

**City of Alexandria**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 6:45 PM**  
**City Council Legislative Meeting**

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Ms. Zechman Brown, Deputy City Attorney; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Ms. Drescher, Urban Planner, P&Z; Mr. Maines, Division Chief, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Castaneda, Director, T&ES; Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES; Ms. Medina, Department of Project Implementation (DPI); Ms. Suehr, Director, DPI; Mr. Dofflemeyer, T&ES; Mr. Sharma, Deputy Director, T&ES; Mr. Shelby, Urban Planner, P&Z; Mr. LaColla, Division Chief, P&Z; Ms. S. Taylor, Legislative Director/Assistant City Manager; Ms. Landrum, CEO, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Hamm, Assistant Director, OMB; Mr. Browand, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Ms. Pledger, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. K. Taylor, Director, Finance; Ms. Demeke, ITS; Mr. Smith, ITS; and Police Lt. Lion.

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

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**I. OPENING MATTERS**

1. Calling the Roll

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

2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution by Members of City Council (if needed)

Not needed.

3. Closed Session (if needed)

Not needed.

4. Alexandria Transit Company Stockholders Meeting - 6:45 p.m.

City Council held the Annual Stockholders Meeting with Board of the Alexandria Transit Company Board of Directors. Board Chair David Kaplan gave an overview of the yearly activities for the Alexandria Transit Company. City Council appointed new members to the Board, approved a change to the bylaws, and approved the hiring of outside auditor. The

meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

5. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

6. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2024;  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2024;  
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2024;  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2024; and  
The Summary Meeting Minutes of Budget Worksession #1 (February 28, 2024).

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of January 23, 2024, the regular meeting minutes of February 13, 2024, the public hearing meeting minutes of February 24, 2024; the regular meeting minutes of February 27, 2024, and the summary meeting minutes of budget worksession #1 (February 28, 2024). The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

**II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

7. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing March as Women's History Month.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Bagley 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 Virginia Flood Awareness Week 2024.

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

9. Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring the 275th Anniversary of the City of Alexandria.

This proclamation will be presented at an event at a later date.

10. Presentation of a Proclamation for March for Meals.

**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.

### III. PUBLIC HEARING

\*\*\*Please Note: The public hearing on Special Use Permit #2023-00076 - 404A E. Alexandria Avenue will be the only item that you may sign up to speak on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. \*\*\*

11. Special Use Permit #2023-00076  
404A E Alexandria Avenue  
Public Hearing and consideration of a request for a Special Use Permit to construct a Single-family dwelling on a vacant substandard lot, for a lot without frontage on a public street, and for a parking reduction; zoned: R-2-5/Single and Two-family. Applicant: Eric Teran and Daniela Gross  
Planning Commission Action: Recommended Approval 4-3

(A copy of the Planning Commission report is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

The following persons participated in the public hearing for this item:

1. Matthew Kaim, Alexandria, spoke against the SUP.
2. Brett Rice, Alexandria, spoke against the SUP.
3. Patrick Welsh, Alexandria, spoke against the SUP.
4. Raj Singh, Alexandria, spoke against the SUP.
5. Alicia Montgomery, Alexandria, spoke against the SUP.
6. Mark Lim, Alexandria, spoke against the SUP.
7. Paula Kara, Alexandria, spoke against the SUP.
8. Catherine Rice, Alexandria, spoke against the SUP.
9. Emma Hague, Alexandria, spoke against the SUP.
10. Ann Kammerer, Alexandria, spoke against the SUP
11. Kristine Hesse, Alexandria, representing the Del Ray Civic Association, spoke against the SUP.
12. John Burdick, Alexandria, spoke against the SUP.
13. Sarah Haut, Alexandria, spoke against the SUP.

14. Yashin Lin, Alexandria, spoke against the SUP.

15. Laura Gladstone, Alexandria, spoke against the SUP.

16. Eric Teran, Alexandria, applicant, spoke in support of the SUP and responded to questions from Council about the project.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council closed the public hearing. 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 Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council denied the Planning Commission recommendation based on the not meeting the neighborhood character criteria. 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.

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

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

Councilman Chapman reported that NVRC focused on trying to get the Planning Districts additional money for the localities. Councilman Chapman noted that the demographer has been studying recent trends as it relates to retirements, births and deaths in the region and what the future of the workforce in the region looks like.

