

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 6:15 p.m. – City Hall
City Council Legislative Meeting**

PRESENT: Mayor Alyia Gaskins, Vice Mayor Sarah R. Bagley, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Abdel Elnoubi, Jacinta E. Greene, and R. Kirk McPike.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO ABSENT: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Ms. Predeoux, Deputy City Manager; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Keeler, Deputy Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Jovovic, Office of Housing; Police Chief McGuire; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Mr. Stoddard, Deputy Director, P&Z; Ms. Dubin, Assistant City Attorney; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. McLean, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office; Ms. Castenada, Director, T&ES; Ms. Pledger, CIO, Information Technology Services (ITS); Mr. Maines, Division Chief, T&ES; Ms. Rahal, T&ES; Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance; Ms. Hamm, Assistant Director, Office of Management (OMB); Mr. Routt, Director, OMB; Mr. Smith, ITS; Ms. Demeke, ITS, and Police Lt. May.

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

I. OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Gaskins called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of City Council were present with Councilman Aguirre arriving during the closed executive session and Councilwoman Greene was absent for the executive session.

2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution (if needed).

Not needed.

3. Closed Session

6:15 p.m. - Consideration of a closed executive session to discuss a personnel matter.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Elnoubi and carried 6-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:16 p.m., pursuant to Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711(A)(3) and (A)(6) to discuss or consider the

disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City and discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the City would be adversely affected. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilman McPike; Absent, Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:01 p.m. In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session that was previously circulated to the Council. In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3278

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 11th day of March, 2025 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, led by multiple Girl Scout Troops from the community.

5. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

The Special Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2025 and February 1, 2025
(Council Retreat);

The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2025;

The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2025; and

The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2025.

WHEREUPON, upon by Councilman Elnoubi, seconded by Vice Mayor Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes from the following meeting of City Council: the special meeting minutes of January 21, 2025 and February 1, 2025 (Council Retreat), the regular meeting minutes of February 18, 2025, the public hearing meeting minutes of February 22, 2025, and the regular meeting minutes of February 25, 2025. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed none.

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing National 311 Day.

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

7. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Women In Law Enforcement

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

8. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing March as Senior Nutrition Programs Month.

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

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

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

Vice Mayor Bagley reported that the Commission received in update on WMATA operations including statistics on increased ridership on the system and budget revisions for capital investments. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that WMATA will begin the Better Bus implementation with the official launch occurring in June. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that the Commission received presentations on Micromobility and Shared on route charging feasibility throughout the region. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that Commission is approving the funding agreement for VRE to purchase the Manassas Line of the Norfolk Southern rail.

***Subcommittee on Alexandria's Workforce Development Center (Councilman McPike and Councilman Elnoubi)**

Councilman McPike reported that subcommittee welcomed Councilman Elnoubi to the body and introduced him to the program's work. Councilman McPike reported that the Center has served 7700 individuals, coordinated with 330 local businesses in 20 industries, with 320 people finding work through assistance from the Center in 2025. Councilman McPike reported that the summer youth employment program served 256 youth who worked with 88 different employers and are looking to expand the program beyond the summer and the age ranges currently participating. Councilman McPike reported that the Center worked with Congressman Beyer on the recent resources fair to assist with the needs of the Federal workforce.

IV. Oral Report from the City Manager

9. Update on the 2025 General Assembly Session .

City Council received the final update on the 2025 General Assembly Session for lobbyist Sarah Taylor and she responded to questions from Council about next steps related to City's legislative package.

10. Update Regarding Housing 2040 Master Plan.

City Council received an update from the staff from the Office of Housing and staff responded to questions about the City housing stock and plans to increase housing for the community.

V. ACTION DOCKET

Regular Consent Calendar (11-19)

11. Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- a) Alexandria Transportation Commission
Murat Omay
- b) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
Robert Rapanut
Kristine E. Slayden
- c) Commission on HIV/AIDS
Margaret Nabors
- d) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
Laura Packard

(A copy of the above materials is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

- a) Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force - 3-year term
1 Latino representative
- b) Alexandria Transportation Commission - 3-year term
1 citizen who resides west of Quaker Lane, who shall be residents of the City possessing qualifications in land-use, transportation and/or municipal finance, of whom shall reside east
- c) Beautification Commission - 2-year term
2 citizen members
- d) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term
2 members designated by City Council as representatives
- e) Citizen Corps Council - 3-year term
1 representative of the Crime Prevention council, or an individual with law enforcement or crime prevention experience
- f) Public Records Advisory Commission - 2-year term
1 citizen member

(A copy of the above materials is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 13. Authorize the Grant Application and Acceptance of Funds if Awarded from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnerships for Success for Communities and Tribes.

