

City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

1. Calling the Roll.

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

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:**19-1831**

The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2019;
The Special Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2019; and
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2019.

City Council approved the minutes for the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of February 12, 2019, the special meeting minutes of February 19, 2019, and the public hearing meeting minutes of February 23, 2019.

PROCLAMATIONS**4. 19-1827** Presentation of a Proclamation to the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities Recognizing Brain Injury Awareness Month.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

5. 19-1829 Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing March as Women's History Month.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

6. 19-1830 Presentation of a Proclamation for Meals for March.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

7. 19-1828 Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing Charlie Hill Day.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

***Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilman Chapman)**

***Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)(Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilman Aguirre)**

***Alexandria Transportation Commission (Councilman Aguirre and Councilman Chapman)**

***COG-Human Services Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jinks reported that there have been a record number of potholes reported this year, noting there have been 619 potholes reported. City Manager Jinks reported that there are currently three crews working Citywide to fill the potholes and Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) has been authorized to pay overtime and hire temporary support to decrease response time to repair the potholes. City Manager Jinks noted that beginning March 25, T&ES would begin a pothole blitz with 5 crews working on repairs and the spring paving will begin in mid-April. City Manager also noted the assessment of the 500+ lane miles of the City streets will start soon. City Manager requested that citizens report potholes that need repaired so that crews can begin the repairs.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

8. 19-1843 Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Commission for Women
Thao Nguyen
 - (b) Community Services Board
Erin Croyle
Christopher Dunay
Attiqah Syeda
 - (c) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
Carter Batey
 - (d) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
Kaitlyn Massa

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:**9. 19-1845 Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:**

- (a) Archaeological Commission
 - 1 Member at-Large
 - 1 Representative for the Alexandria Association
- (b) Board of Zoning Appeals
 - 2 Citizen Members
- (c) Citizen Corps Council
 - 1 Representative of the Alexandria business community
- (d) Commission on Employment
 - 1 Business Representative from a recognized area business including minority-owned and small business
- (e) Commission on HIV/AIDS
 - 1 Sheriff's designee
- (f) Commission on Information Technology
 - 1 School Board Representative
- (g) Community Services Board
 - 1 Sheriff's Office designee
- (h) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
 - 1 Representative from the Alexandria Historical Restoration & Preservation Commission
- (i) Human Rights Commission
 - 1 Commission for Women representative
- (j) Park and Recreation Commission
 - 1 High School Student member

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**10. 19-1546 Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2019**

11. [19-1762](#) Introduction of a Renewed Five-Year License Agreement with Cox Virginia Telcom, LLC to Permit Cox Virginia Telcom's Existing Conduits and Fiber Optic Cables to Remain in the City of Alexandria's Public Rights-of-Ways.

12. [19-1848](#) Vacation of Positions on Boards and Commissions for Lack of Attendance

(Ordinances for Introduction)

13. [19-1548](#) 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 2019.

14. [19-1669](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the owner of the property located at 2410 and 2460 Mill Road to construct and maintain encroachments for residential balcony overhangs into the public right-of-way on Stovall Street and Mandeville Lane and architectural features projecting into the public right-of-way on Mandeville Lane and at the corner of Mandeville Lane and Mill Road, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2018-0002 associated with Hoffman Blocks 4 & 5 approved by City Council on March 17, 2018).

15. [19-1804](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 065.01 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 600 North Royal Street from RM/Townhouse zone to CRMU-X/Commercial residential mixed use (Old Town North) zone in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2018-0009 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2018-0009 associated with the Bus Barn approved by City Council on February 23, 2019).

16. [19-1821](#) Introduction and First Reading of AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 12-2-2 (COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT; TERMS AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS; FILLING VACANCIES) of Chapter 12 (ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TEAM) of Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

17. [19-1823](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 4-303 (SPECIAL USES) of Article IV (COMMERCIAL, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES), Section 7-103 (USE

LIMITATIONS), Section 7-202 (PERMITTED OBRSTUCTIONS), Section 7-301 (PERMITTED OCCUPATIONS), and Section 7-2506 (ATTACHED GARAGES) of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS); and add new Section 2-113.2 (ATTIC), Section 2-120.1 (BAY WINDOW), and Section 2-200.1 (TRELLIS) of Article II (DEFINITIONS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2018-0015 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2018-0015 entitled Zoning Ordinance Practical Updates approved by City Council on January 12, 2019).

