

City of Alexandria
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 6:00 PM
City Council Legislative Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Amy B. Jackson, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, Sarah R. Bagley, John Taylor Chapman, Alyia Gaskins, and R. Kirk McPike.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Pledger, Chief Information Office/Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Landrum, Executive Director, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Ms. McLean, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office; Ms. Kelleher, Interim Deputy City Manager/Director, Office of Human Rights; Ms. Snow, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Ms. Taylor, Interim Deputy City Manager/Director, Finance; Ms. Roberts, Deputy City Attorney; Ms. Breen, Office of Historic Alexandria; Ms. Casteneda, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Suehr, Director, Department of Project Implementation (DPI); Mr. Browand, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Mr. Maines, Division Chief, T&ES; Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES; Ms. Polucci, General Services; Ms. Dubin, Assistant City Attorney; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Mr. Smith, ITS, Ms. Demeke, ITS; and Police Sgt. North.

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 Vice Mayor Jackson and Councilman Chapman arriving during the closed executive session.

2. Electronic Participation Resolution

Not needed.

3. Closed Session

Executive Session - Consideration of a Closed Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business

or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected and a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried 5-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:01 p.m., to discuss a personnel matter, a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, and a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds specifically, a collective bargaining contract for public employees, and a corporate headquarters, and associated use, considering relocating to the City, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711 (A)(1), (A)(5), (A)(6) and (A)(29) of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson and Councilman Chapman.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:03 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

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

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3185

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 10th day of October, 2023 recessed into executive session pursuant to a motion made and adopted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the city council that such executive session was conducted in accordance with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters that were identified in the motion by which the executive session was convened, and that are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act from the Act's open meeting requirements, were heard, discussed or considered by council during the executive session.

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

5. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the CERT 20th Anniversary.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, 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.

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the Winners of the 2023 Ben Brenman Awards.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, 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 October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

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

8. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the ALIVE! and Scouting for Food Partnership in the City of Alexandria.

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

III. ORAL REPORTS

City Council on Boards, Commissions and Committees

***Audit Committee (Mayor Wilson and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

Councilwoman Gaskins reported that the Committee reviewed the FY24 Work Plan for the committee, specifically reviewing the methodology for the group. Councilwoman Gaskins

reported that the Committee discussed reviewing processes and activities of specific departments, particularly for grant receipt. Councilwoman Gaskins also noted there was an overview of the City's Fraud Hotline and its impact on staff capacity.

***Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) (Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

Councilman Chapman reported that a delegation from Germany visited Northern Virginia to visit different projects in the region to discuss sustainability and environmental activity, including the Alexandria Waterfront and the Del Ray community. Councilman Chapman reported that NVRC will be launching the Commission's Foreign Investment Report, that tracks foreign investment for the region.

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

Councilwoman Gaskins reported that the Committee began the proposal for the first set of streets to be considered for renaming and vetted some potential names to be considered. Councilwoman Gaskins noted that the Committee wanted to be intentional about renaming streets that were changed as a result of the 1964 ordinance. Councilwoman Gaskins noted that the Committee received public comment and the proposal and recommendations will be coming to Council for consideration. Councilmember Bagley reported that public communication on the process will begin soon to inform those residents and businesses and the community that will be impacted by these changes and to offer feedback.

***Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP) Board of Directors (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman reported that AEDP is looking at adjusting how the board runs and looking at a board that solves the economic development issues that the City is facing. Councilman Chapman also reported that there have been some changes to the Small Business Development Center and there will be new small business vision with additional staff and support for small business in the City. Councilman Chapman noted that the AEDP would be partnering with George Mason University to improve small business development in the City.

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

Councilmember Bagley thanked residents who submitted comments on the HOT lane proposals. Councilmember Bagley noted that there was presentation on extending HOT lanes from Springfield over the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Councilmember Bagley noted that there was an assurance that there was still the potential for the extension of Metro into Prince Georges County. Councilmember Bagley stated that there was a discussion of the deficit that WMATA is facing and how the region can help and will be impacted. Councilman Aguirre also reported on the impacts of funding for WMATA.

***SLEP - Joint City/Schools Subcommittee (Councilmember Bagley and Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that subcommittee met and was basically an organizational and logistics meeting and the next meeting of the subcommittee will be held on October 25 at the ACPS to discuss the safety recommendations for the schools. Vice Mayor Jackson reminded everyone that the work of this subcommittee will culminate with the new MOU in 2026.

