

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 25, 2024 5:45 PM
City Council Legislative Meeting**

PRESENT: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, Sarah R. Bagley, John Taylor Chapman, Alyia Gaskins, and R. Kirk McPike.

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Amy B. Jackson.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Ms. Predeoux, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Fleming, Director, Office of Communications and Community Engagement (OCCE); Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Ms. Waters, Deputy City Clerk; Ms. Neal, Independent Police Auditor; Mr. McPike, Director, General Services; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Suehr, Director, Department of Project Implementation; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Freed, Director, Office of Climate Action; Ms. Castaneda, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES; Mr. Knight, T&ES; Ms. Brandt-Vorel, T&ES; Ms. Roberts, Deputy City Attorney; Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Demeke, ITS, and Police Lt. May.

RECORDED BY: Gloria Sitton, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

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, with Councilman Aguirre and Councilman Chapman arriving during the closed executive session. Vice Mayor Jackson was absent.

2. Electronic Participation Resolution (if needed)

Not needed.

Closed Session

**3. 5:45 p.m. -- Consideration of a closed executive session for personnel matters.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]**

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried 4-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 5:46 p.m., to discuss the performance of the city manager, city attorney, city clerk and the independent

police auditor pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Bagley, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, and Councilman Chapman.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:28 p.m. The vote was as follows: in favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson.

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

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3235

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 25th day of June, 2024 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 a moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

5. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing July as Disability Pride Month.

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

6. Presentation of the Annual Commission of the Year Impact Award.

City Council recognized the Commission on Aging with the Commission of the Year Impact Award.

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

***Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) (Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson reported that NVTa meeting there was discussion on the 495 Express extension for the Springfield exchange to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, noting to the concern for the impacts to the potential transit on the Wilson Bridge in the future. Mayor Wilson noted that WMATA provided information along with VDOT about changes to address some of the concerns. Mayor Wilson reported that NVTa endorsed the letter for the extension of the express lanes, stating that he did not support the letter. Councilman Aguirre gave an overview of support from the Transportation Planning Board and how the transit option would look in the future.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that ARHA has made a selection on a new CEO for the Authority and would make a public announcement soon. Mayor Wilson reported that there was discussion of the bond issuance for the Heritage and Housing Alexandria's project in Arlandria. Mayor Wilson reported that there was discussion about community engagement about the future of property in Cameron Valley. Mayor Wilson reported that there would be an update of the MOU between ARHA and the City of Alexandria discussed at future meetings.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that the Subcommittee had conversations around Minne Howard and students and families receiving orientation and tours of the new building. Mayor Wilson reported that there was discussion about the opening of the community pool located in the new facility, likely sometime in August. Mayor Wilson noted that there was a lengthy discussion about budget timing and schedule with the School Board and the City.

***Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Councilmember Bagley)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that VRE is reinstating the cross honor program between VRE and MARC, allowing passengers to use both services. Councilmember Bagley reported that VPRA is in discussion to purchase a portion of the Manassas Line from Norfolk Southern.

***Waterfront Commission (Councilmember Bagley)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that the Commission discussed the special use permit coming from the Board of Architectural Review for outdoor seating at the Tall Ship Providence. Councilmember Bagley reported that there was discussion of the development of Robinson Terminal North and following Alex Renew's work on the parcel, development projects will be coming before City Council for consideration.

IV. Oral Report from the City Manager

City Manager Parajon gave an update on the activities as it relates to abortion related services, including an updated dedicated webpage for services available, update to land use policies and procedures related to medical facilities, and services provided by the Department of Health at the Teen Wellness Center.

7. Status of the Solicitation for the Sale and Redevelopment of a Portion of City-owned Property at 2 King Street.

City Council received the update from staff on the status of the Request for Proposals for the sale and redevelopment of a portion of the of City-owned property located at 2 King Street issued on May 1, 2023.

V. ACTION DOCKET

Regular Consent Calendar (8-22)

8. Consideration of a Lease Agreement Between the City and Alexandria Renew Enterprises ("AlexRenew") for Office Space in the Environmental Center at AlexRenew Headquarters located at 1800 Limerick Street.

(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. 8; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Acceptance of the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant award to the Alexandria Community Services Board (ACSB) in the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) for the implementation and ongoing operation of the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for adults with a serious mental illness.

(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. 9; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Authorization of a Competitive Grant Application and Acceptance of Funds for Personal Responsibility Education Program (Prep) from the Administration for Children, Youth And Families.