- 18. 19-1800** Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 1-400 (INTERPRETATION OF ORDINANCE) of Article 1 (GENERAL REGULATIONS) and add new Section 2-128.1 (COMMITTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING) of Article II (DEFINITIONS) and new Section 3-1400 (RMF/RESIDENTIAL MULTIFAMILY ZONE) of Division B (TOWNHOUSE AND MULTIFAMILY ZONES) of Article II (RESIDENTIAL ZONE) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2019-0013 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2018-0013 associated with the RMF/Residential Multifamily zone approved by City Council on February 23, 2019).
- 19. 19-1802** AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-119 (AVERAGE FINISHED GRADE), Section 2-119.1 (AVERAGE PRE-CONSTRUCTION GRADE), Section 2-154 (HEIGHT OF BUILDING), Section 2-193 (SETBACK RATIO), Section 2-204 (YARD), and Section 2-205 (YARD, FRONT) of Article II (DEFINITIONS); Section 3-106 (BULK AND OPEN SPACE REGULATIONS), Section 3-206 (BULK AND OPEN SPACE REGULATIONS), Section 3-306 (BULK AND OPEN SPACE REGULATIONS), Section 3-406 (BULK AND OPEN SPACE REGULATIONS), and Section 3-506 (BULK AND OPEN SPACE REGULATIONS) of Division A (SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY ZONES) of Article III (RESIDENTIAL ZONE REGULATIONS); Section 3-606 (BULK AND OPEN SPACE REGULATIONS) and 3-706 (BULK AND OPEN SPACE REGULATIONS) of Division B (TOWNHOUSE AND MULTIFAMILY ZONES) Article III (RESIDENTIAL ZONE REGULATIONS); Section 6-403 (GENERAL REGULATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS) of Article VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES); Section 11-1302 (SPECIAL EXCEPTION ESTABLISHED) of Division C (BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS) of Article XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES); to add and ordain new Section 2-122.1 (BLOCK FACE,

CONTEXTUAL), Section 2-154.1 (HEIGHT, THRESHOLD), Section 2-170.1 (LOT FRONTRAGE), and 2-170.2 (LOT WIDTH) of Article II (DEFINITIONS); and delete Section 7-2502 (HEIGHT IN LINE WITH EXISTING DEVELOPMENT) and 7-2503 (RESIDENTIAL FRONT SETBACK AND FRONT DOOE THRESHOLD IN LINE WITH EXISTING DEVELOPMENT) of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2018-0011.(Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2018-0011 related to changes to height and front setback approved by CityCouncil on February 23, 2019).

20. [19-1834](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 12-1-5 (TERM OF OFFICE) of Chapter 1 (SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SCHOOL BOARD) of Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND WELFARE) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
21. [19-1797](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Conveyance of Right-Of-Way and Dedication of Storm Drainage, Utility Easements and the Granting of Temporary Construction Easements across Birmingham Green, which is Jointly Owned by the City of Alexandria with the Counties of Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Prince William, to the City of Manassas Park, Virginia for Public Road Improvements.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with exception of docket items 12,17, and 18, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

8. *City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Thao Nguyen, Commission for Women; (b) Erin Croyle, Christopher Dunay, and Attiqah Syeda, Community Services Board; (c) Carter Batey, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; and (d) Kaitlyn Massa, Landlord-Tenant Relations Board.*
9. *City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Ann Davin as the member-at-large and appointed Edward Pulliam as the representative for the Alexandria Association to the Archaeological Commission; (b) appointed Erich Chan and reappointed Lee Perna as the two citizen members to the Board of Zoning Appeals; (c) appointed Glen Roe as the representative of the Alexandria business community to the Citizen Corps Council; (d) appointed Dalmyra P. Caesar as the business representative from a recognized area business including minority-owned and small businesses to the Commission on Employment; (e) appointed Shelbert Williams as the Sheriff's designee to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (f) appointed Michelle Rief as the school board representative to the Commission on Information Technology; (g) appointed Craig Davie*

as the Sheriff's Office designee to the Community Services Board; (h) appointed Deborah Osborne as the representative from the Alexandria Historical Restoration & Preservation Commission; (i) reappointed Monika Jones as the Commission for Women representative to the Human Rights Commission; and (j) appointed Ashley Marie Sanchez-Viafara as the high school student member to the Park and Recreation Commission.

10. *City Council received the monthly financial report.*
11. *City Council set the matter for public hearing and passage on Saturday, March 16, 2019.*
12. *City Council vacated a position on the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission and requested that the Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions re-advertise the position as vacant. (separate motion)*
13. *City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, March 16, 2019.*
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CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

22. 19-1852

Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee

1 Citizen Member

City Council reappointed Kerem Bilge as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee.

23. [19-1854](#) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee
1 Homeowner in the City representative
1 Member who Represents Housing Consumers under 30 years of age
City Council reappointed Michelle Krocke as the homeowner in the City representative and appointed Zachary DesJardins as the member who represents housing consumers under 30 years of age to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee.

24. [19-1850](#) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed Joseph Valenti as the citizen member to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee.

25. [19-1853](#) Commission for Women
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Renee DiPilato as the citizen member to the Commission for Women.

26. [19-1849](#) Traffic and Parking Board
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed James Lewis as the citizen member to the Traffic and Parking Board.

27. [19-1855](#) Waterfront Commission
1 At-Large Citizen representative other than any group or area represented
City Council reappointed John Bordner as the at-large citizen representative other than any group or area represented to the Waterfront Commission.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION (60 min.)

28. [19-1795](#) Consideration and endorsement of the planning process for Alexandria's participation in the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI).
City Council: (1) endorsed the Equal Justice Initiative engagement process as outlined in the memorandum; (2) requested that the City Manager seek recommendations from the proposed ad hoc committee and then provide a recommendation to City Council for the placement of Alexandria's Equal Justice Initiative pillar and markers; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required as part of the Equal Justice Initiative process.

