion to approve the 2010 Audit Report, seconded by Dave Hart. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

**Street Program:** Council members had a copy of the outline that Mark Brueggemann sent to Mayor Rachford. He was there to explain the five year street program. The purpose of this is to (1) conduct an inventory of the public streets, which are city assets; (2) assess the condition of the

public streets; (3) develop a budget to maintain the streets to an acceptable level; and (4) develop a five-year street program. He then gave an explanation of the process.

There are approximately 36 miles of streets in Alexandria. Mr. Brueggemann said the benefit of a street program is to give a real feel of what needs to be done to maintain the public streets. He tried to really look at a total maintenance strategy. It is vitally important to make sure that maintenance is done every year (keeping the good streets good).

Mr. Brueggemann said the inventory is now completed, the maintenance strategy and opinion of construction costs will be completed in May, and their goal is to complete the five-year street program in June, then submit the total report to City Council at the July meeting.

Mr. Brueggemann added that it is important to get the streets out to bid early in the construction season to get the best prices from contractors.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Interlocal Agreement – No. Ky. Water District:**

Everyone had a copy of the agreement, and Mayor Rachford asked for authorization to sign it.

**MOTION:** Barbara Weber made a motion to authorize Mayor Rachford to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the Northern Kentucky Water District, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

Mayor Rachford said the Water District is installing a new water line on the AA Highway heading south toward Riley Road. The pipes will come up Riley Road past the Fairgrounds to Main Street and then to US 27. The work should be done this summer. There are several sidewalk sections on Main Street that the City has been asked to repair or replace. Sam is coordinating the sidewalk repair with the Water District's pipe replacement, so brand new sidewalks won't be torn up when the NKWD replaces pipes.

Stacey Graus asked if there were plans to put in a turn lane off the AA Highway South onto the Connector Road. This would be an opportune time since the Water District is working there. Vehicles veer off onto the side of the road when making the right turn, and it would make sense to have a deceleration lane. Mayor Rachford said he would check with the Department of Transportation.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 16, 2011.

**MOTION:** Barbara Weber made a motion to go into executive session per KRS 61.810(1)(b) to discuss a possible land acquisition, seconded by Dave Hart. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

**MOTION:** Dave Hart made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

Bob Simon reported the Beautification Committee has planted some trees at the Tribute Park and on Washington Street. There are plans to plant flowers and bushes on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This will be advertised in the Alexandria Recorder and they are needing volunteers. Also, there are still bricks available at the Tribute Park and order forms are on the website. Ms. Weber asked if anyone has perennial flowers that they are dividing, please give the City Building a call and she would be more than happy to come pick them up.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

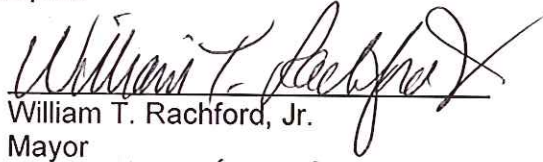
**MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave Hart. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Karen M. Barto  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 4-22-11

Approved: 4-21-2011



William T. Rachford, Jr.  
Mayor

Date: 4/22/11