



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2019

Mayor Schabell called the Alexandria City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 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
Kyle Sparks Present	Tom Baldrige Present

Also: Jan Johannemann, City Clerk
Lucas Cooper, Police Chief
JoAnn Hackworth, Treasurer
Adam Bradley, Fire Department

Mike Duncan, City Attorney
Natalie Selby, Police Lieutenant
Jeff Pohlman, Fire Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 21, 2019

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Ambyr Schnitzler Recognition: Mayor Schabell quoted a phrase from the Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood show: During times of tragedy, Mr. Rogers' mother would say, "Always look for the helpers. There will always be helpers and if you look for the helpers, you'll know there is hope." Most of the time those helpers are the brave men and women of the Fire & Police Department who are trained for emergency situations. But sometimes, those helpers are ordinary people faced with extraordinary challenges and they have to make a decision whether to continue about their day or help another without regard to their own safety. Ambyr Schnitzler was recently one of those helpers and Mayor Schabell read a summary of her heroic actions as reported by Chief Cooper (see attached). The Mayor, City Council and the Police Department presented Ms. Schnitzler with the Outstanding Citizen Award for her actions taken on November 8, 2019. Ms. Schnitzler shared a few words of thanks. Her mother always taught her kindness and to pay it forward. She is glad she was able to help out in the situation and to lead by example. She is also thankful that the city thought to recognize her for it.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: See attached report. Chief Cooper wanted to thank everyone who assisted the department on November 8th. It speaks to the partnership the department and city have with other agencies. The department has been busy and he is really proud of his officers and the work they are doing. Mayor Schabell pointed out that Officer Brewer was honored, along with other officers from different departments across the State of Kentucky, for the most DUI arrests in Alexandria. The ceremony took place at a Governor's Lunch in Lexington.

Fire Department: See attached report. On December 17th they will host a Hoxworth Blood Drive, and on December 21st Santa will be visiting Alexandria on a Fire Truck.

Community Center: See attached report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel – Tom Baldrige: Next meeting will be January 16, 2020.

Business Retention & Development – Kyle Sparks: The committee met this evening focusing on a new website for the city and will continue to move forward. He hoped the small businesses did well on “Small Business Saturday.” He also pointed out that Ms. Neltner has done a lot of work for the Light Up Alexandria event and hopes that people get out and shop local this weekend.

Beautification – Sue Neltner: Nominations for Christmas/Winter decorations are due by December 13 and voting will be open until December 18.

Public Works – Bob Simon: The 2019-2020 street repairs are completed. The calming device has been installed, striped and signs put up. The Police Department has not received any complaints. They are going to put up the traffic data collector in the next few days.

Safety – Susan Vanlandingham: Next meeting will be February 20, 2020.

Finance – Stacey Graus: The committee had a special meeting this evening and talked through investment options and how the city wants to engage in the opportunity through KLC. One of the steps in the process is to enter into an interlocal agreement prior to opening an account, and then invest the funds. First, council has to pass a Resolution allowing the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Graus asked Mr. Duncan to give the sum and substance of the Resolution.

RES#2019-04: Mr. Duncan said this Resolution designates the Mayor and City Treasurer as the authorized officials to take all actions necessary to enter into the agreement.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to adopt Resolution#2019-04, seconded by Bob Simon.

Mr. Graus explained this is a program through KLC, who has partnered with PNC for investment opportunities. The committee decided to invest 25% of the available funds, monitor until March and see how things are going. At that time, they can decide to put more money in or pull money out. They passed the Ordinance adopting an investment policy, and now the City has to pass a Resolution to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with KLC and other cities. The invested funds will be pooled with other cities. After the Resolution is passed, Ms. Hackworth can open an account with PNC. The amount to be invested would be around \$125,000.

The question was raised of how new this program is and how many cities are participating. There is already \$30 million being invested through this program and about 4 or 5 cities are participating. There is a team of investors at PNC Bank, not just one person making the calls. Mr. Duncan pointed out all investments have to be in accordance with the statute that was passed. Also, the funds are always available rather than being tied up for long periods of time like CD's and other forms of investing, and the fees are lower than if an individual were to invest.