(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. 10; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Submission of the Final Report of the Alexandria Commission on Aging Age-Friendly Plan for a Livable Community 2019-2023.

(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. 11; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of a Grant Renewal to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Food Program for At-Risk After School Snack Program for the FY 2025 School Year Snack Program Sponsored by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

(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; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of the Release of the \$900,000 from FY 2025 Contingent Reserves for Mental Health Staffing Stabilization.

(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; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of the Release of \$1,000,000 from FY 2025 General Fund Contingent Reserves to Review and Implement Findings to the City of Alexandria's Classification and Pay System.

(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; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Consideration of the Release of \$1.75 Million in FY 2025 Contingent Reserve Funding to Fund Alexandria City Employee Retention Incentives.

(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; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Consideration of a Continued Funding Agreement with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice for the Provision of a Behavioral Health Staff Position.

(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; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to establish the process to solicit and grant a Franchise to use certain public property to design, install, own, operate, maintain, repair, upgrade, and remove electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) for the use and benefit of the public, including incidental design, construction, and modifications to City infrastructure to further and accommodate such use.

(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. 17; 06/25/24, 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. 17; 06/25/24, 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. 17; 06/25/24, 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 Sheet No. 054.04 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 709 and 711 Pendleton Street from CL/Commercial Low with proffer to CL/Commercial low in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2024-00001 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2024-00001 associated with 709 and 711 Pendleton Street approved by City Council on June 15, 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. 18; 06/25/24, 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. 18; 06/25/24, 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 2-188.1 (RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT USE) of Article II (DEFINITIONS); Sections 4-102 (PERMITTED USES), 4-103 (SPECIAL USES), 4-202 (PERMITTED USES), 4-203 (SPECIAL USES), 4-302 (PERMITTED USES), and 4-303 (SPECIAL USES) of Article IV; and Section 6-603 (USES) of Article VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2024-00006 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2024-00006 associated with the recreation and entertainment use text amendment approved by City Council on June 15, 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. 19; 06/25/24, 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. 19; 06/25/24, 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 the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Landmark/Van Dorn Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2024-00001 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. 2024-00001 associated with 6101 and 6125 Stevenson Avenue approved by City Council on June 15, 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. 20; 06/25/24, 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. 20; 06/25/24, 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 No. 047.03 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 6101 and 6125 Stevenson Avenue from, OCM(50)/Office commercial medium (50) zone to CRMU-H/Commercial residential mixed use (high) in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2024-00002 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2024-00002 associated with 6101 and 6125 Stevenson Avenue approved by City Council on June 15, 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; 06/25/24, 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. 21; 06/25/24, 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 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. 2024-00007 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2024-00007 associated with multiple addresses in Eisenhower East text amendment approved by City Council on June 15, 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; 06/25/24, 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. 22; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried 6-0, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of items 13, 14, and 15, which were considered under separate motions. The approval was as follows:

8. City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the lease agreement consistent with the general terms of the Lease Agreement with AlexRenew.

9. City Council: (1) authorized the acceptance of the grant award for funding the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) and three positions for the Office of Housing to carry out the project. The positions are: one administrative support manager, one fiscal officer I, one housing program manager, one referral specialist and two human services specialist II. These dollars will be one-going, base budgeted dollars from the State's general fund dollars. Additionally, the funding will cover the cost of rent for 35 Alexandrians with serious mental illness (SMI) at the 50% adjusted market rent (AMR) while also covering the pre-leasing costs including rental application fees, rental, and utility deposits, bedding and basic housing supplies; (2) approved the addition of one full-time Administrative Support Manager(1 FTE), one full time Fiscal Office I (1 FTE), on housing program manager (1 FTE), one full time Referral Specialist (1 FTE) and two full time Human Services Specialist II (2 FTEs) positions that will be fully supported (including benefits cost) by the award from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS); and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

10. City Council: (1) authorized the application and potential acceptance of the grant award for funding the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) requesting the maximum grant amount of \$750,000 annually, for the duration of three years with no match required. Funding will be used to implement adolescent pregnancy prevention programming in the City of Alexandria; (2) approved the following positions currently supported by the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) grant revenues if the competitive grant is awarded: one grant coordinator (1 FTE) to oversee grant activities and one outreach specialist (1 FTE) to provide implementation support for grant activities; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

11. City Council: (1) accepted the final report for the Age-Friendly Plan 2019-2023; and (2) authorized the Commission on Aging to develop a new Age-Friendly Plan, reflecting the progress and changes since the initial plan was approved.