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

Councilmember Bagley reported that the Commission welcomed new members and honored outgoing members of the Board. Councilmember Bagley reported that the Commission had a lengthy discussion on WMATA and their budget and funding issues. Councilmember Bagley reported that the Commission received an update on the zero emissions bus study for the region. Councilmember Bagley reported that there was an update on Commuter Choice, with 11 applications advancing for consideration. Councilmember Bagley reported that VRE ridership continues to increase.

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

12. Potomac Yard Entertainment District Update.

Ms. Landrum and Ms. Taylor, Assistant City Manager, gave an update on the Potomac Yard Entertainment District and highlighted next steps for the project.

**V. ACTION DOCKET**  
**Regular Consent Calendar (13-23)**

13. Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- a) Children, Youth, and Family Collaborative Commission  
Dr. Ingrid Bynum
  - b) Social Services Advisory Board  
Paul Almeida  
Stephanie Kanwit

(A copy of the above resignations are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13 (a-b); 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Uncontested Appointments for Boards, Commission, and Committees
- (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee - 2-year term  
1 citizen member
  - (b) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force - 3-year term  
1 school board member
  - (c) Birmingham Greens - concurrent with employment  
1 city representative
  - (d) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission - 3-year term  
1 school board member
  - (e) Commission for Women - 3-year term  
2 citizen members
  - (f) Commission on Employment - 2-year term  
1 citizen member
  - (g) Commission on HIV/AIDS - 3-year term  
1 citizen member
  - (h) Commission on Persons with Disabilities - 2-year term  
2 citizen members
  - (i) Community Services Board - 3-year term  
1 citizen member
  - (j) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - 2-year term  
1 Alexandria Archaeology Commission representative

- (k) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term  
1 member representing Potomac Yard Area
- (l) Sister Cities Committee - 2-year term  
2 citizen members
- (m) Social Services Advisory Board - 3-year term  
1 parent member
- (n) Waterfront Commission - 2-year term  
1 Alexandria Archaeological Commission representative

(A copy of the above appointments are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item 14 (a-n); 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 15. Consideration of a Grant Application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.

(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; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 16. Consideration of a Fiscal Year 2025 Grant Application to the Virginia Commission for the Arts for a Creative Community Partnership Grant for 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. 16; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 17. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Commission for the Arts for a Virginia250 Impact Grant for 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. 17; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 18. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2024.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 18; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 19. Introduction and Consideration of a Renewed Five-Year License Agreement with Cox Virginia Telecom, LLC. To Permit Cox Virginia Telecom's Existing Conduits and Fiber Optic Cables to Remain in the City of Alexandria'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. 19; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

20. Introduction and Consideration of the Second Renewal of a Five-Year License Agreement with Summit IG, LLC to permit Summit IG's Existing Conduits to Remain in the City of Alexandria's 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. 20; 03/12/24, 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 Section 5-6-23 (Constructed so as to Require Separate and Direct Service for Each House, Building or Parcel of Property), 5-6-25.1 (Sewer Connection Permits and Service Fees; Construction Costs; Constructing Sewers by Owners Rather Than City; Additional Connections), and 5-6-28 (Unlawful to Connect Without Permit and Payment) of Division 1 (General Provision) of Article B (SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND DRAINS) of Chapter 6 (Water and Sewer) of Title 5 (Transportation And Environmental Services).

(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. 21; 03/12/24, 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. 21; 03/12/24, 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; 03/12/24, 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 the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Old Town North chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00008 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment (Implementation Ordinance for Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00008 associated with 1201 East Abingdon Drive approved by City Council on February 24, 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; 03/12/24, 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; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

23. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 044.04 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 property at 1201 East Abingdon Drive from OCM(50)/Office Commercial Medium (50) to CRMU-X / Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Old Town North) in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2023-00006 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2023-00006 associated with 1201 East Abingdon Drive approved by City Council on February 24, 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. 23; 03/12/24, 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. 23; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar. The approval recommendations were as follows:

13. City Council received the following resignations with regret from the City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) Dr. Ingrid Bynum, Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; and (b) Paul Almeida and Stephanie Kanwit, Social Services Advisory Board.

14. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Timotheos Tan as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) appointed Tim Beaty as the school board member to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force; (c) appointed Helen McIlvaine as the City representative to the Birmingham Greens; (d) appointed Tim Beaty as the school board member as Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (e) appointed Kafi Joseph and reappointed Jennifer Stowe to the Commission for Women; (f) waived the residency requirement and reappointed Lenwood Roberts as the citizen member to the Commission on Employment; (g) appointed Seazante Oliver as the citizen member to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (h) appointed Caitlin Fitzsimmons and Alex Radt as the two citizen members to the Commission Persons with Disabilities; (i) appointed Brian Marvin as the citizen member Community Services Board; (j) reappointed Ivy Whitlatch as the Alexandria Archaeology Commission representative and appointed Dr. Mia Mulrennan as the tourism and business community representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (k) appointed Joyce Williams as the member representing the Potomac Yard area to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; (l) appointed Dale Medearis and Mikke Norton as the two citizens to the Sister Cities Committee; (m) appointed Maura Miller as the parent member to the Social Services Advisory Board; and (n) appointed Esther White as the Alexandria Archaeological Commission



representative to the Waterfront Commission.

15. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application for up to \$10 million in federal funding to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant programs by April 1, 2024; and (2) authorized the City Manager to apply for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) and enter into any necessary agreements with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to accept this funding.

16. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$4,500 to the Virginia Commission for the Art's Creative Community Partnership Grant Program. The grant application deadline is April 1, 2024; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

17. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$5,000 to the Virginia Commission for the Art's new Virginia250 Impact Grant Program. The grant application deadline is April 1, 2024; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

18. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2024.

19. City Council: (1) set the public hearing on Saturday March 16, 2024; and (2) after hearing public testimony, approve the five-year License Agreement with Cox and authorize the City Manager to execute the License Agreement and to take any other actions that are necessary to implement the Agreement.

20. City Council: (1) set the public hearing on Saturday, March 16, 2024; and (2) after hearing public testimony, approve the attached five-year License Agreement with Summit IG and authorize the City Manager to execute the License Agreement and to take any other actions that are necessary to implement the Agreement.

21. City Council: (1) received and approved the proposed ordinance to amend the timing of the payment of the sanitary sewer tap fees to allow for payment of such fees at the first Certificate of Occupancy for projects that are a development site plan or development special use permit; and (2) scheduled it for a second reading, public hearing and final passage on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

22. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and introduction and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

23. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and introduction and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

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

**Roll-Call Consent Calendar (24)**

24. Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application and Funding Request for the Better Bike Share Partnership Living Lab 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. 24; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approval was as follows:

24. City Council: (1) approved a resolution to support an application to the Better Bike Share Partnership (BBSP) Living Lab Program; (2) authorized the City Manager to apply for funding and to execute any necessary documentation to accept and implement the grant; and (3) authorized the City Manager to allocate \$20,000 of Dockless Mobility company permit fees from the Dockless Mobility fund for the required 10% local match. 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:

**RES. NO. 3214**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A GRANT APPLICATION AND FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE BETTER BIKE SHARE PARTNERSHIP LIVING LAB PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the City Council of the City of Alexandria adopted a dockless mobility permit program that includes requirements to encourage equitable deployment and usage across the city; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 the Better Bike Share Partnership (BBSP) announced a Living Lab Program intended to address key barriers to access and use of shared micromobility; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff submitted a letter of interest and received an invitation to submit a full proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to Better Bikeshare Partnership (BBSP) for up to \$200,000 to participate in the BBSP Living Lab Program for 2024-2026; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds are requested to fund efforts to increase membership numbers in the Dockless Mobility and Capital Bikeshare equity programs, and to reduce the costs associated with dockless trips that either start or end within designated equity zones in the city.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Alexandria hereby supports

this application for an allocation of up to \$200,000 through the **BBSP Living Lab Program for 2024-2026.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Alexandria City Council hereby grants authority for the City Manager to apply for funds, allocate an additional \$20,000 as a required 10% local match, and execute project administration agreements, as well as other documents necessary for approved projects.

**VI. ACTION MATTERS**

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

- 25. Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission - 1-year term  
1 Alexandria High School student

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

NAME:

Evangline Billips  
Teliyah Hillary

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Teliyah Hillary as the Alexandria High School student to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission. The vote was as follows:

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

- 26. Commission for the Arts - 3-year term  
2 members representing public at large, as arts consumers or participants

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

NAME:

Scott Abeles  
Alvah T. Beander  
Ashley Smith

David Wilkes

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 26; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Scott Abeles and Ashley Smith as the two members representing public at-large, as arts consumers or participants, to Commission for the Arts. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Smith, Wilkes
Jackson	-	Smith, Wilkes
Aguirre	-	Abeles, Smith
Bagley	-	Abeles, Smith
Chapman	-	Beander, Wilkes
Gaskins	-	Abeles, Smith
McPike	-	Abeles, Smith