Council members requested the committee keep council and the public up to date on the performance since it is taxpayer dollars that are being invested.

The Motion was then brought up for a vote. All in favor, motion passed 6-0-0.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS –

Planning & Zoning: Ms. Vanlandingham gave a report from the meeting. There was a Public Hearing for the rezoning of the Recca Roller Rink property. P&Z recommended the zone change to Highway Commercial, with specified conditions. They will move forward with this process in the coming weeks. The building will be called “Recca Business Complex” which will house an HVAC business and some warehouse space. The roller rink will close in March 2020.

NEW BUSINESS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tom Baldrige: He encouraged everyone to support the Light up Alexandria event this weekend and show moral support for the local businesses. He had someone send him a picture of a sign which says, "Stopping is free. Rolling stops will cost you ..." and he asked Chief Cooper if it is something that would work in Alexandria. Chief Cooper pointed out if they are not paying attention to the "Stop" sign then they likely won't pay attention to the sign underneath and signs can be expensive. He is not sure how effective they are but will call some the cities that use them and see if they have been effective. The PD is going to start doing more speed targeting in subdivisions, and if they continue to see this as a trend then he will have the officers start writing tickets. If the city does get signs, Ms. Neltner suggested moving them around the city so they are not in one location all the time.

Kyle Sparks: He also encouraged residents to support the Light up Alexandria event. He is hopeful this will bring people into the stores to shop. He did a survey in his subdivision on speed calming devices, and those he spoke with were against them. He does believe speed is an issue and council should continue the conversation to find alternatives. Mayor Schabell asked if the residents in his subdivision saw issues with speeding. Those in his subdivision that were for the speeding calming devices live on the main road and see more speeding. The residents on the side streets were against them. Mr. Sparks did believe citizens should have a say in what goes on with their streets. Most stated they did not want emergency responders to have to slow down because there is a hump in the road.

Sue Neltner: She reminded residents of the hours for the Light Up Alexandria event – Friday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. There are 35 shops but not 35 locations as some are sharing space. The Tree Lighting ceremony will take place from 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and will be across the street from the city building.

Susan Vanlandingham: She asked if the City was a participant in the Light Up Alexandria event, as she didn't want people to show up at the City building on Saturday. We are promoting it but are not listed as a stop on the map. She also wanted to address the speed calming device conversation, stating she has had some communication with the Mayor about existing subdivisions and looking to future developments. She believes that we could do a lot through Planning & Zoning, including speed calming devices in the plans of future developments. Ms. Neltner stated this had been discussed at P&Z meetings.

Mayor Schabell: He is excited about the Light up Alexandria event and the commercial that was filmed at the city building with the business owners. He is proud that the city is working alongside business owners to help make them successful, because their success is the city's success. The city is working hard to build relationships with business owners.

Chief Cooper mentioned they are still collecting gifts for the sponsor family. There are still tags on the tree in the Community Center and residents can stop by during normal business hours to pick up a tag. Unwrapped gifts should be returned to the City or Police Department by December 20.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee – December 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning – December 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting – December 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.*

***MOTION:** Stacey Graus made a motion to cancel the council meeting scheduled for December 19, 2019, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, motion passed 6-0-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

- No Wednesday Youth Program in December. Will return in January
- December 6, 6:00 p.m.: Light up Alexandria
- December 8, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.: Lunch with Santa at Community Center
- December 13, 2:00 p.m. – Nominations due for Winter/Christmas Beautification Award
- December 21 – Santa on the Fire Truck

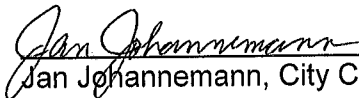
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) to discuss a real-estate matter, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. Executive Session began at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION: Sue Neltner made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. Regular Session resumed at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Bob Simon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.


Jan Johannemann, City Clerk

Date: 11/6/2020


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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