

ORDINANCE NO. 2928

AN ORDINANCE to repeal Resolution No. 832 and to reestablish, pursuant to Section 2-4-8 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, a standing committee known as the ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON EMPLOYMENT.

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Commission on Employment was established by Resolution No. 832, adopted January 12, 1982; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution of the Alexandria Commission on Employment adopted February 14, 1984, the said commission recommended to city council that certain changes be made in the commission's purposes and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the city manager has recommended that the recommendations of the commission, as set forth below, be adopted; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Resolution No. 832, adopted January 12, 1982, be and the same hereby is repealed effective the date of the final passage of this ordinance.

Section 2. That the purposes and responsibilities of the Alexandria Commission on Employment shall be as follows:

(a) Developing a city-wide plan for employment services that reflects the goal of linking the existing city programs with those programs operated by the city school system and with closely linking the city services to the economic development program operated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the city council. The commission is to provide for the provision of citizen input into the planning, oversight and evaluation of all projects carried out by the office of employment training.

(b) Coordinating the development of relationships between employment and training programs, educational institutions and the private sector.

(c) Promoting and evaluating private sector activities that may be funded by the city council or which may be provided through grant funds from federal and/or state sources.

(d) Providing information to the city council on local labor market trends for consideration in the development of employment and training programs for the city.

(e) In coordinating with the economic development activity in the city, the commission will review and provide comments to the city council on the impact of the city's economic development program on the local labor market.

(f) Assisting the staff of the department of human services, office of employment training and the city council in determining how to better meet the needs of private businesses in placing those city residents who are unemployed or economically disadvantaged in unsubsidized employment.

Section 3. That the Alexandria Commission on Employment coordinate its activities with that of other relevant public advisory bodies within the city.

Section 4. That the Alexandria Commission on Employment periodically assess the effectiveness of job training activities in Alexandria and submit to the city council an annual report on activities and their impact on services delivered to low-income residents and benefits to the private business community.

Section 5. That the Alexandria Commission on Employment shall be composed of the following members:

(a) one (1) representative of the Northern Virginia branch of the Washington Urban League;

(b) one (1) organized labor representative;

(c) one (1) representative of the Virginia Employment Commission;

(d) fifteen (15) business representatives from among recognized area businesses, including minority-owned and small businesses;

(e) one (1) representative of the Alexandria Public Schools;

(f) one (1) citizen-at-large;

(g) one (1) representative of a local institution of post secondary education;

(h) one (1) representative of employees not represented by organized labor;

(i) one (1) representative of the commission on the status of women; and

(j) one (1) representative of the chamber of commerce to serve as a link to the city's economic development program.

Section 6. Each organization represented shall nominate a candidate to be confirmed by the city council. Where a member is not representing a specific organization, the council shall appoint members selected from open solicitation from among appropriate agencies, organizations and population groups.

Section 7. That the director of the office of employment training shall be responsible for assigning staff assistance to the Alexandria Commission on Employment in the accomplishment of its activities.

Section 8. That the Alexandria Commission on Employment shall elect annually from its membership a chairperson who will lead the Alexandria Commission on Employment in the conduct of its duties.

Section 9. Effective the date of final passage hereof, all current seats filled by appointment to the Alexandria Commission on Employment shall be declared vacant and eliminated. All current members shall be so notified by the city clerk. Prior to the elimination of these positions all serving members of the Alexandria Commission on Employment shall be invited to serve for a term of one (1) year on the Alexandria Commission on Employment. The city clerk shall record the responses to this invitation and shall submit a listing to the city council.

Section 10. Beginning the date of final passage hereof, the city clerk shall solicit membership recommendations for the vacant categories and submit the recommendations to city council for consideration and appointment to a full two- (2) year term.

Section 11. That the title of and an informal memorandum explaining this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city not later than five days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The city clerk shall have the full text of this ordinance printed in sufficient numbers to supply copies to meet request. The city clerk shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.  
Mayor

Final Passage: June 18, 1984