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ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chief Jeff Pohlman, Fire Chief, Alexandria Fire District, announced there will be a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, September 12th at 7:15 p.m. at the Alexandria Fire Station.** The purpose of this public hearing is to receive taxpayer input on the proposed tax rate for 2017. The fire district is a special district, a separate entity from the City, and four times larger than the City serving 15,000-17,000 residents. Their revenue is derived from property taxes, tangible taxes, motor vehicle, and water craft taxes. Their 2016 tax rate was 16.6 cents per \$100 of assessed value and the proposed 2017 is 18 cents per \$100.

PUBLIC HEARING: For the purpose of receiving taxpayer input on the proposed tax rate for 2017.

Mayor Rachford called the public hearing to order at 7:14 p.m.

Mr. Duncan explained pursuant to KRS132.027, this was advertised in the newspaper for two weeks. The reason for this public hearing is to give the citizens and taxpayers the opportunity to receive information and provide input on the proposed 2017 tax rate. The 2016 tax rate was 17.4 cents per \$100 of valuation, netting \$1,060,380. The proposal is to keep the 2017 tax rate the same which would net \$1,133,055. The compensating tax rate (same revenue as last year) is 16.9 cents per \$100. The proposed rate is more than the compensating rate, but will generate less than 4% more than last year's rate, necessitating a public hearing but without a recall petition possibility.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Rachford closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

The Mayor then called the Alexandria City Council Meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. followed by the invocation and the pledge. He also asked for prayers for the hurricane victims in Texas and Florida. The following Council Members answering roll call:

Stacey Graus	Present	Susan Vanlandingham	Present
Bob Simon	Present	Scott Fleckinger	Absent
Sue Neltner	Present	Andy Schabell	Present
Also: Karen Barto	City Clerk/Treas.	Mike Duncan	City Attorney
Sam Trapp	Public Works Supt.	Mike Ward	Police Chief
Jeff Pohlman	Fire Chief	Ron Johnson	P&Z

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 3, 2017

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2017 meeting, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. Mr. Schabell proposed a correction to Page 3, MOTION by Sue Neltner – “Mr. Schabell asked how to stop what was already passed”. He asked to change it to read “. . . how to temporarily stop enforcement of an ordinance that has already been passed.” Mr. Graus accepted this amendment. All in favor, motion passed 5-0-1.

VISITORS & GUESTS

- 1. Beautification Award** - Sue Neltner, Beautification Committee Chair, announced a second Beautification Award has been given to June Neltner, 101 Christina Court. Congratulations June Neltner.
- 2. The Marian Group: Kimberly Stevenson, Vice-President, and James Duffey, Development Associate** - They were here to give a detailed presentation on an overall site layout of a proposed

48-unit apartment complex on a 10-acre tract of ground at the end of Washington Street, behind the Courthouse and KOI. There are a mix of 2 and 3 bedroom apartments, to be rented at \$750 (3 br) and \$650 (2 br).

Sufficient ingress and egress will be addressed in the site plan. They will work with the City to make sure it is put in the most appropriate place. A civil engineer did a preliminary site visit and did not find any barrier. Ms. Neltner and Mr. Graus had a concern about traffic coming in and out of the proposed site.

Mayor Rachford asked about the possibility of 1-bedroom units, as he could see the necessity.

Mr. Graus asked if this would be subsidized housing as Ms. Stevenson talked about qualified residents. She replied it is not subsidized, but it will have income restrictions because of the tax credit funding associated with the construction.

The Marian Group has two other properties in No. Ky: Lafayette Gardens, a historic senior facility in Covington, and another historic project two blocks away serving single parent families pursuing an education. It's operated by No. Ky Community Action Commission. There are other properties in Kentucky and Virginia, and Ms. Stevenson invited council to visit any of them.

Ms. Stevenson pointed out they are still at the very preliminary stages and asked for a very "soft" support letter, hoping to have local community buy-in and enthusiasm for the development. They did make some design changes requested at their last meeting with the City. Their current plan is just for the four buildings they propose on this site with plenty of green space.

Ms. Stevenson then answered several general questions from council, Chief Ward and visitors.

