

# City of Alexandria

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



## **Action Docket - Final**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

**5:30 PM**

**Council will hold a budget public hearing at 5:30 p.m. The regular meeting will commence following the public hearing and add/delete work session.**

**City Council Legislative Meeting**

The April 24, 2024 Legislative Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held in the Council Chamber (301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of the City Council and staff are participating either in-person or from a remote location through a video conference call on Zoom webinar. The meeting can be accessed by government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and can be accessed via Zoom by the following link:

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**Meeting Agenda and Live Webcast**

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**Zoom Registration Form**

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Public Comment will be received at this meeting.

**Speaker's Form**

**<https://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/2020-VIRTUAL-City-Council-Speakers-Form>**

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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, with Councilman Chapman arriving shortly following roll call.*

### 2. Electronic Participation Resolution (if needed)

*Not needed.*

### 3. Closed Session (if needed)

*Not needed.*

## Tax Rate Public Hearing - 5:30 p.m.

### 4. [24-1958](#)

Public Hearing and Second 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).

*City Council held the public hearing on the ordinance on the proposed real and personal property tax rates and proposed effective Tax Rate increase for Calendar Year 2024 (Fiscal Year 2025)*

## Budget Work Session

### 5. [24-1857](#)

Budget Work Session for Add/Delete.

*City Council held the preliminary add/delete budget work session.*

**6. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

7. [24-2009](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing April as Alcohol Awareness Month.

*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

8. [24-2010](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing National Arab American Heritage Month.

*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

9. [24-2066](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Letter Carriers Food Drive Day in the City of Alexandria.

*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

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

**\*Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors - Mayor Wilson**

**\*ARHA Redevelopment Work Group - Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman**

*City Council gave the reports.*

**Oral Report from the City Manager**

*None.*

10. [24-1787](#) Alex311 Update.

*City Council received the update on Alex311 Customer Service system.*

**IV. ACTION DOCKET**

**Regular Consent Calendar (11-14)**

11. [24-1962](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the Federal 2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

12. [24-1995](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act Grant.
13. [24-1984](#) Consideration of the Release of \$20,000 from FY 2024 Contingent Reserves to Fund Police Technology Initiatives to Increase Safety and Deter Crime.
14. [24-1924](#) Consideration of Petition for Special Commissioner and Acceptance of a Parcel at 129 S. Gordon Street.

*City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception on item #13, which was considered under separate motion. The approval was as follows:*

*11. City Council: (1) approved the competitive SAFER grant application submission for \$5,096,171 over a three-year period to mobilize an expansion of services through two additional emergency medical services transport units operated by 15 firefighters funded by the FY 2023 SAFER grant award; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.*

*12. 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 \$240,000 for the duration of four years to implement underage alcohol-use prevention programming in the City of Alexandria. There is no match required for this grant; (2) approved the addition of one part-time (0.5 FTE) Management Analyst II to manage the implementation of the grant project that will be fully supported by grant revenues if the competitive request is successful; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.*

*13. City Council moved to defer the item and referred it back to staff for a different proposal for the funding from contingency reserves funds. (separate motion)*

*14. City Council: (1) authorized the City Manager to approve the initiation of the action under VA Code ? 58.1-3970.1 to appoint a special commissioner for a transfer of 129 S. Gordon Street to the City in lieu of a tax sale; and (2) Approved and accept the real property at 129 S. Gordon Street, contingent upon a successful action under VA Code ? 58.1-3970.1.*

### **Roll-Call Consent Calendar (15)**

15. [24-1966](#) Consideration of a Resolution Designating the Acting City Manager During Temporary Absence of the City Manager. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approval was as follows:*
- 15. City Council adopted the resolution designating the Acting City Manager during temporary absence of the City Manager. (RES. NO. 3218)*

### **ACTION MATTERS**

#### **Recommendations from the City Manager**

- 16. [24-1956](#) Consideration and Receipt of the Draft City Fiscal Year 2025 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development.  
  
*City Council; (1) received the Draft FY 2025 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development ("Draft Action Plan"), containing the City's draft application for FY 2025 funding for an estimated \$1,094,483 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies and an estimated \$712,411 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) monies; (2) approved the Plan; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute any documents required to facilitate receipt of these and any related federal grant funds.*

**Resolutions**

*None.*

**Ordinances**

*None.*

**VI. Other Business**

**Oral Reports and Oral Presentations from Members of City Council**

*There were no oral reports or presentations.*

- 17. [24-2051](#) Consideration of City Council Calendar.  
  
*City Council: (1) received and approved the FY 2024 City Council Calendar; and (2) received and approved the proposed FY 2025 City Council Calendar, which includes: proposed dates for Legislative meetings, including moving the April 2025 Public Hearing from Saturday, April 12, 2025 to Saturday, April 26, 2025; City Holidays; VML Conference, October 13 to October 15, 2024; moving the City Council Retreat from Saturday, November 2, 2024 to Saturday, November 23, 2024; and the City Council Installation on Thursday, January 2, 2025.*

**Closed Session (if needed)**

*Not needed.*

**VII. ADJOURN**

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*The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.*

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

