

**City of Alexandria**  
**Tuesday, May 9, 2023 6:00 PM**  
**City Council Legislative Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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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. Anderson, City Attorney; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. K. Taylor, Interim Deputy City Manager/Director, Finance; Mr. Fields, Director, Code Administration; Ms. Mclean, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office; Ms. Pledger, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Bulova, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Ms. Best, Code Administration; Ms. Moore, Code Administration; Mr. Mensinger, Code Administration; Mr. Evans, Deputy Director, Code Administration; Ms. Useem, Director, Office of Performance Accountability (OPA); Fire Chief Smedley; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Talis, Alexandria Health Department; Ms. Suehr, Director, Department of Project Implementation (DPI); Police Lt. North; Mr. Farid, ITS; Ms. Vincent, ITS; Mr. Smith, ITS; Ms. Demeke, ITS; Mr. Barre, ITS, Mr. Bassett, Police Department; and Mr. Bolden, Division Chief, Transportation and Environmental Services (TES).

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

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**I. OPENING**

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of City Council were present, with Councilmember Bagley attending via Zoom webinar.

2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution by Members of City Council [ROLL-CALL VOTE].

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the electronic participation resolution. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilmember Bagley.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3155

**Resolution Regarding Electronic Participation by a Member of City Council**

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2 provides that an individual member of a public body may fully participate in meetings electronically if any such member meets the criteria of the code and the public body has adopted an Electronic Meeting Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council adopted an Electronic Participation Policy on June 22, 2021 as Resolution No. 3011; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council Member Sarah Bagley notified the Mayor and the Clerk that she is unavailable to be physically present for the May 9, 2023 City Council Meeting due to a personal matter, specifically travel for work, and

**WHEREAS** the Council Member has not participated in more than two or 25% of City Council Meetings by electronic means during this calendar year; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council Member will participate in the City Council Meeting by Zoom Video Conference Call from Fargo, North Dakota, and arrangements have been made to ensure the member shall be heard by all participants at the City Council Meeting; and

**WHEREAS** a quorum of the City Council is physically assembled in person.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:**

That pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3708 and the City Council's Electronic Meeting Policy Resolution 3011, City Council Member Sarah Bagley will participate remotely in this meeting by video conference call.

3. Closed Session -- Consideration of a closed executive session to discuss a personnel matter, a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, and investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried 6-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, and the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where is made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, specifically, matters pertaining to a City Council Appointee and a collective bargaining contract funded by City Council; pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) and (A)(6) and of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilmember Bagley.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried unanimously, City Council reconvene in open session at 7:13 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins and Councilman

McPike; Opposed, none.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session previously circulated to Council. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3156

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council has this 9th day of May, 2023 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.

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council observed the moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2023;  
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2023; and  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2023.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of April 11, 2023, the public hearing meeting minutes of April 15, 2023, and the regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2023. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

## II. PROCLAMATIONS

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing May as Building Safety Month.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as

follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

7. Presentation of a Proclamation honoring Provider Appreciation Day.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

7a. Presentation of Proclamation recognizing National Travel and Tourism Week.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

8. Recognition of the City Academy Graduates.

City Council recognized the graduates of the City Academy.

**III. ORAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

**\*Naming Committee (Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

Councilman Chapman reported that the Committee heard the proposal for the renaming of the Braddock Interim Park in honor Judy Guse-Noritake and period for receiving public comment. Councilman Chapman reported that the Committee reviewed the draft scope of work for the Confederate streets renaming process and the possible FAQs that will be released related to the process.

**\*Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) (Councilmember Bagley and Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Commission reviewed the Commuter Choice funding distribution and noted that all the City's DASH requests were funded. Councilmember Bagley noted that would likely be funding for two electric buses for DASH from the capital funding. Councilmember Bagley noted that there was a lengthy conversation about WMATA's budget and she reminded everyone that the Potomac Yard Station would be opening on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Bagley noted that ridership for WMATA has increased and fare evasion has decreased. Councilman Aguirre noted that the Yellow Line has resumed service.