(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; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 14. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 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. 14; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 15. Receipt of the Viewers' Report to Vacate a Portion of the Public Right-of-Way at North Clarens Street.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 16. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way at North Clarens Street, adjacent to the property at 1 & 2 North Clarens Street (VAC No. 2024-00007)

(Implementation Ordinance for Vacation No. 2024-00007 associated with Clarens Estates approved by City Council on February 22, 2025).

(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. 16; 03/11/25, 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. 16; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Section 5-6-224 (Method of Storm and Subsoil Water Disposal) of Subdivision J (Miscellaneous Provisions) of Article B (SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND DRAINS) of Chapter 6 (Water and Sewer) of Title 5 (Transportation And Environmental Services) to Transfer Signature Authority.

(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; 03/11/25, 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; 03/11/25, 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; 03/11/25, 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 1-1-11 of Chapter 1 (USE AND INTRODUCTION) of Title 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, to increase interdepartmental enforcement flexibility.

(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; 03/11/25, 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. 18; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 18; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

19. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) to delete Section 7-203(B)(7) (ACCESSORY DWELLINGS) and add Sections 7-302 (SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS) and 7-1400 (SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2024-00011 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2024-00011 associated with short-term residential rental regulations approved by City Council on February 22, 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. 19; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

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WHEREUPON, upon Councilman McPike, seconded Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular consent calendar, with the exception of docket item #18, which was considered under separate motion. The approval was as follows:

11. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Murat Omay, Alexandria Transportation Commission; (b) Robert Rapanut and Kristine E. Slayden, Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (c) Margaret Nabors, Commission on HIV/AIDS; and (d) Laura Packard, George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee.

12. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) reappointed Marilyn N. Cruz as the Latina representative to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force; (b) appointed Matthew T. McManus as the citizen who resides west of Quaker Lane who shall be residents of the City possessing qualifications in land-use, transportation and/or municipal finance to the Alexandria Transportation Commission; (c) appointed Alexandra Garza and Sarah Hill as the two citizen members to the Beautification Commission; (d) appointed Melinda A. Lyle and Michelle Millben as the two members designated by City Council as representatives to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (e) appointed Eric Letzgus as the representative of the Crime Prevention Council, or an individual with law enforcement or crime prevention experience to the Citizen Corps Council; and (f) appointed Jorden Lynn as the citizen member as Public Records Advisory Commission.

13. City Council: (1) authorized the application and potential acceptance of the grant award for funding to the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) in the amount of \$1,250,000 for the duration of five years with no match required to implement

evidence-based substance use prevention and mental health promotion programming in the City of Alexandria; (2) approved the following positions supported by grant revenues if the competitive request is successful: one Grant Coordinator (1 FTE) to oversee grant activities, one Training and Prevention Specialist (1 FTE) to provide implementation support for grant activities, and one Human Services Specialist II (1 FTE) to deliver evidence-based prevention education curricula; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

14. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

15. City Council received the viewers' report to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way at North Clarens Street.

16. City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, March 15, 2025.

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

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WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilman Elnoubi

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, March 15, 2025. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

VI. ACTION MATTERS

Contested Appointments

20. Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Sean De La Bastide
Michael M. De La Guardia
Antoine Philippe Dula Lopez
Charlie R. Loelius

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Michael M. De La Guardia as the citizen member to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	De La Guardia
Bagley	-	De La Guardia
Aguirre	-	De La Guardia
Chapman	-	De La Guardia
Elnoubi	-	Loelius
Greene	-	De La Guardia
McPike	-	De La Guardia

21. Commission for the Arts - 3-year term
1 professional with expertise in the arts, including, but not limited to, arts educators, professional practitioners of various art disciplines and professional administrators working in the arts

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

NAME:

Marcee F. Craighill
Megan E. Thrift

Tiffany Williams

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 03/11/25, 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 Marcee F. Craighill as the professional with expertise in the arts, including, but not limited to, arts educators, professional practitioners of various art disciplines and professional administrators working in the arts to the Commission for the Arts. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Craighill
Bagley	-	Craighill
Aguirre	-	Craighill
Chapman	-	Craighill
Elnoubi	-	Craighill
Greene	-	Craighill
McPike	-	Craighill

22. Commission on Aging - 3-year term
1 citizen who is 60 years of age or older

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

NAME:

Virginia B. Kalish
William T. Reeder

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed William T. Reeder as the citizen who is 60 years of age or older to the Commission on Aging. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Reeder
Bagley	-	Reeder
Aguirre	-	Reeder
Chapman	-	Reeder
Elnoubi	-	Reeder
Greene	-	Reeder
McPike	-	Reeder

23. Commission on Information Technology - 3-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Laurence M. Altenburg
Camalla Haley Baruwa
Daniel R. Green
Daniel D. Rodriguez-Ramirez
Andrew Slade
Tom VanAntwerp

