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CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2020

Mayor Schabell called the Alexandria City Council Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the invocation and the pledge to the flag. The following Council Members answering roll call:

Stacey Graus	Present	Susan Vanlandingham	Present
Bob Simon	Present	Sue Neltner	Present
Tom Baldrige	Present	Kyle Sparks	Present (joined remotely)

Also: Jan Johannemann, City Clerk Mike Duncan, City Attorney
 Lucas Cooper, Police Chief Sam Trapp, Public Works Supt.
 Jeff Pohlman, Fire Chief JoAnn Hackworth, City Treasurer

PUBLIC HEARING: To hear and gather evidence and public comment to take the sense of the public regarding the proposed tax rate which will exceed the compensating tax rate, but the proposed rate is the same as in the preceding year. Additionally, the proposed rate is expected to produce revenue from real property, exclusive of revenue from new property, of less than four (4%) over the amount of revenue which would be produced by the compensating tax rate.

Mayor Schabell opened the Alexandria Public Hearing at 7:06 pm.

Mr. Duncan explained after calculations, the compensating tax rate would be \$1.69/\$1,000 which would bring in approximately \$1,348,446 excluding new property. New property is anticipated to raise \$41,746. The proposed tax rate is \$1.74/\$1,000 which is the same rate as last year, and raised \$1,344,273. This year, the \$1.74 tax rate is anticipated to raise \$1,388,344.

The purpose of this public hearing is to allow the public to comment on the tax rate and give the sense of whether or not they agree to it.

There being no comment from the public, Mayor Schabell officially closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

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SCHEDULED VISITORS & GUESTS:

1. Sara Meade and Julianna Trimbur – Ms. Trimbur asked Mayor Schabell for a Proclamation for Lissencephaly Awareness Day. Her daughter, Sara, was born with Lissencephaly, a brain malformation that is usually genetic. She lives in a group home at The Point on Gilbert Ridge. There were a group of mothers who created the Lissencephaly Foundation in 2019, and in order to get this nationally recognized, there needs to be proclamations every year from every mayor and governor of the state until it can be recognized at the federal level by the President. This will help to get resources and support to other families with a lissencephaly diagnosis.

Mayor Schabell is very happy to sign the Proclamation every year if needed. Mr. Duncan then read the Proclamation declaring September 8, 2020 as Lissencephaly Awareness Day in the City of Alexandria.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 20, 2020

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2020 meeting, seconded by Tom Baldrige. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

SCHEDULED VISITORS & GUESTS (cont.)

2. Chief Jeff Pohlman, Alexandria Fire Department – In order to comply with KRS 65(A).100 (Transparency Requirements for Special Districts), he is required to report to the largest government jurisdiction in the district on the proposed tax rate, and the date of the hearing. The AFD Board of Trustees are proposing a tax rate for 2020 of \$.18/\$100 of assessed value for property vehicles, watercraft and tangible property, which is the same tax rate as last year. The Public Tax Hearing will be held at the Alexandria Fire District location, 7951 Alexandria Pike at 7:15 on Tuesday, September 8th for public discussion of the proposed tax rate.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Duncan read the following:

ORD #2020-08 (1st Reading): An Ordinance amending Chapter 74, Schedule IV of the City of Alexandria Code of Ordinances, in order to set the gross weight limit for through trucks on Enzweiler Road at ten thousand (10,000 lbs.) pounds.

Ms. Vanlandingham pointed out the language of the ordinance appears as though anything under 10,000 pounds could be allowed as through traffic. The intent of the ordinance was to not allow any through traffic on Enzweiler. Mr. Duncan explained this ordinance could be amended to state no through traffic and include that as part of the first reading. There was some question as to what would be considered "through", for instance a school bus, a furniture delivery, etc. The intent of the ordinance was to prohibit vehicles from using Enzweiler as a pass-through.

ORD #2020-09 (1st Reading): An Ordinance amending Chapter 74, schedule III of the City of Alexandria Code of Ordinances in order to set the speed limit on Poplar Ridge Road at twenty-five (25 mph) miles per hour.

ORD #2020-10 (1st Reading): An Ordinance 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 One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation (\$1.74 per thousand) of real property in the city for the 2020 assessment tax year, and specifying the purpose for which the tax is levied.

ORD #2020-11 (1st Reading): An Ordinance amending Ordinances 2019-03 and 2019-06, the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, by transferring funds to and among the various budget accounts according to attached Exhibit "A", in order to end the fiscal year in balance.