29. [19-1586](#) Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project Update
City Council received the update.

30. [19-1835](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2018 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

City Council: (1) approved the submission of a grant application for \$1.5 million over a three-year period to partially fund the addition of nine additional firefighters over a three-year period; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

31. [19-1832](#) Consideration of establishing a Boards and Commissions Review/Audit Committee.

City Council established a committee to review and audit City Boards, Commissions, and Committees. The composition of the group should consist of the following members: City Clerk and Clerk of Council (Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions), City Attorney representative (Assistant City Attorney), Staff Liaison to a City Board/City Staff, and 2 members of City Council (to be appointed by the Mayor). Mayor Wilson appointed Councilman Aguirre and Councilman Chapman to represent City Council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

32. [19-1545](#) Introduction. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2019 (Fiscal Year 2020).

The maximum rates authorized by City Council in the ordinance reflect:

1. *A base real estate tax rate on residential, commercial, and industrial property for calendar year 2019 of \$1.135 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The FY 2020 proposed budget reflects a real estate tax rate of \$1.13 to fund the base budget;*
2. *Assumed in this proposed amount is the continued dedication of 0.6 cents for affordable housing.*
3. *Assumed in the proposed amount is the continued reservation of 2.2 cents of the real property tax rate for transportation projects.*
4. *A Special Services District tax is proposed to continue to be levied on all real property located in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District at the current rate of \$0.20 per one hundred dollars of valuation.*
5. *A personal property tax rate on vehicles for calendar year 2019 of \$5.56 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2020 proposed budget recommends a vehicle personal property tax rate of \$5.00 to fund the base; and*
6. *A tangible business personal property tax rate for calendar year 2019 of \$4.75 per one hundred dollars of assessed value and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 per hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2020 proposed budget recommends a tangible personal property tax rate of \$4.75 and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 to fund the base budget.*

33. [19-1650](#) Introduction and First Reading. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Tax Relief and Tax Deferral, Section 3-2-161 (Definitions), Section 3-2-164 (Administration by City Manager), Section 3-2-165 (Procedure for Claim), and Section 3-2-166 (Calculation of Amount; Limitation), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, March 16, 2019.

34. 19-1811

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage of an Ordinance to amend Section 5-8-84: Pay by Phone Parking Fee within a Residential Permit Parking District.

City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, March 16, 2019.

35. 19-1781

Introduction and First Reading. Passage on First Reading of an ordinance to amend Vehicle Decal Display Requirements, Article R (License Taxes on Motor Vehicles, Trailers, and Semitrailers), and Section 3-2-354 (Penalties for Uncontested Citations), Section 3-2-355 (Removal or Immobilization of Motor Vehicles Against Which There Are Outstanding Parking Citations), 10-4-37 (Failure to Procure and Display City License Plate, Windshield Tag or Decal), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, March 16, 2019.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. *Councilman Aguirre wished DASH and Mayor Wilson happy birthday and he reported that several Council members had a chance to attend the DASH birthday celebration on Monday. Councilman Aguirre noted that it was great to see all the buses and to see everyone checking out the buses and services offered by DASH.*
2. *Councilman Aguirre congratulated the Environmental Policy Commission on a successful Eco-City Summit.*
3. *Councilman Aguirre reported that there are free tax preparation services available with the Department of Community and Human Services on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturdays on from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon.*
4. *Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker thanked staff for the successful and informative Eco-City Summit. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker noted that there are small changes that we all can make that can have an impact on the environment and she gave out cups to everyone to use on the dais in place of the compostable plastic cups. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker has requested that the City Manager explore other ways we can be environmentally friendly throughout City Hall.*
5. *Councilman Seifeldein inquired whether the members of Council would like to discuss the continuation of the holiday lights on King Street and he requested that City Manager give a brief history and explanation of the issue.*

Mayor Wilson requested that the City Manager bring a budget memorandum about the lights.

City Manager Jinks noted that it is budget and policy choice that Council would need to consider and he explained the need for removing the lights for restringing, repair, and so the lights are not tangled in the trees when the leaves bloom. City Manager Jinks

will bring Council a memorandum delineating the costs for having the lights all year.

6. *Councilwoman Pepper reported the passing of City resident and activist Connie West this week and she noted that a memorial will be held on Saturday, March 23 at the Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home. Councilwoman Pepper noted that he was very active in the Eisenhower Partnership, in the Holmes Run area, and he served many hours with the Alexandria Police Department.*

OTHER

36. [19-1792](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) received the updated City Council Schedule which includes: the Simpson Park Playground Renovation - Park Reopening & Art Dedication Ceremony which is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 9 a.m. at 426 East Monroe Avenue and the Waterfront Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 11 a.m. at 1 King Street; and (2) approved the City Council Schedule for March 2019 to June 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Note: The action docket is a summary of Council meeting deliberations prepared largely for staff follow-up. Formal minutes of the meeting, when approved by Council become the official record of the meeting and of Council's decisions made at the meeting.