

**City of Alexandria**  
**Summary Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, January 27, 2024, 9:30 AM**  
**City Council Town Hall Meeting – Potomac Yard**  
**Economic Development Project**

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Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Amy B. Jackson, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, Sarah R. Bagley, John Taylor Chapman, Alyia Gaskins, and R. Kirk McPike,

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Kelleher, Acting Deputy City Manager; Ms. Fleming, Director, Office of Communications and Community Engagement; Ms. Mclean, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office; Mr. Colevas, ITS; Ms. Demeke, ITS, and Police Captain Ballentine.

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

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Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order stating that this would be a session for Council to answer questions from the community about the proposed Potomac Yard Economic Development Project to include an arena and entertainment district. Each Council member responded to questions submitted on index cards about the following topics:

- Traffic impacts to the immediate community and citywide
- Potential changes to the character of the City, particularly Potomac Yard, Del Ray, and Old Town
- Funding of recreation needs by the potential development with revenue generated and leveraging of relationship for recreational opportunities
- Housing including affordable housing and preservation of housing for all income levels
- How tax revenues will be committed to benefit the City residents
- Conducting a racial impact study on the impact and effect on the communities closest to the proposed project
- Impact of the project of other economic development throughout the City, particularly in Potomac Yard
- Traffic solutions for the proposed project, including Metro (WMATA), expansion of the trolley and traffic mitigation along Route 1, especially during events in the district

- Financing of the project by the City and the Commonwealth
- Regionalism and competition for economic development projects in the metropolitan area
- Public Safety plan for the entertainment district
- Representation of the City on the proposed Stadium Authority by the Commonwealth
- Benefits of the project for the public schools, with opportunities for the partnerships and mentorships
- Environmental studies of the project area
- Parking and parking enforcement for the surrounding neighborhoods
- Types of possible jobs for the community
- Process for considering the proposed project

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

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**APPROVED BY:**

**JUSTIN M. WILSON    MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC    City Clerk

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