ORD #2020-12 (1st Reading): An Ordinance approving a Lease Agreement with Truist Bank to finance the purchase of land in a maximum principal amount not to exceed \$280,000; providing for the payment and security of the lease and deposits to a sinking fund; authorizing the execution of various documents related to such lease, and making certain designations regarding such lease.

Mr. Duncan explained this is in regard to the property on Constable Drive. This ordinance was prepared and submitted by the bond council who is handling that part of the transaction for the financing. Kentucky law allows cities and government entities to finance what otherwise would be called a loan. Kentucky Constitution is very restricted on how cities can borrow monies. This is a general government obligation lease agreement. Truist will not actively be taking a mortgage out on the property. Dinsmore & Shohl is our bond council, supplying the city with this ordinance and also the rest of the documents.

Mr. Duncan explained the language in the title of the ordinance "...not to exceed \$280,000...". At the time this ordinance was drafted the city was considering also borrowing the monies associated with the financing. JoAnn Hackworth has since informed him the city is going to pay those costs out of pocket along with the rest of the purchase price.

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Mr. Simon was contacted by Mrs. Enzweiler to find out where the city stands on the purchase of the property, and he asked if the ordinance has to be adopted at the next council meeting in order to close. Mr. Duncan said yes, and explained everyone involved knows the timing so there should be no delays. Mayor Schabell thanked JoAnn Hackworth for working hard to get information on financing.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Chief Cooper explained the Police Social Worker program has been getting a lot of attention in the past couple of months. The police department wants to thank the city for supporting the program.

The report on activity for the month is attached. The department continues to see a lot of activity.

Chief Cooper had provided council with KRS material on golf carts, ATV's, etc. Fines would be the same for any moving violations, \$160-\$180. Chief Cooper stressed they are not very safe, and cited an experience he recently had in the Brookwood Subdivision where someone came out of a side street on a motorized mini bike. Because it was so low to the ground, it was hard to for him to see it. Ordinances and laws exist to keep people safe.

Mr. Baldridge pointed out there are a lot of golf carts in Arcadia and asked if they would be getting a warning. Chief Cooper said they would start with a warning. The PD is also going to put some material out on social media to educate the residents.

Kyle Sparks completely agrees with the issue of topography, especially with things like minibikes, etc., but Alexandria, as a city, is not poised to become a walkable city. When we are talking about safety issues around golf carts, are we taking the whole city into account? There are areas where it could be reasonable, and others that it could not be. We might be missing out on some grants and things that take those things into account.

Mr. Duncan explained you can pick and choose which streets, or subdivisions to allow golf carts, which is outlined in the KRS documents Chief Cooper provided. Golf carts would not be allowed on any streets that have a 35 mph or higher speed limit. All this language would be included in any ordinance.

Mayor Schabell thinks this may be something to consider in the future and Mr. Sparks did make some good points. Mr. Sparks appreciates this and he will continue to bring this up because he thinks it is something we should consider in certain zones. They can also lead to Alexandria being a city that is comfortable with different types of transportation.

Fire Department: See attached report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Beautification – Sue Neltner: The committee met this evening to discuss dates for Beautification Awards.

Fall/Halloween: Submit photos/nominations by 3:00 p.m. 10/22; Voting ends 4:00 p.m. on 10/30; Award presented at 11/5 Council Mtg.

Winter/Christmas: Submit photos/nominations by 3:00 p.m. 12/17; Voting ends 4:00 p.m. on 12/28, Award presented at 1/7 Council Mtg.

Public Works – Bob Simon: The committee met tonight. NKWD had completed work on Paul Lane and Thatcher, and they will be paved within the next 2-3 weeks.

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There was also discussion about the "trench" at the entrance of the Walnut Park Subdivision that was installed a few years ago because of a drainage issue. There have been some complaints about this in the past month or so. Mr. Simon had lived in Walnut Park for 23 years and said that section of road used to freeze over in the Winter because of the natural drainage out of the hillside. Ice that would sometimes be 8-10' thick, and causing a safety issue. If there was snow on top of the ice, vehicles would not notice it and not be able to stop. Newer residents probably don't know about this. The small trench was dug so water can drain and keep it from freezing up in the winter, alleviating the problem. An alternate solution would be to move the drain, which would cost approximately \$50,000-\$70,000. This area has a stop sign and a right-hand turn, so vehicles should be going slow to begin with.