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

Vice Mayor Jackson noted that the Sheriff's Department offers child ID kits at the front gate and the front office. Vice Mayor Jackson also reported that the Sheriff's Department offers home safety checks when residents are away. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the Partnership will be hosting a cleanup event at Lake Cook on Eisenhower Avenue and some tree planting along Eisenhower Avenue. Vice Mayor Jackson also reported that there will be a holiday market for the upcoming holiday season.

***Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that Visit Alexandria held its annual meeting and there was good news about tourism in the City, increasing the consumption tax receipts. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that Alexandria is ranked the Best Small Cities in the U.S. by Conde Nast.

Oral Report from the City Manager

There was not an oral report from the City Manager.

IV. ACTION DOCKET

Regular Consent Calendar (9-18)

9. Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
 - (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
Kerem Bilge
 - (b) Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force
Fay Slattery
 - (c) Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee
Jason Marr
 - (d) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
Howard (Skip) Maginniss

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 9 (a-d); 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

- (a) Ad Hoc Stormwater and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group - 3-year term
1 business group representative
- (b) Alexandria Transportation Commission - 3-year term
1 Planning Commission representative
- (c) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 member designated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
- (d) Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board - 1-year term
1 citizen member
- (e) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission - 3-year term
1 Alexandria City Public School member
- (f) Commission for Women - 3-year term
2 citizen members
- (g) Commission on Aging - 3-year term
1 citizen member
- (h) Commission on Information Technology - 3-year term
1 Alexandria City High School student representative
- (i) Community Policy and Management Team - 2-year term
1 representative of an association of providers of children's or family services
- (j) Economic Opportunities Commission - 2-year term
1 Category II - Low Income representative
1 Category III - Private Sector
- (k) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - 2-year term
1 Alexandria Historical Society representative
1 Planning District I representative
- (l) Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission - 4-year term
2 citizen members
- (m) Park and Recreation Commission - 3-year term
1 Planning District I representative
- (n) Public Health Advisory Commission - 2-year term
1 non-health professional citizen member
1 representative from Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria Steering Committee
1 representative of the Community Services Board
- (o) Waterfront Commission - 2-year term
1 citizen representative who resides east of Washington Street and south of King Street

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

11. Consideration of a Grant Application to the National Association of County and City Health Officials to Strengthen Alexandria Health Department Capacity for Prevention of and Response to Healthcare-Acquired and Antimicrobial Resistant Infections.

(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; 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of Appointment of a Police Officer Representative and Alternate to the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2023.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2023 Fourth Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.

(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; 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Consideration of the Adoption of the Independent Community Policing Review Board's Bylaws.

(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; 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Consideration of a First Amendment to a Five-Year License Agreement dated April 1, 2019, between the City of Alexandria, Virginia and Cox Virginia Telecom to Permit Cox to construct and install an additional 3,445 feet of conduit, fiber, and handholes in the City of Alexandria, Virginia's Public Rights-of-Ways.

(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; 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration of Passage of an Ordinance to remove

Section 31 (PANHANDLING) of Chapter 1 (GENERAL OFFENSES) of Title 13 (Miscellaneous OFFENSES).

(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; 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-2-10 (establishment of election districts and voting places) by amending Subsections (a) and (n) and adding Subsections (ee) and (ff), all of Chapter 2 (ELECTIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, to amend and reordain Section 12-1-4 (Election of school board members; date and manner of election), all of Chapter 1 (SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SCHOOL BOARD), Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, and to amend and reordain "The Official Map of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Designating Election Districts and Voting Places," adopted by Section 2-2-13 (MAP OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES), all of Chapter 2 (ELECTIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

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WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of items #9, #14, #17, and #18, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

