

**City of Alexandria  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 14, 2024 7:00 PM  
City Council Legislative Meeting**

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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. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Predeoux, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Fields, Director, Code Administration; Ms. Best, Code Administration; Mr. Mensinger, Code Administration; Mr. Evans, Deputy Director, Code Administration; Ms. Fleming, Director, Office of Communications and Community Engagement (OCCE); Ms. Teate, OCCE; Ms. Castenada, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES; Ms. Benjamin, OCCE; Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance; Mr. Greenlief, Assistant Director, Finance; Ms. Kelleher, Interim Deputy City Manager/ Director, Human Rights; Mr. Useem, Chief Performance Officer, Performance Accounting; Mr. Scolese, T&ES; Interim Police Chief Pedroso; Mr. LaColla, Division Chief, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Ms. Wedeles, City Manager's Office; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Durham, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Ms. Welles, Emergency Communications (Alex311), Ms. North, Division Chief, T&ES; Ms. McGraw, T&ES; Mr. Freed, Office of Climate Action; Dr. Christopher, Race and Social Equity Officer, City Manager's Office; Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Demeke, ITS, and Police Lt. Lion.

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

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**I. OPENING MATTERS**

1. Calling the Roll

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of City Council were present.

2. Electronic Participation Resolution (if needed)

Not needed.

3. Closed Session (if needed)

Not needed.

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

The Summary Minutes of Budget Work Session #2 (March 6, 2024);  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2024;  
The Summary Minutes of Budget Work Session #5 (April 3, 2024);  
The Public Hearing Minutes of April 13, 2024; and  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2024.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the summary minutes of Budget Work Session #2 (March 6, 2024), the regular meeting minutes of April 2, 2024, the summary minutes of Budget Work Session #5 (April 3, 2024), the public hearing meeting minutes of April 13, 2024; and the regular meeting minutes of April 24, 2024. 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 AND RECOGNITIONS**

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the 65th Anniversary of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter.

**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.

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

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins 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 Graduates of the City Academy.

City Council recognized the graduates of the City Academy.

9. Recognition of Junior City Academy Participants.

City Council recognized the Junior City Academy participants.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council recessed the meeting for approximately ten minutes to allow for the Council chamber to be cleared of protesters. 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 meeting resumed at 8:02 p.m.

### **III. Oral Reports from Members of Council on Boards, Commissions and Committees**

#### **\*Health and Safety Coordinating Committee (Mayor Wilson and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

Mayor Wilson reported that the Committee held a joint meeting with the Community Criminal Justice Board and discussed recidivism data and refining the data report. Mayor Wilson reported that Committee reviewed the current status of crime statistics with the Police Department. Mayor Wilson noted that Council should have received the latest data report from the Committee and pointed out the traffic enforcement is returning to previous trends.

#### **\*Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors (Mayor Wilson and Councilman McPike)**

Councilman McPike reported that the Board held a joint meeting with the COG Board of Directors and the WMATA Board of Directors to discuss unifying operationally the fourteen different transit systems in the region and how to make them operate better interjurisdictionally. Councilman McPike reported that over the next several months there will be discussions between the two bodies to come up with methods to make the systems work better together and there will be a report presented on the matter in January.

#### **\*City Council/Schools Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

Mayor Wilson reported that there will be a ribbon cutting at the new Minnie Howard Campus. Mayor Wilson also reported that there was a discussion about the upcoming work at George Mason Elementary School, with more discussion at an upcoming subcommittee meeting. Mayor Wilson reported that there was an update on early childhood activities from both the City and ACPS, including coordination of those services between the two organizations.

#### **\*Commission on Aging (Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Commission received a presentation from Fire/EMS on emergency preparedness. Councilman Aguirre also reported that the Commission discussed the new FOIA regulations and virtual meeting participation from boards and commissions.

#### **\*COG Human Services Committee (Councilwoman Gaskins)**

Councilwoman Gaskins reported that Committee discussed the Point In Time Count to

highlight how people are experiencing homelessness in the regional and the report will be issued this week. Councilwoman Gaskins noted that there is a rise in youth and senior homelessness in the area and how the jurisdictions are responding to these crises. Councilwoman Gaskins reported the Prince Georges' County gave a presentation on how they are responding to youth homelessness initiatives, particularly as it relates to Latino youth and LGBTQIA+ youth.

#### **IV. Oral Report from the City Manager**

City Manager Parajon recognized Transportation and Environmental Services receiving the Smart City Mobility Award at Smart Cities Conference.