12. City Council: (1) authorized the City Manager to submit an At-Risk After School grant renewal application to the United States Department of Agriculture for Fiscal Year 2025 (by the due date in September 2024); and (20 authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary document that may be required.

16. City Council: (1) approved the Memorandum of Agreement for the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to reimburse the City of Alexandria up to a maximum \$130,455.91 in FY 2025, with gradually anticipated increases from FY 2025 and beyond to cover increased salary and benefit costs, and equipment upgrades and fees; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

17. City Council approved the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

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20. City Council approved the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

21. City Council approved the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

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

13. Consideration of the Release of the \$900,000 from FY 2025 Contingent Reserves for Mental Health Staffing Stabilization.

(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; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried 6-0, City Council approved the proposed use of \$900,000 held in the FY 2025 General Fund contingent reserves to enable the implementation of strategies to achieve Mental Health Staffing Stabilization. These strategies include the increase in compensation for Mental Health staff, the offering of recruitment incentives for incoming staff, the engagement of an outside firm to assist in targeted recruitment and the appointment of a temporary administrative staff member to assist in key elements of the internal hiring and on boarding processes. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson.

14. Consideration of the Release of \$1,000,000 from FY 2025 General Fund Contingent Reserves to Review and Implement Findings to the City of Alexandria's Classification

and Pay System.

(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; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried 6-0, City Council: (1) approved the allocation of \$1,000,000 from FY 2025 Contingent Reserves to: a. begin review and implementation of salary adjustments for positions determined to be below the average of our prescribed comparator jurisdictions and approved by the City Manager; and b. update the City of Alexandria's classification and pay review process; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary processes and documents that may be required for implementation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson.

15. Consideration of the Release of \$1.75 Million in FY 2025 Contingent Reserve Funding to Fund Alexandria City Employee Retention Incentives.

(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; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried 6-0, City Council released \$1,750,000 in FY 2025 Contingent Reserve funding to provide retention incentives for positions to be identified by the City Manager. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson.

VI. Roll-Call Consent Calendar (23 - 28)

23. Consideration of a Resolution to Establish the 2024 Personal Property Tax Relief Rates. [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. 23; 06/25/24; and is incorporated as part of this record by record.)

24. Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). [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. 24; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

25. Consideration of a Resolution for a Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation for the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation

Program. [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. 25; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

26. Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Round 2 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program and Resubmission of the FY 2022/FY 2023 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program for Reconsideration. [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; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

27. Consideration of a Resolution Adopting an Updated Electronic Participation Policy for Public Meetings. [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. 27; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

28. Consideration of a Resolution of the Alexandria City Council Approving of the City's Participation in the Proposed Settlement of Opioid-Related claims against Kroger and its Related Corporate Entities and Directing the City Attorney and/or the City's Outside Counsel to Execute the Documents Necessary to Effectuate the City's Participation in the Settlements. [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. 28; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar, with the exception of item #26, which was considered under separate motion. The approvals were as follows:

23. City Council adopted a resolution to establish the 2024 Personal Property Tax Relief Rates.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3229

RESOLUTION TO SET THE RELIEF RATES UNDER THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 58.1-3524 of the Code of Virginia and Section 3-2-224

of the City Code, City Council has the authority to establish the relief rates assessed for vehicles; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-2-224(e)(5) of the City Code, the City is required to set the relief rates annually by resolution; and

WHEREAS, City Council has now determined that it is necessary and desirable to set the relief rates as follows.

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

1. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(5)(A) is 52%; and
2. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(5)(B) is 26%; and
3. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(5)(C) is 12%; and
4. That the rates set forth above may vary due to changes related to the vehicles subject to the tax that occur before the tax bills are issued; and
5. That this Resolution shall be effective for Calendar Year 2024.

24. City Council: (1) adopted the resolution supporting the submission of a grant application by August 29, 2024, for the Safe Streets, and Roads for All (SS4A) Program for up to \$750,000; (2) City Council hereby committed to include up to \$150,000 in funds for the local match, if awarded, in its Capital Improvement Program budget; and (3) authorized the City Manager to apply for the SS4A grant and enter into any agreements with USDOT to accept and implement the grant.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3230

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR FY 2023 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL FUNDING**

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) was signed into law and funded \$1 billion annually from FY 22-26 for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program; and

WHEREAS, up to \$1 billion is available in FY 2024 from the SS4A Program; and

WHEREAS, the SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries, and supports Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg's National Roadway Safety Strategy and USDOT's goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council adopted the Vision Zero Policy and Action Plan in 2017, which includes a goal to eliminate fatal and severe injury crashes by 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council adopted the Alexandria Mobility Plan in 2021, which aims to improve mobility, access, safety, and convenience for all road users; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council desires to submit an application to the SS4A program for up to \$750,000 for Fiscal Year 2024 to implement safety improvements along Eisenhower Avenue from Mill Road to Metro Road.