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

committees: (a) appointed Howard "Skip" Maginniss as the business group representative to Ad Hoc Stormwater and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group; (b) reappointed Melissa McMahon as the Planning Commission representative to the Alexandria Transportation Commission; (c) appointed Dave Millard as the member designated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (d) reappointed Charles Paul as the citizen member to Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board; (e) appointed Ursula Rocha as the Alexandria City Public School member to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (f) appointed Le'Ann Fredericks and reappointed Yvette Jiang as the two citizen members to the Commission for Women; (g) appointed Ana Maria Rivas-Beck as the citizen member to the Commission on Aging; (h) appointed Ella Graf as the Alexandria City High School student representative to the Commission on Information Technology; (i) appointed Christopher Bishop as the representative of an association of providers of children's or family services to the Community Policy and Management Team; (j) appointed Illiana Moses as the 1 Category II - Low Income representative and appointed Taylor Phillips as the 1 Category III - Private Sector to the Economic Opportunities Commission; (k) appointed Rebecca Rose as the Alexandria Historical Society representative and appointed Barbara Marvin as the Planning District I representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (l) appointed Joseph McCoy and Nancy Perkins as the two citizen members to the Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission; (m) reappointed Stuart Fox as the Planning District I representative to the Park and Recreation Commission; (n) appointed Alexander Long as the non-health professional citizen member, reappointed JeanAnn Mayhan as the representative from Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria Steering Committee, and appointed Michele Walz as the representative of the Community Services Board to the Public Health Advisory Commission; (o) appointed Jan Abraham as the citizen representative who resides east of Washington Street and south of King Street to the Waterfront Commission.

11. City Council: (1) retroactively approved the submission of a grant application to the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for up to \$80,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council appointed the following individuals to the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board: Shirl Mammarella as Police Officer Representative and Ryan Klein as the Police Office Alternate. The effective dates of these terms will be October 10, 2023, to enable participation in the scheduled Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board meeting scheduled for October 12, 2023.

13. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

15. City Council received and adopted the Independent Community Policing Review Board's Bylaws.

16. City Council: (1) received the proposed amendment to the existing License Agreement with Cox and scheduled it for public hearing and consideration on Saturday, October 14, 2023.

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

9. Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and

Committees:

- (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
Kerem Bilge
- (b) Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force
Fay Slattery
- (c) Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee
Jason Marr
- (d) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
Howard (Skip) Maginniss

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WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried unanimously, City Council received the following resignations from members of boards, commissions, and committees with regret: (a) Kerem Bilge, Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) Fay Slattery, Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force; (c) Jason Marr, Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee; and (d) Howard (Skip) Maginniss, Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee. 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 Receipt of Fiscal Year 2023 Fourth Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.

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WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council received as information the FY 2023 Fourth Quarter Capital Projects Status Report. 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.

- 17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration of Passage of an Ordinance to remove Section 31 (PANHANDLING) of Chapter 1 (GENERAL OFFENSES) of Title 13 (Miscellaneous OFFENSES).

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WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, October 14, 2023. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-2-10 (establishment of election districts and voting places) by amending Subsections (a) and (n) and adding Subsections (ee) and (ff), all of Chapter 2 (ELECTIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, to amend and reordain Section 12-1-4 (Election of school board members; date and manner of election), all of Chapter 1 (SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SCHOOL BOARD), Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, and to amend and reordain "The Official Map of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Designating Election Districts and Voting Places," adopted by Section 2-2-13 (MAP OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND VOTING PLACES), all of Chapter 2 (ELECTIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

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WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, October 14, 2023. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

Roll-Call Consent Calendar (19)

19. Consideration of a Resolution to Support the Application to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for the FY 2025 Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program Systemic Safety Funding Program. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council: (1) adopted the resolution supporting the grant applications to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, for Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program Systemic Program (VHSIP) funds; (2) approved the submission of a funding request to Commonwealth Board for VHSIP with the understanding that there is no local match required; and (3) authorized the City Manager to apply for the VHSIP funding programs and enter into any necessary agreements with the Virginia Department of Transportation to accept this funding. 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. 3186