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were tallied, tellers appointed, and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Tom VanAntwerp as the citizen member to the Commission on Information Technology. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	VanAntwerp
Bagley	-	VanAntwerp
Aguirre	-	Rodriguez-Ramirez
Chapman	-	Altenburg
Elnoubi	-	VanAntwerp
Greene	-	Altenburg
McPike	-	VanAntwerp

24. Commission on Persons with Disabilities -2-year term
2 citizen members

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

NAME:

Babette Cooper
Shannon Loelius
Robert Ludke
Donna Marie Turnage Spencer

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Babette Cooper and reappointed Robert Ludke as the two citizen members to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Cooper, Ludke
Bagley	-	Cooper, Ludke

Aguirre	-	Cooper, Ludke
Chapman	-	Cooper, Ludke
Elnoubi	-	Ludke, Spencer
Greene	-	Ludke, Spencer
McPike	-	Ludke, Spencer

25. Human Rights Commission - 3-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Amanda Eisenhower
Maru Abebe Nega
Kara Pitek

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Kara Pitek as the citizen member to the Human Rights Commission. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Pitek
Bagley	-	Pitek
Aguirre	-	Pitek
Chapman	-	Pitek
Elnoubi	-	Nega
Greene	-	Eisenhower
McPike	-	Pitek

26. Traffic and Parking Board - 2-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Eve Anderson
Marcos Segunda Bernier
Anne Farmakidis
Dianne Harris
Dane Lauritzen
Ann Tucker
Jacob Yoseph

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

and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 26; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

Gaskins	-	Tucker
Bagley	-	Tucker
Aguirre	-	Tucker
Chapman	-	Tucker
Elnoubi	-	Tucker
Greene	-	Tucker
McPike	-	Tucker

City Council affirmed the majority vote-getters as read into the record for appointments to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee, Commission for the Arts, Commission on Aging, Commission on Information Technology, Commission on Persons with Disabilities, Human Rights Commission, and Traffic and Parking Board respectively by roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

27. Consideration of Adoption of the Repetitive Loss Area Analysis (RLAA) supporting the City of Alexandria's (City) ongoing participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Community Rating System (CRS).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 27; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) adopted the recommendations of the Repetitive Loss Area Analysis (RLAA) study that includes recommended actions aimed at reducing flood risk in the identified areas; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

28. Consideration of a Request to Approve the Submission of the Flood Insurance Assessment to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 28; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the submission of the Flood Insurance Assessment Technical memo; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

Ordinances and Resolutions

29. 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 2025 (Fiscal Year 2026).

(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; 03/11/25, 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. 29; 03/11/25, 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. 29; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Vice Mayor Bagley and carried 4-3, 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 2025 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 2025 of \$5.33 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2026 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 2025 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 2026 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 public hearing and second reading will be Tuesday, April 8, 2025, with final passage on April 30 during budget adoption.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, and Councilman Elnoubi.

VII. OTHER

30. Oral Reports and Oral Presentations by Members of City Council

1. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Latinos Amigos group at Alexandria City High School where he spoke with students about volunteer opportunities with the City.

2. Councilman Aguirre reported that the Virginia Innovation Campus held their grand opening and ribbon cutting recently. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was also a Virginia Tech STEM fair held at the location.

3. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended Islamic Relief USA 7th Annual City of Alexandria Iftar event.

4. Councilman Aguirre reported that WMATA held their Metro Awards event.

5. Councilman Aguirre thanked Congressman Beyer for organizing the Resources Fair for Alexandria, Fairfax County, Arlington County and Falls Church to assist Federal employees.

6. Councilman McPike thanked everyone involved in Empty Bowls event to fundraise for ALIVE! food bank.

7. Councilman McPike thanked the Office of Historic Alexandria and ACPS for the unveiling of the marker at Minnie Howard School.

8. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that she attended the performance for the Alexandria Choral Society that focuses on democracy, participation and citizenship.

9. Councilwoman Greene thanked Ms. Ruble's class at Mount Vernon Elementary School for inviting her to speak recently.

10. Mayor Gaskins reported that she participated in the Douglas McArthur Career Day event with other City staff and departments.

11. Mayor Gaskins reported that she and other members attended the Arlington Links Gala that supports scholarships and community services in the City.

31. 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. 31; 03/11/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the City Council Look Ahead which includes:

* Patrick Henry K-8 Recreation Center Synthetic Field & Completion Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Patrick Henry K-8 School (4643 Taney Avenue).

* City Council Town Hall scheduled for Saturday, March 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Del Pepper Community Resource Center (4850 Mark Center Drive).

* 2025 Economic Summit scheduled for Thursday, May 8th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., location to TBD; and (2) received the City Council Calendar from March 2025 - December 2025.

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

VIII. ADJOURN.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of March 11, 2025 at 9:50 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

ALYIA GASKINS

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: April 8, 2025