**\*Council of Governments (COG) - Food and Agriculture Regional Member Policy Committee (FARM)(Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the Committee reviewed the free school meals initiative, noting there the possible changes to the requirements for free school meals by lowering the community qualifying threshold. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the Committee reviewed education initiatives that are being used throughout the region.

**\*Eisenhower Partnership (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the Partnership discussed the safety and aesthetics issues in Eisenhower Avenue and noted that Council has received a letter outlining their concerns and improvements that are needed in the area.

**\*Commission on Information Technology (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the Commission received an update on the Municipal fiber network happening around the City. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the Commission received an update from the Public Records Advisory Committee on open data.

**\*ARHA Redevelopment Committee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

Mayor Wilson reported that Committee received an update on Samuel Madden redevelopment. Mayor Wilson also reported that there was discussion on process for ARHA for creation of a development entities and how they would operate. Mayor Wilson noted that there was an in-depth discussion on Ladrey redevelopment and received a presentation on the initial concept stating that the development partner will be making revisions and submitting a new concept for consideration. Mayor Wilson noted that the new project will have 275 units on the site, making it an all affordable project.

**IV. ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Parajon gave a presentation on the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and reviewed highlights of the services and activities the City offered throughout the three year period.

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR (9-23)**

**(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

9. Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
  - (a) Commission for Women  
Lee Taylor-Penn
  - (b) Commission on Aging  
Karen McKeon
  - (c) Commission on HIV/AIDS  
Chennel Hill

- (d) Historic Restoration and Preservation Commission  
Barbara Hayes

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 9; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record.)

10. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee - 3-year term  
1 financial professional
- (b) Building Code Board of Appeals - 5-year term  
1 Citizen Member
- (c) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission - 1-year term  
3 high school students
- (d) Commission on Aging - 3-year term  
1 citizen member 60 year or older
- (e) Commission on HIV/AIDS - 3-year term  
1 citizen member
- (f) Commission on Persons with Disabilities - 2-year term  
1 citizen member
- (g) Economic Opportunities Commission- 2-year term  
1 nursing home representative in the city
- (h) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee - 2-year term  
1 member nominated by the Masonic Fraternity  
1 veteran member
- (i) Human Rights Commission - 3-year term  
1 Commission for Women representative
- (j) Park and Recreation Commission - 3-year term  
1 high school youth member
- (k) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term  
1 qualified professional skilled in landscape architecture, architecture or urban design
- (l) Sister Cities Committee - 2-year term  
1 citizen member
- (m) Social Services Advisory Board - 3-year term  
1 parent or citizen member

(A copy of the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

- 11. Consideration of a Grant Application to National Endowment for the Humanities for Infrastructure and Capacity Building.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 12. Consideration of Approval to Enter into an Agreement to Provide In-Kind Cost Share for an Awarded Grant to the U.S. Department of Energy’s FY 2021 Low Greenhouse Gas Vehicle Technologies Research, Development, Demonstration, and Deployment Funding Opportunity Announcement.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 13. Consideration of a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Justice 2023 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Office, School Violence Prevention Program Grant.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 14. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2023.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 14; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 15. Consideration of the Appointment of Representatives to the Other Post-Employment Benefit Trust Board.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**(Ordinances for Introductions and First Reading)**

- 16. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to revise Title XI (Health, Environmental & Sanitation Regulations), Chapter 2 (Food and Food Establishments) of the City Code to amend the requirements for

additional Food Protection Manager Certificates, to allow mobile businesses to use alternative contact methods to be displayed on their food truck, to adjust the permit expiration date to 12 months from date of issue and to remove duplication of inspection with other State agencies.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an ordinance to amend and reordain Article A (General Provisions) Chapter 4 (Committees, Boards and Commissions) of Title 2 (General Government) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

(A copy of the City Attorney's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 2-4-180 (CREATION, COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION) of Article W (ALEXANDRIA GANG PREVENTION COMMUNITY TASK FORCE) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 18; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 18; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part



of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 18; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

19. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 2-4-112 (CREATION, COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION) of Article N (ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

20. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sections 2-153.2 (HEALTH PROFESSION OFFICE) and 2-174 (MEDICAL CARE FACILITY) of Article II (DEFINITIONS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2023-00002 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2023-00002 associated with healthcare-related use definitions approved by City Council on April 15, 2023).