Mr. Duncan stated this property is zoned B-1 and one of the permitted uses is multi-family with restrictions on development. Because it is a permitted use and meets qualifications, it will go to the Planning & Zoning. Council will not be involved in the approval process. The Marian Group made some changes since the first meeting, and they will submit full plans to the Planning Commission when the time comes. He cautioned council to refrain from giving approval or disapproval.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Duncan read the following:

MUN ORD #2017-03: Appointing and approving Steven Shinkle to fill the unexpired term of Dan Feldmann on the City of Alexandria Planning & Zoning Commission for the remainder of his full four-year term to expire on December 31, 2020.

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2017-03, seconded by Andy Schabell. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

First Reading:

ORD #2017-06: Providing for the assessment of real property within the corporate limits of the City of Alexandria and levying an ad valorem tax of \$0.174 on each \$100 (\$1.74 per \$1,000) valuation of the real property in the City for the 2017 assessment tax year and specifying the purpose for which the tax is levied.

Mr. Duncan explained the revenue is to fund the operations of the city government. The public hearing was held prior to the council meeting, and the compensating tax rate would be 16.9 cents. However, the city can keep last year's tax rate of 17.4 cents, which will produce more revenue than the compensating tax rate, but not more than 4% more.

First Reading:

ORD #2017-07: Amending Ordinance 2016-08, the City's budget for the fiscal year 2016-17 by transferring funds to and among the various budget accounts according to the attached Exhibit A in order to end the fiscal year in balance.

Mr. Duncan explained this is the housekeeping budget amendment that we typically do after the close of a fiscal year. Exhibit A shows moving the total sum of \$208,244 among the various budget accounts to close the year in balance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk: Karen Barto reported the city is working with the auditors this week, and a report should be ready for council soon. She has also been working on the budget amendment revisions for last fiscal year. Otherwise, it's been business as usual.

Police Department: Chief Ward reported he offered employment to a new officer, Tad Murphy, who will go to the Academy in October. He will bring him to a council meeting in October to be introduced and sworn in.

Community Center: See report attached from Kim Wagner on the Dog Day at the park.

Public Works: See report attached.

Zoning Administrator: See report attached.

Personnel Committee: Andy Schabell – They met tonight to discuss code enforcement officer duties and hours, and began reviewing and amending the Personnel Policy Handbook. The next meeting is September 21st.

Public Works Committee: Bob Simon – Their meeting was cancelled tonight, but the 2017-18 paving is completed. Mr. Graus added he was very pleased with the paving in Whispering Woods.

NEW BUSINESS:

Set date and hours for Halloween:

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to set Halloween Hours for October 31st from 6:00-8:00 p.m., seconded by Sue Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rental License Fee and Inspection Program Update – Mayor Rachford stated there is a working meeting scheduled next Wednesday, September 13th. Several property owners of apartment buildings and single-family residences will meet with Scott Fleckinger, Bob Simon and Stacey Graus, and the Mayor and Carol Hofstetter. The purpose of this meeting is to go over some issues and modify the existing ordinance if it is deemed necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS:

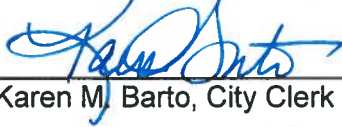
- September 10 – 9/11 Memorial Service at 2:00 p.m. at the Tribute Park
- September 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m. – 20th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Community Park
- October 8, 12:30-4:30 p.m. – Hero's Day at CCMS.
- Campbell County Fiscal Court is holding a Citizens' Academy weekly meeting starting on September 25th. Deadline to sign up is September 13th.
- September 30, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Walk Down Alexandria's Main Street organized by Old Town Business District and the Historical Society

Ms. Neltner and her sewing group had presented five Quilts of Valor last Thursday at the VFW. Quilts of Valor is a group of women who make patriotic quilts awarded to service men and women for their comfort and healing. If you are interested in learning about this, contact Sue Neltner.

Marc Barone thanked the City for allowing Woodmen Life to use the Community Park for their movie nights. There is one more movie on September 29th. He also thanked Bishop Brossart Softball for allowing them to use the ball field for the movie nights and for the Easter Egg Hunt.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Karen M. Barto, City Clerk Treasurer

Date: 9-21-17



William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

Date: 9-21-17

Approved: **September 21, 2017**