27. Landlord-Tenant Relations Board - 2-years  
2 tenant representatives

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

NAME:

Bonnie Naugle  
Katherine O'Connell  
Amy Purnell  
Andrea Weiss

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 27; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Bonnie Naugle and appointed Katherine O'Connell as the two tenant representatives to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Naugle, Purnell
Jackson	-	Naugle, O'Connell
Aguirre	-	Naugle, O'Connell
Bagley	-	Naugle, O'Connell
Chapman	-	Naugle, O'Connell
Gaskins	-	Naugle, O'Connell
McPike	-	Naugle, O'Connell

28. Traffic and Parking Board - 2-year term

1 citizen member

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

**NAME:**

Annie Ebbers  
Eva Bastianon  
Coleman Burke  
Hunter Ihrman  
Kevin Jackson, Jr.  
Dane Lauritzen  
Alison Maltz  
Mark Stout

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 28; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Annie Ebbers as the citizen member to the Traffic and Parking Board. The vote was as follows:

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

**Recommendations from the City Manager**

29. Consideration of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2024 Second 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. 29; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council received as information the FY 2024 Second 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.

**Resolutions**

None.

## Ordinances

30. Introduction and First Reading. 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 2024 (Fiscal Year 2025).

(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; 03/12/24, 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. 30; 03/12/24, 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. 30; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jackson and seconded by Councilman Chapman, to advertise a rate of \$1.14 for real estate property taxes. This motion was withdrawn.

A substitute motion was made by Councilman Aguirre and seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson, to advertise a rate of \$1.17 for real estate property taxes. This motion was withdrawn.

**WHEREUPON**, upon a motion was made by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council authorized the maximum rates in the proposed ordinance as follows:

A base real estate tax rate on residential, commercial and industrial property for calendar year 2024 of \$ 1.15 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

1. Assumed in this proposed amount is the continued dedication of 1.0 cents for affordable housing;
2. Assumed in the proposed amount is the continued reservation of 2.2 cents of the real property tax rate for transportation projects;
3. 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;

For all other taxes, the following rates are proposed:

4. A personal property tax rate on vehicles for calendar year 2024 of \$5.33 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2025 proposed budget recommends a vehicle personal property tax rate of \$5.33 to fund the base budget; and

5. A tangible business personal property tax rate for calendar year 2024 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 2025 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.

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.

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

(1) Councilman Chapman reported that there is now an application form available on the City's website for nominations for the Commission of the Year award.

(2) Councilmember Bagley introduced a resolution for City Council to endorse Medicare 4 All.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council passed the resolution endorsing Medicare 4 All. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, and Councilwoman Gaskins; Opposed, none; Recusal, Councilman McPike.

The resolution reads as follows:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3215

#### RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT

**WHEREAS**, every person in the City of Alexandria, the Washington Metropolitan Area, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the entire United States deserves high quality health care; and

**WHEREAS**, although the Commonwealth of Virginia has made great strides in increasing our health care coverage through Medicaid expansion, we struggle to ensure quality health care for all, with over 13k people, or roughly 8% of residents (including 11% of Black residents and 24% of Hispanic Alexandrians), in the City of Alexandria uninsured<sup>[1]</sup>, and many more underinsured; and

**WHEREAS**, health care expenditures including the Health Department and other health related services comprise more than \$10,00,000 of the City of Alexandria's budget in FY24<sup>[3]</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria suffers from racial disparities in quality of health care and patient outcomes, clearly demonstrated in multiple categories such as: unequal rates of

morbidity and mortality of Black residents during the COVID-19 pandemic<sup>[4]</sup>, disparities in life expectancy between white residents (85.4 years) and Black residents (78.5 years)<sup>[6]</sup>, hypertension hospitalization rates among Black residents are 12 times the rate of hospitalization among white residents, and while Black and white residents have similar rates of cancer diagnosis Black residents are more likely to die from cancer compared with white residents<sup>[7]</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria's culture and tourism depends heavily on its restaurant industry, an industry with only 31% health insurance coverage nationally before the pandemic<sup>[10]</sup> and which now faces significant loss of income, while many restaurant industry workers frequently oscillate between Medicaid and other insurance or no insurance due to unstable wages, leading to interruptions of care for chronic disease management, which worsens outcomes<sup>[11]</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, many people delay seeking needed health care due to an inability to pay<sup>[12]</sup>, leading to a sicker and poorer population which is significantly more likely to develop serious illness if exposed to COVID-19 or other infectious disease, and will subsequently face higher mortality rates from infectious diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, unhoused populations and those groups experiencing racial disparities in the quality of health care use emergency departments at higher rates, and are more likely to have repeat visits than their housed counterparts, which has been linked to a poor understanding of the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* and Medicaid enrollment criteria, and leads to increases hospital emergency room costs and to preventable deaths among the homeless population<sup>[13]</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, medical bills are a leading cause of bankruptcy in this country<sup>[14]</sup>; and more than 25% of residents of Virginia report past-due medical debt which is above the national average<sup>[15]</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has led to record levels of unemployment, loss of employer-sponsored health insurance, a severely strained health care system, widespread illness, and taken a profound toll on our community's mental health, all of which is placing significant demands on our health care system; and