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

21. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet Nos. 063.04, 064.03, 064.04, 073.02, 074.01, 074.02, and 075.01 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the properties within the King Street Outdoor

Dining Overlay zone to remove the Overlay zone in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2023-00001 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2023-00001 associated with the King Street Outdoor Dining Overlay zone approved by City Council on April 15, 2023).

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

22. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 2-182.06 of Article II (DEFINITIONS), Article III (RESIDENTIAL ZONE REGULATIONS), Article IV (COMMERCIAL, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES), Article V (MIXED USE ZONES), Article VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES), Section 7-1500 of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS), Section 8-300 of Article VIII (OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING), and Section 11-513 of Article XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2023-00003 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2023-00003 associated with outdoor dining and parklets approved by City Council on April 15, 2023).

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

23. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Old Town North Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00001 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment (Implementation Ordinance for Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00001 associated with Montgomery Center approved by City Council on April 15, 2023).

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council

received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of item #13, which was considered under separate motion. The City Manager's approvals were as follows:

9. City Council received the following resignations with regret from members of boards, commissions, and committees: (a) Lee Taylor-Penn, Commission for Women; (b) Karen McKeon, Commission on Aging; (c) Chennel Hill, Commission on HIV/AIDS; and (d) Barbara Hayes, Historic Restoration and Preservation Commission.

10. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Melissa Sathe as the financial professional to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; (b) waived the residency requirement and reappointed Anila Angjeli as the Building Code Board of Appeals; (c) appointed Marwa Nagshbandi, Zahra Rahimi, and Marwa Sarwari as the three high school students to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (d) appointed James Bruen as the citizen member 60 years or older to the Commission on Aging; (e) appointed Christian Rodriguez as the citizen member to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (f) appointed Kristen Creighton as the citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (g) appointed David Parker as the nursing home representative in the city to the Economic Opportunities Commission; (h) reappointed Tyler Vanice as the member nominated by the Masonic Fraternity and appointed Lauren Augustine as the veteran member to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (i) appointed C. Elizabeth Palmer-Johnson as the Commission for Women representative to the Human Rights Commission; (j) appointed Tookie Organek as the high school youth member to the Park and Recreation Commission; (k) appointed Nicholas Gueterman as the qualified professional skilled in landscape architecture, architecture or urban design to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; (l) appointed Kurt Eberle as the citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee; and (m) Ann O'Hanlon as the parent or citizen member to the Social Services Advisory Board.

11. City Council: (1) approved the grant application, due May 17, 2023; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council: (1) committed to providing the in-kind cost share of \$20,000 between May 2023 and October 2025, consisting of City staff labor, and (2) authorized the City Manager to: i) execute an agreement with Forth to participate in its grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and ii) execute any necessary agreements with the DOE in support of the awarded grant.

14. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

15. City Council appointed the City Manager to the Other Post-Employment Benefit Trust Board.

16. City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 13, 2023.

17. City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 13, 2023.

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23. City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 13, 2023.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

13. Consideration of a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Justice 2023 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Office, School Violence Prevention Program Grant.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the submission of an application to the School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) which is due on May 10, 2023 for up to \$500,000 over three years, with a 25 percent local match; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

## **VI. CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS**

24. Beautification Commission - 2-year term  
1 Citizen Member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:

Elizabeth Gelfer  
Daniel Puls

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Elizabeth Gelfer as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Gelfer
Jackson	-	Gelfer
Aguirre	-	Gelfer
Bagley	-	Gelfer
Chapman	-	Gelfer
Gaskins	-	Gelfer
McPike	-	Gelfer

25. George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee - 2-year term  
1 member nominated by the First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line

(The following person volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:

Peter Duggan

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Peter Duggan as the member nominated by the First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Duggan
Jackson	-	Duggan
Aguirre	-	Duggan
Bagley	-	Duggan
Chapman	-	Duggan
Gaskins	-	Duggan
McPike	-	Duggan

26. Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - 2-year term  
1 member who serves as a volunteer at a historic property or attraction which is open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:

Bailee Barfield  
Russell Simonaro

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 26; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Bailee Barfield as the member who serves as a volunteer at a historic property or attraction which is open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Barfield
Jackson	-	Barfield
Aguirre	-	Barfield
Bagley	-	Barfield
Chapman	-	Barfield
Gaskins	-	Barfield
McPike	-	Barfield

## **VII. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION**

None.

## **VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

27. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Section 5-2-14 (Sidewalk Crossovers and Curb Cuts Generally) Chapter 2 (Streets and Sidewalks) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 27; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 27; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council

received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 27; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 13, 2023. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

## **IX. ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

1. Councilman McPike reported that he attended the graduation for the Fire Department Community Academy held last week and encouraged everyone to participate in the various community academies sponsored by the City.

2. Councilman Aguirre reported that he and other members of Council attended the Topping Off Ceremony of Minnie Howard Campus of Alexandria City High School.

3. Councilman Aguirre thanked everyone who participated in SpringToAction last week.

4. Councilman Aguirre congratulated staff on a successful ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Del Pepper Community Resources Center at Mark Center.

5. Councilman Aguirre reported that Patrick Henry Recreation Center hosted ACPS students giving a presentation on services they would like for youth to receive at City recreation centers.

6. Councilman Aguirre reported that Alexandria Library hosted a successful Black Family Reunion event and have collected many items for their history collection through the event.

7. Councilman Aguirre congratulated Alexandria City High School students on a great musical production of Sister Act.

8. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the unveiling of the Equity Index Map by the Race and Social Equity Office.

9. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Northern Virginia Family Services Gala over the weekend.

10. Councilman Aguirre congratulated Southern Towers on opening their Farmers Marker over the weekend.

11. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the reopening ceremony of Metro's Yellow Line.

12. Councilman Aguirre reported that a community meeting for the Alexandria West community.

13. Councilman Chapman reported that he attended and was the keynote speaker at the Friendship Place in Washington, DC at an event focusing on homelessness in the region.

14. Councilman Chapman reported the Fawn Weaver, CEO of Uncle Nearest attended a meet and greet event at 1799 Restaurant and he encouraged businesses to let Council know when they have signature events that highlight their industries and business in the community.

15. Councilman Chapman reported that is Teacher Appreciation Week and he highlighted Mr. Art Harris of MacArthur Elementary School and he mentioned working with the Chamber of Commerce to restart the Partners in Education program in the City.

16. Councilwoman Gaskins reported that she hosted a community dinner with Together We Bake and there was discussion about housing and housing resources in the City and the discussion continued with Mr. Pettigrew and the Office of Housing.

17. Councilwoman Gaskins reported that she participated in the community dinner with Afghan women at Samuel Tucker Elementary School.

18. Councilwoman Gaskins congratulated two churches on their longstanding presence in the Alexandria community, Shiloh Baptist Church on 165 years and Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church on 133 years.

19. Councilman Aguirre reminded everyone of the Community Cookouts sponsored by the Alexandria Police Department and invited everyone to attend.

## **X. OTHER**

28. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 28; 05/09/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council received and approved the City Council Schedule. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

## **XI. ADJOURN.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of May 9, 2023 at 9:06 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley,



Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; 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: June 13, 2023