##### **10. Duke Street Projects Update**

Ms. Castaneda, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services gave update on the Duke Street Corridor focusing on four segments of the area: Moncure to West Taylor Run; West Taylor Run to Cambridge; Cambridge to Roth; and Wheeler to Roth. Ms. Castaneda stated that they would report on commuter and community engagement to date, recommended options and feedback and next steps.

Transportation and Environmental Services staff recommended the following options to Council for the Duke Street corridor: (1) Maintain a two-way service road from Moncure Drive to West Taylor Run Parkway; (2) redesign Cambridge Road intersection to decrease travel delay and improve safety; (3) convert the service road from West Taylor Run Parkway to Cambridge Road to one-way westbound with separate space for roadway users; and (4) delay full construction of Segment 2b until redevelopment occurs, and instead provide transit queue jumps and traffic improvements at Quaker Lane and improve edge features. Staff responded to questions from Council about the recommendations and next steps.

#### **V. ACTION DOCKET**

##### **Regular Consent Calendar (11-25)**

11. Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
  - (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee  
Antoine Lopez
  - (b) Alexandria Archaeological Commission  
Rebecca Doser
  - (c) Children, Youth and Family Collaborative Commission  
Zahra Rahimi
  - (d) Commission on Aging  
Jeanette Shepherd

- (e) Commission on Information Technology  
Ella Graf
- (f) Environmental Policy Commission  
Theresa Romanosky

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked 11(a-f); 05/14/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Receipt of Applications for Commission of the Year Impact Award.

(A copy of the City Clerk's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council marked Item No. 12; 05/14/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Uncontested Appointments for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- a) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee - 2-year term  
1 representative of an employer who employs at least 100 people
- b) Alexandria Transportation Commission - 3-year term  
1 representative of the Traffic and Parking Board
- c) Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term  
1 professional member skilled in architecture, planning, landscape architecture and/or urban design
- d) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission - 3-year term  
1 high school student
- e) Commission for the Arts - 3-year term  
1 member with expertise in visual arts either as professional practitioners of visual art, curators of visual art, or as professional arts administrators currently working in the field
- f) Commission for Women - 3-year term  
1 citizen member
- g) Commission on Aging - 3-year term  
1 healthcare provider representative
- h) Community Criminal Justice Board - 2-year term  
2 citizen members
- i) Economic Opportunities Commission - 2-year term  
1 Category II - Low Income representative
- j) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - 2-year term  
1 Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association representative

- k) Local Emergency Planning Committee - 2-year term  
1 representative of a community group
- l) Social Services Advisory Board - 3-year term  
1 client of the Department of Social Services or citizen members
- m) Waterfront Commission - 2-year term  
1 Park and Recreation Commission representative

(A copy of the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13 (a-m); 05/14/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2024.

(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; 05/14/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Consideration of a Grant Application for the U.S. Department of Justice Community Police Development Microgrant for Community Violence Intervention.

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16. Consideration of a Grant Application for the U.S. Department of Justice Community Police Development Microgrant for Underserved Populations.

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17. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grants to Expand Substance Use Disorder Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts.

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18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2024.

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19. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Section 9-15-12 (Operational requirements for all food trucks) of Chapter 15 (Food Truck Vendors) of Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation).

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20. 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 Eisenhower West Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00007 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. 2023-00007 associated with Vulcan Site Redevelopment approved by City Council on April 13, 2024).

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21. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 5-602(A) (COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS CREATED, CONSISTENCY WITH MASTER PLAN, REQUIRED APPROVALS) of Article V (MIXED USE ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2023-00006 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2023-00006 associated with Vulcan Site Redevelopment approved by City Council

on April 13, 2024).

(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; 05/14/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

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22. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 067.03 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 at 701 South Van Dorn Street and 698 Burnside Place from, I/Industrial to CDD #26/Coordinated Development District 26 in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2023-00005 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2023-00005 associated with Vulcan Site Redevelopment approved by City Council on April 13, 2024).

(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; 05/14/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

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23. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way at Courtney Avenue and North Van Dorn Street, adjacent to the property at 701 South Van Dorn (VAC No. 2023-00005) (Implementation Ordinance for Vacation No. 2023-00005 associated with Vulcan Site Redevelopment approved by City Council on April 13, 2024).

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24. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the owner of the property located at 820 Gibbon Street to construct and maintain an encroachment for three townhouse bay windows in the South Alfred Street right-of-way at that location (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment



No. 2023-00002 associated with South Alfred Street Townhomes approved by City Council on January 20, 2024).