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CITY FUNDS ALLOCATION FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INITIATIVES FOR T- INTERSECTIONS ACROSS THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth Transportation Board reviews and approves grant applications for the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board's construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a resolution be received from the sponsoring local jurisdiction or agency requesting VDOT to establish funding for a project in the SYIP for the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, Virginia intends to submit an application to The Commonwealth Transportation Board for VDOT to establish a Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program project for systematic pedestrian safety measures to improve the safety and efficiency at signalized T-intersections and help reduce serious injuries and fatal crashes; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council adopted the Alexandria Mobility Plan in 2021, which aims to improve mobility, access, safety, and convenience for people walking and biking and calls for building out a continuous, connected, and accessible pedestrian network that enables people of all ages and abilities to move safely and comfortably; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council adopted the Vision Zero Action Plan in 2017, which includes goals to build safer streets for everyone by reducing fatal and severe crashes; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council desires an application totaling up to \$2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 of the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a \$2,000,000 Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program project for safety improvements at T-intersections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the City of Alexandria subsequently elects to cancel the project, the City of Alexandria hereby agrees to reimburse VDOT for the total amount of costs expended by VDOT through the date VDOT is notified of such cancellation. The City of Alexandria also agrees to repay any funds previously reimbursed that are later deemed ineligible by the Federal Highway Administration or VDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria hereby agrees to enter into a project administration agreement with VDOT and provide the necessary oversight to ensure the project is developed in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local requirements for design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria will be responsible for maintenance and operating costs of the facility as constructed unless other arrangements have been made with VDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alexandria City Council hereby grants authority for the City Manager to apply for funds and execute project administration agreements, as well as other documents necessary for approved projects.

V. ACTION MATTERS

Contested Appointments (20-23)

20. Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee - 2-year term
4 citizen members

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

NAME:

Elodie Guillon
Ashlee Harper-Johnson
Stephen Hartka
Sydney Johnson
Leslie Tourigny

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Elodie Guillon, Ashlee Harper-Johnson,

Stephen Hartka, and Leslie Tourigny as the four citizen members to Alexandria=Caen Sister City Committee. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	recusal
Jackson	-	Guillon, Harper-Johnson, Hartka, Tourigny
Aguirre	-	Guillon, Harper-Johnson, Hartka, Tourigny
Bagley	-	Guillon, Harper-Johnson, Hartka, Tourigny
Chapman	-	Guillon, Harper-Johnson, Hartka, Tourigny
Gaskins	-	Guillon, Harper-Johnson, Hartka, Tourigny
McPike	-	Guillon, Harper-Johnson, Hartka, Tourigny

21. Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force - 3-year term
1 citizen at-large member

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

NAME:

Quson Brown
Frank Broomell

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Frank Broomell as the citizen at-large member to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force. The vote was as follows:

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

22. Commission for the Arts- 3-year term
1 professional in fields relevant to arts and cultural development, including cultural planning, marketing, finance, funding, tourism, promotion, non-profit organizational development, and real estate development.

NAME:

Stacey Becker
Robert Iacobacci
Andrew McCarthy-Clark

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk

and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Stacey Becker as the professional in fields relevant to arts and cultural development, including cultural planning, marketing, finance, funding, tourism, promotion, non-profit organizational development, and real estate development to the Commission for the Arts. The vote was as follows:

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

23. Environmental Policy Commission - 2-year term
2 members from the field of environmental science

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

NAME:

Kathie Hoekstra
Phillip Mobilia
Julia Slayden

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by City Council reappointed Kathie Hoekstra and appointed Phillip Mobilia as the two members from the field of environmental science to the Environmental Policy Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Hoekstra, Mobilia
Jackson	-	Hoekstra, Slayden
Aguirre	-	Hoekstra, Slayden
Bagley	-	Hoekstra, Mobilia
Chapman	-	Hoekstra, Mobilia
Gaskins	-	Hoekstra, Mobilia
McPike	-	Hoekstra, Slayden

Action Matters - Actions Recommendations from the City Manager

None.

Action Matters - Resolutions

None.

Action Matters - Ordinances

None.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Oral Reports and Presentations by Members of Council

