

**City of Alexandria  
City Council Special Meeting – Town Hall  
Wednesday, September 22, 2021 7:00 PM  
Council Chamber  
Meeting Minutes**

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Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, and Mohamed E. Seifeldin.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Taylor, Legislative Director/Assistant City Manager; Ms. Quinn, Management Analyst, City Manager's Office; Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services; and Police Captain Ballentine.

Recorded by: Gloria Sitton, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

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1. Call to Order.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of City Council were present, with Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker attending via Zoom from her home address at 19 Sunset Drive for personal reasons.

2. Polihire Presentation of Survey Results and Overview of the Recruitment Process.

POLIHIRE, the executive search firm for the City Manager search, gave a presentation on their services and reviewed the work they have been conducting regarding the current search for a new City Manager.

3. Recognition of Speakers who Signed Up in Advance.

4. Recognition of Attendees that wish to speak will be recognized by the Mayor.

The following persons participated in the town hall for City Manager:

1. Kathie Hoekstra, Alexandria, spoke about the need for a City Manager who understands the climate crisis and the flooding issues that the City is experiencing and also a City Manager who is a consensus builder.

2. Ivy Whitlatch, Alexandria, representing the Alexandria Archaeological Commission, spoke about the need for the new City Manager to have an awareness of importance of history and archaeology to the City.

3. Ricardo Alfaro, Alexandria, spoke about the need for access to reliable and good connectivity and technology and the need for the City Manager to work to obtain quality options for all City residents.

4. Skyler Yost, Alexandria, spoke about the need for a City Manager who focuses on need for better access to broadband options and the need to understand and comprehend accrual based accounting. Mr. Yost spoke about the need for the new City Manager to help increase the affordable housing availability in the region.

5. Margaret Townsend, Alexandria, spoke about the need for the City Manager having experience managing a large organization like Alexandria, a person with a broad knowledge of local government, including budget and finance, and someone with aggressive and innovative solutions and open to discussion to ideas. Ms. Townsend stated the person should have a reputation for integrity and honesty, with value driven work ethic and be accountable.

6. Velicia Tucker, City employee, representing AFSCME, spoke about the need for a City Manager who will respect public employees is important and on who is pro-union leader and open to bargaining and the bargaining process.

7. Kevin Harris, Alexandria, spoke about the need for the City Manager focus on funding for affordable housing and affordable home ownership opportunities for residents. Mr. Harris spoke about the need for the new City Manager focus on education and focus on creating a diverse workforce, particularly in the leadership positions in the City. Mr. Harris spoke about the for the City Manager focus on improving the infrastructure throughout the City.

5. Closing Remarks/Adjournment.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSSED**, upon motion by Councilman Seifeldein, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the Town Hall Meeting at 7:45 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

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APPROVED BY:

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JUSTIN M. WILSON      MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted:      December 14, 2021

**City of Alexandria  
City Council Closed Executive Session  
Thursday, November 3, 2021 4:00 PM  
City Hall – Room 2000  
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor, Chapman, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, and Mohamed E. Seifeldein.

Recorded by: Gloria Sitton, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

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**OPENING**

**1. Roll Call.**

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present, with Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Seifeldein arriving during the Executive Session.

**2. Executive Session - Consideration of a closed executive session to discuss a personnel matter. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, and carried 5-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 4:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter concerning candidates for appointment by the City Council for the City Manager position pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:29 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution regarding closed executive session previously circulated to Council. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Seifeldein;

Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 3031**

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council has this 3rd day of November 2021, recessed into executive session pursuant to a motion made and adopted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the city council that such executive session was conducted in accordance with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the city council does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters that were identified in the motion by which the executive session was convened, and that are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act from the Act's open meeting requirements, were heard, discussed or considered by council during the executive session.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried 6-0, City Council adjourned the closed meeting of November 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilwoman Pepper.

**APPROVED BY:**

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**JUSTIN M. WILSON      MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC    City Clerk

Adopted:      December 14, 2021

**City of Alexandria  
City Council Closed Executive Session  
Thursday, November 4, 2021 4:00 PM  
City Hall – Room 2000  
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor, Chapman, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, and Mohamed E. Seifeldein.

Recorded by: Gloria Sitton, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

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**OPENING**

**1. Roll Call.**

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present, with Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Seifeldein arriving during the Executive Session.

**2. Executive Session - Consideration of a closed executive session to discuss a personnel matter. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, and carried 4-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 4:10 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter concerning candidates for appointment by the City Council for the City Manager position pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, and Councilwoman Jackson; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council reconvened in open session at 9:58 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilwoman Pepper.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried 6-0, City Council adopted the resolution regarding closed executive session previously circulated to Council. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilwoman Pepper.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried 6-0, City Council adjourned the closed meeting of November 3, 2021 at 10:00 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilwoman Pepper.

**APPROVED BY:**

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**JUSTIN M. WILSON      MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC    City Clerk

Adopted:      December 14, 2021

**City of Alexandria  
City Council Closed Executive Session  
Thursday, November 18, 2021 5:00 PM  
Alexandria Police Department Headquarters  
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor, Chapman, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, and Mohamed E. Seifeldein.

Recorded by: Gloria Sitton, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

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**OPENING**

**1. Roll Call.**

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present, with Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Seifeldein arriving during the Executive Session.

**2. Executive Session - Consideration of a closed executive session to discuss a personnel matter. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, and carried 4-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter concerning candidates for appointment by the City Council for the City Manager position pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, and Councilwoman Jackson; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 9:32 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution

regarding closed executive session previously circulated to Council. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 3035**

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council has this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021 recessed into executive session pursuant to a motion made and adopted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the city council that such executive session was conducted in accordance with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the city council does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters that were identified in the motion by which the executive session was convened, and that are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act from the Act's open meeting requirements, were heard, discussed or considered by council during the executive session.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the Special Meeting of November 18, 2021 at 9:34 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

**APPROVED BY:**

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**JUSTIN M. WILSON      MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC    City Clerk

Adopted:      December 14, 2021