(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. 24; 05/14/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

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25. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to increase the income thresholds for Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled.

(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. 25; 05/14/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

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**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of items 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 25, which were considered under separate motions. The vote was as follows:

11. City Council received the following resignations for members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees: (a) Antoine Lopez, Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) Rebecca Doser, Alexandria Archaeological Commission; (c) Zahra Rahimi, Children, Youth and Family Collaborative Commission; (d) Jeanette Shepard, Commission on Aging; (e) Ella Graf, Commission on Information Technology; and (f) Theresa Romanosky, Environmental Policy Commission.

12. City Council received the applications for nominees for Commission the Year Impact Award, noting ballots were due in the City Clerk's Office by May 17.

13. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and

committees: (a) appointed Yeshewase Ayele as the representative of an employer who employs at least 100 people to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; (b) reappointed Casey Kane as the representative of the Traffic and Parking Board to the Alexandria Transportation Commission; (c) appointed Erick Adams as the member-at-large to the Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee; (d) appointed Evangeline Billips as the high school student to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (e) reappointed Brian Kelley as the member with expertise in visual arts either as a professional practitioner of visual art, curator of visual art, or as professional arts administrator currently working in the field to the Commission for the Arts; (f) reappointed Jim Lindsay as the healthcare provider representative to the Commission on Aging; (g) appointed Brian Schiff and Elesha Nightingale as the two citizen members to the Community Criminal Justice Board; (h) waived the residency requirement and appointed Reynard Anderson as the Category II - Low Income representative to the Economic Opportunities Commission; (i) reappointed Christopher Brownlowe as the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association representative to Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (j) appointed Robert Dube as the representative of a community group to the Local Emergency Planning Committee; (k) appointed Joshua Barnathan as a client of the Department of Social Services or citizen member to the Social Services Advisory Board; and (l) reappointed Stuart Fox as the Park and Recreation Commission representative to the Waterfront Commission.

17. City Council: (1) retroactively approved the submission of the grant application (applied on April 1, 2024) for up to \$126,225; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

18. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

24. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

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.

14. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2024.

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**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried unanimously. City Council received the monthly financial report for the period ending March 31, 2024. 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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**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson, and carried unanimously, City Council tabled this item. 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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**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the grant application for \$175,000 to the U.S. Department of Justice; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all 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.

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**A motion was made** by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson to pass the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 18, 2024. This motion was withdrawn.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried 6-1, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 18, 2024 with an amendment to change the operating time to closing at 12 Midnight. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman

Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, Vice Mayor Jackson.

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**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried 5-2, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 18, 2024. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilmember Bagley, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, Councilman Aguirre and Councilman Chapman.

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**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried 5-2, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 18, 2024. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilmember Bagley,

Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, Councilman Aguirre and Councilman Chapman.

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25. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to increase the income thresholds for Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled.

(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. 25; 05/14/24, 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. 25; 05/14/24, 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. 25; 05/14/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 18, 2024. 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. Roll-Call Consent Calendar (26)**

26. Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Donation of a Bench at the Charles Houston Recreation Center. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(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. 26; 05/14/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council approved the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement and other documents, if necessary, to finalize donation of a granite bench from The George Washington National Memorial Association. 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. 3323**

**RESOLUTION** authorizing the City Manager to Accept a  
**GRANITE BENCH** from the  
The George Washington National Memorial Association  
to the **DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**



**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2.02 (e) of the Charter of the City of Alexandria (1950), as amended, City Council has the authority to accept gifts and donations; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities is a beneficiary of a granite bench valued at \$5,000;

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

1. Accepts the bequest of a granite bench from The George Washington National Memorial Association; and
2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute, if necessary, other documents to finalize the donation from The George Washington National Memorial Association.

**VII. ACTION MATTERS**

**Contested Appointments of Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

27. Commission for the Arts - 3-year term

1 professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the city landscape, such as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design, due to an expiring term

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

NAME:

Alvah T. Beander

(Material pertaining to the above Commission is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 27; 05/14/24, 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 waived the residency requirement and appointed Alvah T. Beander as the professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the city landscape, such as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design to the Commission for the Arts. The vote was as follows:

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

28. Commission for Women - 3-year term  
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Tamika Hutchinson  
Nichelle Billips

(Material pertaining to the above Commission is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 28; 05/14/24, 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 reappointed Tamika Hutchinson as the citizen member to the Commission for Women. The vote was as follows:

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

29. Commission on Aging - 3-year term  
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Heather Marriott  
Daniel Thomas Oliver

(Material pertaining to the above Commission is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 29; 05/14/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Daniel Thomas Oliver as the citizen member to the Commission on Aging. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Oliver
Jackson	-	Oliver
Aguirre	-	Oliver
Bagley	-	Oliver
Chapman	-	Oliver

Gaskins - Oliver  
McPike - Oliver

30. Human Rights Commission - 3-year term  
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Alexandra Lydon  
Sam Schwartz

(Material pertaining to the above Commission is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 30; 05/14/24, 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 reappointed Sam Schwartz as the citizen member to the Human Rights Commission. The vote was as follows:

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

31. Public Records Advisory Commission - 2-year term  
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Emma Parsons

(Material pertaining to the above Commission is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 31; 05/14/24, 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 waived the residency requirement and appointed Emma Parsons as the citizen member to the Public Records Advisory Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson - Parsons  
Jackson - Parsons

Aguirre - Parsons  
Bagley - Parsons  
Chapman - Parsons  
Gaskins - Parsons  
McPike - Parsons

### **Recommendations from the City Manager**

#### 32. Spring 2024 City Council Priorities Initiatives Updates

City Council received an update on the Spring 2024 City Council Priorities initiatives.

**Please note: Item No. 33 was taken out of order.**

#### 33. Consideration of a Request from the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority to Establish an Independent Non-Profit Entity, Premier Housing.

(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. 33; 05/14/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority's (ARHA) request to establish Premier Housing subject to the City Manager's satisfaction that safeguards described herein regarding Premier Housing's activities, operations and reporting obligations to the ARHA Board and to the City are incorporated in the nonprofit's governing documents, including its articles of incorporation, operating agreement, and bylaws, as appropriate; and (2) authorized the City Manager to conduct reviews of changes to Premier Housing's organizational documents and/or reports regarding its activities to ensure the nonprofit is performing in ways consistent with the mission of ARHA and subject to the safeguards established herein. 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.

### **Resolutions**

None.

### **Ordinances**

#### 34. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Article A (TAXICABS) of Chapter 12 (TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE) of Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION) 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. 34; 05/14/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public second, reading and final passage on Saturday, May 18, 2024. City Council requested that staff also return on Saturday with alternative options for fee costs for taxicabs. 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.

## **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **35. Oral Reports and Oral Presentations from Members of City Council**

(a) Vice Mayor Jackson congratulated the Community Emergency Response Team graduates on completed their training recently with 25 CERT graduates and 14 youth graduates.

(b) Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the City held its annual Days of Remembrance ceremony on Market Square.

(c) Vice Mayor Jackson congratulated the organizers of the first Eco-City Festival held at the Northern Virginia Community College, highlighting the distribution of 275 sapling trees in honor of the City's birthday.

(d) Vice Mayor Jackson reported that Port City Brewery has created a 275<sup>th</sup> beer in recognition of the City's birthday.

(e) Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the Fallen Officer Memorial ceremony was held this week in during Police Week. Vice Mayor Jackson also noted that the attended the graduation of the Community Police Academy graduation ceremony.

(f) Councilman Aguirre congratulated Northern Virginia Family Services on their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

(g) Councilman Aguirre welcomed Mood Wellness Lounge to the City, noting that it is located in Cameron Station.

(h) Councilman Aguirre thanked the Police Department for continuing the Community Cookouts, highlighting the most recent one held at the Ruby Tucker Center.

(i) Councilman Aguirre noted that he attended the Eco-City Festival.

(j) Councilman Aguirre also congratulated Port City Brewery on the release of the 275<sup>th</sup> Birthday beer.

(k) Councilman Aguirre reported that the Commission on Aging held their annual Excellence in Aging Awards ceremony this evening.

(l) Councilmember Bagley reported that she and Councilwoman Gaskins and Councilman McPike attended the unveiling of the mural at Tenants and Workers United on Mount Vernon

Avenue.

36. Consideration of City Council Calendar.

(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. 36; 05/14/24, 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 FY 2024 City Council Calendar. 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.

37. Closed Session (if needed)

**IX. ADJOURN**

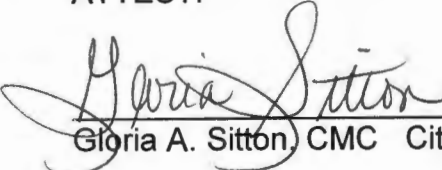
**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilman Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of May 14, 2024 at 11:06 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, 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 11, 2024