Personnel – Tom Baldrige: The September 17th meeting will be cancelled.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Mayor Schabell attended the 9/1 Planning & Zoning meeting. The Comprehensive Plan consultant was also at that meeting and gave many good ideas. She will be back for the 9/15 meeting to get the Commissioners' feedback on those changes. At some point, she will also come to a council meeting. The hope is to have the Comprehensive Plan completed, or close to completion by the end of the year.

Ms. Vanlandingham attended the 9/2 Park & Rec Meeting and reported the Board discussed cancelling some events, budget issues, and specific trees to purchase with grant monies.

NEW BUSINESS

Declare Surplus Items: Chief Cooper explained there are four vehicles (two 2007 Crown Vic's, 2008 Crown Vic, and 2008 Ford Explorer) that are not worth the cost to repair. All vehicles have well over 100,000 miles on them.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to declare the two 2007 Crown Vic's, the 2008 Crown Vic, and the 2008 Ford Explorer as surplus property, as listed on the attached sheet, seconded by Bob Simon. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Trick or Treat Hours: Normally hours are set about this time for Trick or Treat, but this is an unusual year with the COVID pandemic. This was the subject of the past two weekly Mayors' conference calls. There is still a lot of uncertainty. The general consensus is that all cities in Campbell County should hold trick or treat at the same time on the same day. The No. Ky. Health Department has agreed to provide some guidelines as the date gets closer so cities can put information on social media to educate everyone. Mayor Schabell would like to see Alexandria set October 31, 6:00-8:00 p.m. for trick or treat, in line with what other cities are planning, understanding this is a very fluid situation and changes might be necessary. All councilmembers were in agreement.

OLD BUSINESS

Covid 19 Update: Mayor Schabell recently signed an Executive Order to open up the offices to the public, and there have been no issues so far. There is a sneeze guard at the window, but if anyone is still uncomfortable coming into the building, they could still use the drop box. We are still under a state of emergency, park bathrooms are still closed, but playground and park are open.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Susan Vanlandingham: The Park & Rec also discussed at their meeting the possibility of using the Old Town parking Lot for a farmer's market and to plan some events to utilize that lot on the weekend, coordinating with Southern States. They were trying to use other open spaces to do some events centering around a farmer's market. Someone had approached a board member about doing

something like this at the park, but because of the crowds and the location of the park, there may not be much of a draw.

Sue Neltner: There are plans to go forward with the Light Up Alexandria in the hopes that it can happen. The next meeting is scheduled for September 10th at 6:00 at Honey Hole. The schedule of events is: 12/2 – Christmas Parade (from VFW, up Spillman to Gilbert, through BBHS parking lot to Breckenridge to the Community Center.), have a tree lighting then Cocoa with Santa in the Community Center. This also depends on what is happening with the pandemic. Businesses, scouts, etc. are encouraged to have a Christmas float in the parade. The following three days would be for visiting local businesses.

Tom Baldridge: He noticed there is still a "For Sale" sign on the property where the new apartment complex was to go in on US27 and asked about the status. Mayor Schabell said they are moving forward but is unsure about the status. The "For Sale" sign could probably be taken down. The Mayor will ask Carol for an update.

Kyle Sparks: Burkes' ribbon cutting is scheduled for 9:55 on September 25th, with the store opening at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Sparks asked for a quick rundown on why the city can't take care of the sidewalks on US 27. Mr. Trapp explained the city can maintain those sidewalks, but not the roadway. Precision Concrete will be doing an inventory soon and will provide a list of the trip hazards and what needs to be done to fix them. Mr. Sparks was happy to hear this.

Mayor Schabell: He is still participating in the weekly mayors' meetings. It has been good communicating with the other Campbell County Mayors, and he hopes this will continue once we get past the pandemic.

FUTURE MEETINGS

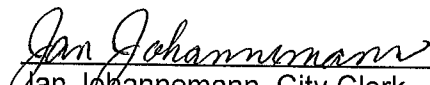
- Planning and Zoning – September 15, 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Sept. 12, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: Fall Shred Event at all 5 Furniture Fair locations. All donations go to Crime Stoppers
- Ms. Neltner recognized Nick Heiert, who was honored at the Fiscal Court meeting for his "Nick @ Nine" series. He has raised over \$22,000 for various charities. At some point, Mayor Schabell would like to recognize both Nick and Emily Campbell, another Alexandria resident, at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Sue Neltner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Simon. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.


Jan Johannemann, City Clerk

Date: 9/17/2020


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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