**WHEREAS**, the ever-increasing costs of health care, which are further elevated due to the pandemic, may challenge our already strapped state and municipal budgets<sup>[17]</sup>, and COVID-19 related treatment is likely to cost uninsured patients tens of thousands of dollars<sup>[18]</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to equitably and effectively address the health care needs in the City of Alexandria, including the additional burden of the COVID-19 crisis, we must urge the United States Congress to expand health insurance coverage to provide every resident of the United States comprehensive health care without any cost-sharing; and



**WHEREAS**, only comprehensive universal health coverage can assure people that, no matter what health condition is ultimately responsible for their symptoms, or whatever treatment becomes necessary, all residents of the U.S. will be financially protected; and  
**WHEREAS**, the *Medicare for All Act* would guarantee full coverage for medically necessary health care without copays, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket costs,<sup>[19][20]</sup> provide full and comprehensive mental health services, and provide long-term support services for people in the disability community and those with pre-existing conditions<sup>[21]</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, legislators in several states including California, New York, Maryland, and Washington have introduced bills in their legislatures that could potentially create state-based single-payer universal health care systems for their residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the *State-Based Universal Health Care Act* would amend the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* to authorize the establishment of, and provide support for, state-based universal health care systems that provide comprehensive health care to their residents<sup>[22]</sup>;

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

1. The City of Alexandria, Virginia, supports the enactment of federal legislation to provide universal and comprehensive health care for all residents of the United States including the residents of the City of Alexandria. Specifically the *Medicare for All Act* (H.R. 1976 & S. 4204) and *State-Based Universal Health Care Act* (H.R. 3775).
2. The City of Alexandria, Virginia, calls upon the United States Congress to adopt the proposed federal legislation to provide universal, comprehensive health coverage with zero cost-sharing to all people in the United States.
3. The City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia thanks the members of the U.S. Congress who have cosponsored the *Medicare for All Act*, especially Virginia's own Representatives Don Beyer and Robert C. Scott, for their continued support for a comprehensive single-payer universal health care system.
4. The City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia will share copies of this resolution with our representative delegation in the United States House and Senate and request that during the next Congressional update to Council this topic is addressed.
- (3) Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Commonwealth Coffee event with Senator Kaine and Senator Warner honoring Black History Month.
- (4) Councilman Aguirre reported that he visited the Health and Human Services Department for the Black Health Forum focusing on the maternal mortality rate.
- (5) Councilman Aguirre reported he attended a fundraising event for seniors at Los Tios Restaurant.

(6) Councilman Aguirre reported that he and Vice Mayor Jackson attended the opening of Benny DiForza pizza restaurant in Del Ray.

(7) Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the ALIVE! Empty Bowls fundraising event.

(8) Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the popup events related to the proposed arena at Beatley Library and in Potomac Yard.

(9) Councilman Aguirre reported that he and his colleagues attended and participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Old Town.

(10) Councilman Aguirre congratulated Fire Recruit Class 55 on completing training.

(11) Councilman Aguirre reported that he presented a commendation to bus operator at WMATA headquarters recently

(12) Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Alexandria Chamber's Women In Leadership event.

(13) Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the WEBA Women in Business event.

(14) Councilman Aguirre congratulated DASH on its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

(15) Councilman Aguirre congratulated the Clerk of Court on opening a satellite office at the Del Pepper Center in the West End.

(16) Councilman Aguirre attended the Youth Service Coordinating Council meeting today.

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; 03/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

**Closed Session (If needed)**

Not needed.

**VIII. ADJOURN**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of March 12, 2024 at 10:38 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

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APPROVED BY:

  
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JUSTIN M. WILSON                      MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Gloria A. Sittop, CMC    City Clerk

Adopted: April 2, 2024