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

1. Hereby supports the application for up to \$750,000 from the Safe Streets and Roads and All Program through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2024 call for projects; and
2. The City Council hereby commits to include up to \$150,000 in funds for the local match, if awarded, in its Capital Improvement Program budget; and
3. Hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute project administration agreements and any other necessary documents to execute the SS4A grant.

25. City Council: (1) adopted the resolution to support the submission of up to \$2,000,000 for the Stage I Planning and Phototyping grant for the integration of AI-powered road quality and sign detection into our asset management process; and (2) authorized the City Manager to apply to the Strengthening and Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) discretionary grant program and enter into any agreement with USDOT to accept and implement the grant.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3231

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED PROJECT APPLICATION FOR THE STRENGTHENING MOBILITY AND REVOLUTIONIZING TRANSPORTATION (SMART) GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY 2024

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) was signed into law and in Section 25005, authorized and appropriated \$100 million to the Department of Transportation (USDOT) for FY 2024 for the SMART Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the SMART Grants program is to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems in a variety of communities to improve transportation efficiency and safety. Funding for projects is focused on using technology interventions to solve real-world challenges and build data and technology capacity and expertise in the public sector; and

WHEREAS, projects are scored based on a merit criteria review by the U.S. Department of Transportation evaluation team. For planning grants, SMART also requires that project benefits align to program priorities of safety and reliability, resiliency, equity and access, climate, partnerships, and integration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds up to \$2 million through the U.S Department of Transportation SMART Grant Program for the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, up to \$2 million is required to fund a critical planning study for the integration of AI-powered road quality and sign detection into our asset management process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of the City of Alexandria:

1. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of up to \$2 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation SMART Program, for FY 2024; and

The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program

27. City Council adopted the resolution and policy that will be effective as of July 1, 2024.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3233

WHEREAS, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Va. Code §§ 2.2-3700, et seq.) (FOIA) generally provides that public bodies, including the Alexandria City Council and the City's boards, commissions, and advisory groups, cannot conduct meetings through telephonic, video, electronic, or other electronic communication means where the members of the public body are not physically assembled to discuss or transact public business; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3708.3 of FOIA provides that individual members of public bodies may fully participate in meetings electronically if any such member meets the criteria of the code and the City Council has adopted an Electronic Participation Policy; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2021 the City Council adopted an Electronic Participation Policy which has been in effect since that time; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly adopted an update to Section 2.2-3708.3 that amends the authority for electronic meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would now like to update its policy to reflect these changes and clarify some of the language in the current policy.

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

1. That the attached City of Alexandria Electronic Participation Policy is hereby adopted pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3708.3.
2. That this resolution shall become effective on July 1, 2024.
3. This policy is adopted by the City Council for itself and on behalf of any committee, subcommittee, or other entity, however designated, to perform delegated functions of the City Council or to advise the City Council.
4. This policy supersedes and replaces any prior Electronic Participation Policy adopted by the City Council, and any committee, subcommittee, or other entity, however designated, to perform delegated functions of the City Council or to advise the City Council.

28. City Council adopted the resolution approving the settlement with Kroger and its related corporate entities and authorizing the City Attorney and/or the City's outside counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the City's participation in this settlement.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3234

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL APPROVING OF THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST KROGER AND ITS RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND/OR THE CITY'S OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts Alexandria by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Alexandria's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria has been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal has been negotiated that will cause Kroger to pay over a billion dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against it; and

WHEREAS, the City has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that this pending settlement with Kroger shall be considered a "Settlement" that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with the Distributors, Janssen, Teva, Allergan, Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens; and

WHEREAS, the City's outside opioid litigation counsel has recommended that the City participate in the settlement in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and concurs with the recommendation of outside counsel;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexandria City Council, this 25th day of June, 2024, approves of the City's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Kroger and its related corporate entities, and directs the City Attorney and/or the City's outside counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the City's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against Kroger.

