

City of Alexandria

*301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314*



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

6:00 PM

**There will be an executive session at 6:00 pm. The regular meeting will begin at 7:00 pm or shortly thereafter.
Council Chamber**

City Council Legislative Meeting

The January 28, 2025, Legislative Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held in the Council Chamber (301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of the City Council and staff are participating either in-person or from a remote location through a video conference call on Zoom webinar. The meeting can be accessed by government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and can be accessed via Zoom by the following link:

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Meeting Agenda and Live Webcast

The meeting will be webcast live and video and audio recordings will be available a few days after the meeting.

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I. OPENING.

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Gaskins called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present, with Vice Mayor Bagley arriving after roll call and Councilman McPike participating via Zoom webinar.

2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution (Councilman McPike)

[25-2823](#)

Approval of the Electronic Participation Resolution (Councilman McPike)
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the electronic participation resolution. (RES. NO. 3269)

2a. Closed Session.

[25-2828](#)

Consideration of a closed executive session for consultation with legal counsel and staff pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body and specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by legal counsel. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:01 p.m., pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3711(A)(7) - Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:06 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session that was previously circulated to the Council. (RES. NO. 3270)

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

4. [25-2724](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing February as Black History Month.
City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

- [25-2824](#)
- *Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors (Mayor Gaskins)
 - *Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Mayor Gaskins)
 - *Eisenhower Partnership Board of Directors (Mayor Gaskins and Councilwoman Greene)
 - *Legislative Subcommittee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilman McPike)
 - *Waterfront Commission (Vice Mayor Bagley)
 - *Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Vice Mayor Bagley)
 - *Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (Vice Mayor Bagley and Councilman Aguirre)
 - *Council of Governments (COG) Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) (Vice Mayor Bagley)
 - *Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force (Vice Mayor Bagley and Councilman Elnoubi)
 - *Council of Governments (COG) Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (Councilwoman Greene)
- City Council gave the reports.*

IV. Oral Report from the City Manager

5. [25-2729](#) Discussion Regarding Options for the Regulation of Leaf Blowers
City Council received a report from staff on regulation of leaf blowers in the City, with option for implementing possible ban. City Council requested additional information on outreach to residents and small businesses, timeline for implementation, education on alternative leaf removal methods, a phased approach to implementing a ban, support for small businesses, acceleration of City transition for replacing its equipment, and budgetary impact of implementation of a ban.
6. [25-2814](#) Progress Report on the City Hall Renovation and Market Square Project.
City Council received an update on the proposed renovation of City Hall and Market Square highlighting community engagement strategies and plans for the remodel of City Hall. City staff responded to questions from Council about the location of Council chamber, use of space in City Hall for workforce, environmental sustainability of the remodeled building and plaza, and cost of the renovations.
7. [25-2804](#) Waterfront Flood Mitigation Pump Station Briefing
City Council received an update and report on the proposed Waterfront Flood Mitigation Pump Station and staff responded to questions from Council about communication

with the community about the project, design of the proposed building, historic interpretation and art incorporation into the project and plans for community engagement as the project begins and progresses, sustainability design for the building.

8. [25-2822](#) General Assembly Update.

City Staff gave an update on the General Assembly and the legislation that the City was watching and supporting for passage during this session.

V. Regular Consent Calendar (9)

9. [25-2813](#) Consideration of Appointment of a Police Officer Alternate Representative to the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board.

City Council approved the regular consent calendar. The approval was as follows:

9. City Council appointed Joseph Cavanaugh as Police Officer Alternate Representative to the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board for the period of February 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028.

VI. ACTION MATTERS

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

10. [25-2763](#) Consideration of Grant Applications to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for the FY 2026 State Aid Grant Programs for Capital and Operating Assistance, MERIT, CAP Workforce Development, TRIP, Demonstration Projects, and Technical Assistance. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council: (1) adopted a resolution to support an application and submission to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) by February 1, 2025, for the following programs:

**up to \$40,000,000 in eligible expenses for State Aid Transit Operating Assistance;*

**up to \$21,000,000 for State Aid Capital Assistance;*

**up to \$200,000 for the Commuter Assistance Program (CAP);*

**up to \$100,000 for Technical Assistance;*

**up to \$110,000 for Public Transportation Workforce Development Program;*

**up to \$100,000 for the Demonstration Project Assistance Program;*

**up to \$500,000 for the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP); and*

**up to \$150,000 for free Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA0 student fares (TRIP);*

and (2) authorized the City Manager to commit local funds of up to \$9,500,000, of which: (a) up to \$6,382,600 is currently programmed in the CIP under DASH Bus Fleet Replacement for FY 2026 in local funds; (b) \$2,745,000 has already been programmed in the CIP in a previous year under DASH Upper Deck Repairs; (c) approximately \$300,000 can be funded through the Go Alex Fund from developer contributions on from NVTA 30% funds; and \$22,000 can be funded through DASH Operating funds; and (3) authorized the City Manager to apply for State Aid Grants through the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and enter into any necessary agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia and/or NVTC to accept and implement the grants.

(RES. NO. 3271)

11. [25-2791](#) Consideration of the Appointment of an Acting Independent Policing Auditor.

****Please note this item was heard out of order.****

City Council appointed Ameratu Kamara as the Acting Independent Policing Auditor effective January 28, 2025.

- 11a. [25-2830](#) Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a City Council Subcommittee to Study and Propose Revisions to the Independent Community Police Review Board Ordinances and the Independent Policing Auditor/Investigator Ordinances.

[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the creation of a City Council subcommittee comprised of Vice Mayor Bagley and Councilman Aguirre to study and proposed revisions to the ordinances for the Independent Community Policy Review Board and the Independent Policing Auditor/Investigator. (RES. NO. 3272)

VII. OTHER

12. Oral Reports and Oral Presentations by Members of Council

Councilman Chapman recognized the Office of Historic Alexandria and the Archaeology division for the launch of the only map highlighting historical markers throughout the City.

13. [25-2798](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) approved the City Council Look Ahead Schedule that includes: the 2025 George Washington Birthday Parade scheduled for Saturday, February 15 beginning at 2:00 p.m., in Old Town; and (2) received the City Council calendar from January 2025 - December 2025.

VIII. ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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