1. Councilmember Bagley reported that she circulated a memorandum amongst her colleagues focusing on bike related projects that she would like to advance including the evaluation of an e-bike rebate pilot program, the evaluation of a subsidized Capital Bikeshare Membership Program, an educational campaign on how to traverse Alexandria on a bike, and an update on the East/West Bikeway system in the City.
2. Councilwoman Gaskins reported that she circulated a memorandum as follow up to the discussion regarding the Alexandria Fund for Human Services and was available for any questions from her colleagues.
3. Councilwoman Gaskins reported that she had a discussion with Dr. Krystyn Moon regarding deeds of properties owned by the City that have racially restrictive covenants including Fort Ward Park, Angel Park and East Randolph Avenue Park. Councilwoman Gaskins requested that the City begins the process of removing racially restrictive covenants from City property. City Council requested that the City Attorney begin with the three known properties and return with a memo on other properties with these covenants.
4. Councilman McPike spoke about the conflict happening in Israel and Gaza.
5. Councilman Chapman reported that he held a roundtable discussion with Divine 9 Black Greek Letter organizations to get them more involved in the community. Councilman Chapman noted that he was joined by School Board member Chris Harris.
6. Councilman Chapman reported that he would bring a memo for establishing a Commission of the Year award.
7. Councilman Aguirre reported that he circulated a memorandum about creating a webpage about engagement in the City. Councilman Aguirre noted that this undertaking would likely take more than eight hours and involved multiple departments.
8. Councilman Chapman reported that he and his colleagues attended the annual Virginia Municipal League Conference and there was the discussion about organizing black caucus of local elected officials.
9. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Synaptic Soiree held at the Torpedo Arts Factory in conjunction with Virginia Tech.
10. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended a celebration with the Mexican consulate

in South County in Fairfax to Independence Day for Mexico.

11. Councilman Aguirre attended the Grand Opening on the new Lindsay Volvo site and he noted that Vice Mayor Jackson was in attendance as well.
12. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Northern Virginia Aging Network Breakfast.
13. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the six month celebration of the City's Arise program.
14. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the City employee Work 'N Well field day held at the Lee Center.
15. Councilman Aguirre reported that he participated in the Latinos in Transit Summit at the WMATA headquarters.
16. Councilman Aguirre reported that the City held its first community Town Hall at the Del Pepper Center.
17. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Hispanic Health Summit at Health and Human Services in District of Columbia.
18. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the opening a new IKEA in Arlington County.
19. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the 15-year celebration for Substance Abuse and Prevention Coalition of Alexandria (SAPCA).
20. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Alexandria West Community Meeting and people are learning the City's process.
21. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Alexandria Soccer Association Afterschool League Celebration at Cora Kelly Elementary School.
22. Councilman Aguirre recognized African Communities Together on hosting their 10-Year Gala recently.
23. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended Housing Alexandria Fall Festival.
24. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended ACT for Alexandria Fall Social on the Tallship Providence.
25. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the STEAM session at Charles Houston Elementary School hosted by the Link Club.
26. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month at Commonwealth Baptist Church by the Virginia Latina Institute.

27. Councilman Aguirre recognized the Libraries for hosting a Hispanic Heritage Festival at Beatley Library.
28. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the DASH Bus Rodeo at the DASH facility.
29. Councilman Aguirre thanked Senator Warner and Senator Kaine for hosting a Hispanic Heritage Month Commonwealth Coffee. Councilman Aguirre also attended Hispanic Heritage events at the Department of Community and Human Services and at the City Jail.
30. Councilman Aguirre attended the investiture ceremony for the Honorable Sonya L. Sacks, the first African American women judge in the City of Alexandria.
31. Vice Mayor Jackson attended the Equality Virginia Gala in Richmond.
32. Vice Mayor Jackson recognized all those who participated in the Art on the Avenue in Del Ray.
33. Vice Mayor Jackson attended the Multiple Disciplinary Team for the Center for Alexandria Children Luncheon to honor those who work with keeping the children safe.
34. Vice Mayor Jackson attended the Fall Festival for Commonwealth Academy at Fort Hunt Park.
35. Vice Mayor Jackson attended the Titan Takeover hosted by the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.
36. Vice Mayor Jackson attended the Senior Services Oktoberfest at Port City Brewery.
37. Vice Mayor Jackson recognized the partnership between St. Joseph's and CCNA for the coat collection drive for those in need.
38. Vice Mayor Jackson noted that will be a walk at Fort Hunt Park in honor of breast cancer awareness on October 15.
39. Vice Mayor Jackson recognized the Alexandria Police Department and the Alexandria Police Foundation made a dedication for suicides on the force at the Police Department on Wheeler Avenue.
40. Councilman Aguirre recognized the Departmental Progressive Club on celebrating their 96th Anniversary, where they recognized for Deputy City Manager Debra Collins.
24. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 10/10/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman

Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council received and approved the FY 2024 City Council schedule which includes the Budget Work Sessions Calendar. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

25. Closed Session (if needed)

Not needed.

VII. ADJOURN.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned regular meeting of October 10, 2023 at 9:40 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.

APPROVED BY:



JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:



Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: November 28, 2023