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

26. Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Round 2 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program and Resubmission of the FY 2022/FY 2023 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program for Reconsideration. [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; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council: (1) adopted the resolution supporting the grant application to the United States Department of Transportation; (2) committed to include funds for its local match of up to \$3 million, if awarded and if necessary, in the FY 2025 through FY 2032 Capital Improvement Program budget, to match the period of performance of the grant; (3) approved the resubmission of the FY 2022/FY 2023 grant application for resubmission to the USDOT by July 1, 2024; (4) approved the submission of up to \$15 million in federal funding to the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant programs by August 28, 2024; and (5) authorized the City Manager to apply for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grants and enter into any necessary agreement with USDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to accept this funding. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed none; Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3232

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED APPLICATIONS FOR ROUND 2 OF THE CHARGING AND FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM AND RESUBMISSION OF THE FY 2022-2023 APPLICATION FOR REEVALUATION

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) was signed into law, and in 2023, funded \$2.5 billion over five years for the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) discretionary grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the CFI Program is to strategically deploy electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in communities and along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). The DOT will prioritize community projects that expand access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure in (1) rural areas, (2) low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, (3) communities with low ratios of private parking spaces, and (4) communities with high ratios of multi-unit dwellings; and

WHEREAS, Grant applications are evaluated by the DOT with considerations including safety, climate change, resilience, and sustainability; equity, community engagement, and the Justice40 initiative, workforce development, job quality, and wealth creation, and lastly fulfilling the CFI programs vision; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria commits to supporting the City's Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Readiness Strategy (EVRS), which acts as a roadmap for meeting the electric vehicle charging infrastructure and technical needs of City residents, workforce members, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to Round 2 of the CFI Grant Program to support the implementation of the EVRS recommendations for an allocation of funds up to \$15 million through the Department of Transportation's 2023 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program for the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to resubmit the City's FY 2022/FY 2023 CFI Grant Program, which was rated as "Highly Recommended" for reevaluation; and

WHEREAS, up to \$15 million is required to fund publicly accessible electric vehicle infrastructure needs in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

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

1. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of up to \$15 million through Round 2 of the U.S. Department of Transportation Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program;
2. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports the resubmission of the FY 2022/FY 2023 CFI Grant Program application for reevaluation;
3. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby commits to include funds for its local match of agency funds of up to \$3 million, if awarded, in its Fiscal Year 2025, Fiscal Year 2025, and Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Program Budgets; and
4. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program.

VII. ACTION MATTERS

Recommendations from the City Manager

29. Update on Civilian Oversight of Policing in Alexandria

City Council received the updated on civilian oversight of policing in the City of Alexandria and charged the Independent Police Auditor with working on the modifications of the establishing ordinance with the board and staff.

VIII. Ordinances

None.

IX. Resolutions

30. Consideration of a Resolution to Support Grant Applications to the Virginia Department of Transportation for FY 2030 - FY 2031 SMART SCALE projects. [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. 30; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote 6-0, City Council: (1) authorized the submission of up to \$50 Million in the System Management Allocation of Resources for Transportation (SMART) Safety, Congestion Mitigation, Accessibility, Land Use, Environmental and Economic Development (SCALE) applications from the City of Alexandria; (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required; and (3) endorsed a resolution to support a joint grant application with Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) and Arlington County to the Virginia Department of Transportation for FY 2030 - FY 2031 SMART SCALE projects. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson.

The resolutions read as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3236

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING "SMART SCALE" FOR FY 2030 to FY 2031

WHEREAS, in 2014, HB2 was signed into law, and in June 2016, the program was renamed SMART SCALE. SMART stands for System Management Allocation of Resources for Transportation and SCALE stands for Safety, Congestion Mitigation, Accessibility, Land Use, Environmental and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of SMART SCALE is to fund the right transportation projects through a prioritization process that evaluates each project's merits using key factors, including improvements to safety, congestion reduction, accessibility, economic development and

environmental quality. The evaluation focuses on the degree to which a project addresses a problem or need relative to the requested funding for the project; and

WHEREAS, projects are scored based on an objective and fair analysis applied statewide. SMART SCALE also requires that project benefits be analyzed relative to project cost. Commonwealth Transportation Board policy requires the project benefits be analyzed relative to the amount of SMART SCALE funds requested, so the final SMART SCALE score is based on the project cost to the state; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds of up to \$50 million for City of Alexandria projects, through the Virginia Department of Transportation SMART SCALE Program; and

WHEREAS, up to \$50 million is requested to fund the critical transportation needs in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and City of Alexandria applications include: 1) King Street-Bradlee Safety and Mobility Enhancements: Up to \$20 million, 2) Eisenhower Avenue and Van Dorn Street Improvements: Up to \$25 million 3) Duke Street and Route 1 Intersection Improvements: Up to \$5 million; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the city council of the City of Alexandria:

1. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports these applications for an allocation of up to \$50 million through the Virginia Department of Transportation SMART SCALE Program; and
2. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program.

RESOLUTION NO. 3237

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING "SMART SCALE" FOR FY 2030 to FY 2031

WHEREAS, in 2014, HB2 was signed into law, and in June 2016, the program was renamed SMART SCALE. SMART stands for System Management Allocation of Resources for Transportation and SCALE stands for Safety, Congestion Mitigation, Accessibility, Land Use, Environmental, and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of SMART SCALE is to fund the right transportation projects through a prioritization process that evaluates each project's merits using key factors, including improvements to safety, congestion reduction, accessibility, economic development and the environmental quality. The evaluation focuses on the degree to which a project addresses a problem or need relative to the requested funding for the project; and

WHEREAS, projects are scored based on an objective and fair analysis applied statewide. SMART SCALE also requires that project benefits be analyzed relative to project cost. Commonwealth Transportation Board policy requires the project benefits be analyzed

relative to the amount of SMART SCALE funds requested, so the final SMART SCALE score is based on the project cost to the state; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit a joint application with Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) and Arlington County of funds of up to \$30 million for I395 Shirlington Rotary & South Glebe Rd Interchange Improvements project, through the Virginia Department of Transportation SMART SCALE Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in partnership with NVTA and Arlington County, supports the application for up to \$30 million in funding to address critical transportation needs, specifically for the I395 Shirlington Rotary & South Glebe Road Interchange Improvement Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the city council of the City of Alexandria:

1. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this joint application with NVTA and Arlington County for an allocation of up to \$30 million through the Virginia Department of Transportation SMART SCALE Program; and
2. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program.

X. Other Business

31. Oral Reports and Oral Presentations from Members of City Council

1. Councilman McPike thanked Jean Kelleher, Director, Office of Human Rights, as she prepares to retire at the end of the month and all the work she has impacted the City of Alexandria over her 24 year career.

2. Councilmember Bagley noted that Metro is seeking members for their advisory board that advocates for customers who are seniors and those with disabilities. Councilmember Bagley noted that the community could apply to serve on the board on Metro's website, where the application and the qualification is listed.

3. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Legal Aid Justice Center's event in Arlington recognizing their Annual Justice for All.

4. Councilman Aguirre recognized the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission for holding their Champions of Children Award event.

5. Councilman Aguirre recognized NVTC for holding their Innovation Summit as part of the 60th Anniversary Celebration, focusing on Zero Emission buses

6. Councilman Aguirre stated that he attended the Vietnam Memorial Plaque dedication on Cameron Street at the American Legion Post.

7. Councilman Aguirre thanked the Alexandria Police Department and its partners

for sponsoring their annual Futsal tournament.

8. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended a roadway protection training at WMATA for tunnel visit.

9. Councilman Aguirre visited the new Atlas Brewery in the Carlyle neighborhood here in the City.

10. Councilman Aguirre thanked everyone who participated in the abbreviated Portside Festival.

11. Councilman Aguirre attended a meeting at Dulles International Airport with members of the WMATA and MWAA boards followed by a tour of the airport.

12. Councilwoman Gaskins attended the Annual Waterfront Commission Waterfront walk with Councilmember Bagley and learned so much information about the City's waterfront, its development and its history.

13. Councilwoman Gaskins reported that she, Councilman Aguirre and Mayor Wilson attended the Madelyn James Bow Bash and presented a proclamation in honor of Madelyn James and recognize efforts to support families battling pediatric cancer.

14. Councilman Chapman reported that he and Councilwoman Gaskins attended a roundtable discussion hosted by Senator Warner about childcare needs in the Virginia.

32. 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. 32; 06/25/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0 City Council received and approved the FY 2024 City Council Calendar. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson.

33. Closed Session (if needed)

Consideration of a closed executive session for personnel matters. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

Not needed.

XI. ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried 6-0, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of June 25, 2024 at 9:10 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman,

Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson.

APPROVED BY:


JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:


Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: September 10, 2024