

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12 , 2024 7:00 PM
City Council Legislative Meeting**

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. Roberts, Deputy City Attorney; Ms. Brown, Deputy City Attorney; Ms. Castenada, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES; Mr. Moorer, Deputy Director, T&ES; Ms. Carroll, T&ES; Mr. Knight, T&ES; Ms. Fleming, Director, Office of Communications and Community Engagement (OCCE); Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Mr. Gonsalves, Assistant City Manager; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Ms. Snow, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Ms. Landrum, CEO/President, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP); Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance; Mr. Greenlief, Assistant Director, Finance; Mr. Useem, Director, Office of Performance Analytics; Ms. Predeoux, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Gates, Deputy Director, Finance; Mr. Syler, T&ES; Ms. Kollmorgen, Office of the Independent Policing Auditor; Ms. North, T&ES; Ms. McGraw, T&ES; Ms. Kamara, Office of the Independent Policing Auditor; Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Demeke, ITS; and Police Sgt. May.

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

I. OPENING

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 McPike attending the meeting via Zoom.

2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council approved the electronic participation resolution. 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. 3232

Resolution Regarding Electronic Participation by a Member of City Council

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.3 provides that an individual member of a public body may fully participate in meetings electronically if any such member meets the criteria of the code and the public body has adopted an Electronic Meeting Policy; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted an Electronic Participation Policy on June 22, 2021 as Resolution No. 3011; and

WHEREAS, City Council Member R. Kirk McPike has notified the Mayor and the Clerk that he is unavailable to be physically present for the November 12, 2024 City Council Meeting due to a personal matter, specifically travel for a family emergency; and

WHEREAS a Council Member may participate in a City Council Meeting by electronic means for an unlimited number of times during this calendar year for a medical reason for the member or a family member of the member; and

WHEREAS the City Council Member R. Kirk McPike will participate in the City Council Meeting by video conference call from Boerne, TX and arrangements have been made to ensure the member shall be heard by all participants at the City Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS a quorum of the City Council is physically assembled in person.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

That pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3708.3 and the City Council's Electronic Meeting Policy Resolution 3011, City Council Member Alyia Gaskins will participate remotely in this meeting by video conference call.

3. Closed Session (if needed).

Not needed.

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024,
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2024; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2024.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the minutes from the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of October 8, 2024, the public hearing meeting

minutes of October 19, 2024, and the regular meeting minutes of October 22, 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

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring November 28, 2024 as Del Ray Turkey Trot Day.

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

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

Councilmember Bagley reported that the Commission met on November 7th and discussed the dedicated funding for WMATA moving forward. Councilmember Bagley noted that the region will need to work together and NVTC will play a crucial role in bringing together jurisdictions to lobby for funding at the State and Federal level. Councilmember Bagley noted that the Better Bus Route is being launched by WMATA to improve transportation routes in the region.

IV. Oral Report from the City Manager

7. Staff Presentation - Appeal of the Traffic and Parking Board's July 22, 2024, Decision to Recommend Roadway Design Changes on South Pickett Street between Duke Street and Edsall Road.

(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. 7; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received a staff presentation of the appeal from the Traffic and Parking Board's decision to recommend roadway design changes on South Pickett Street between Duke Street and Edsall Road and responded to questions from Council about the proposed changes.

8. Discussion of a Conversion of 5001 Eisenhower Avenue Office Building to Residential Use, to Include Possible City Financial Participation to Induce the Conversion.

City staff gave an overview of the proposal to convert 5001 Eisenhower Avenue into affordable housing units and how the conversion would occur as a partnership between the City and the developer and the timeframe for the proposal to come before City Council for consideration.

V. ACTION DOCKET

Regular Consent Calendar (9-18)

9. Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Archaeological Commission
Nicholas Dienna
 - (b) Commission for Women
Anuja Miner
Matthew Worner
Jennifer Wetmore
 - (c) Commission on Aging
Enid Borden
 - (d) Commission on HIV/AIDS
Mohammad Fayaz Naqshbandi
 - (e) Environmental Policy Commission
James VandePutte
 - (f) Independent Community Policing Review Board
Todd A. Pilot
 - (g) Parks and Recreation Commission
Philip Voorhees
 - (h) Towing Advisory Board
Kevin McCourt
 - (i) Sister Cities Committee
Kathryn Johnson

(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-j); 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Uncontested Appointments for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Commission on HIV/AIDS - 3-year term
1 citizen member
1 Sheriff's Designee
 - (b) Commission on Information Technology - 3-year term
1 member representing the Alexandria City School Board

- (c) Economic Opportunity Commission - 2-year term
1 Category III - representative of business industry, labor, religious, welfare or other private groups and interests certified by the Commission
- (d) Environmental Policy Commission - 2-year term
1 citizen member
- (e) George Washington Birthday Celebration Commission - 2-year term
1 member nominated by the City of Alexandria Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution
- (f) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - 2-year term
1 Historical Restoration & Preservation Commission representative
1 Historic Alexandria Foundation representative
- (g) Local Emergency Planning Committee - 2-year term
1 representative from law enforcement and firefighting personnel
- (h) Public Health Advisory Commission - 2-year term
1 Alexandria City School Board representative
- (i) Urban Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 resident representing the Old Town North residential community

(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-i); 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Consideration of a First Amendment to a Five-Year License Agreement dated July 1, 2024, between the City of Alexandria and Zayo Group, LLC to Permit Zayo to Install Approximately 1,017 Feet of Fiber in Existing Verizon Conduits in the Vicinity of 1900 Duke Street 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. 11; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2024 Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFFP) Mini-Grant Program.

(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; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending September 30, 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. 13; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Collection of Taxes and Annual Consideration of Authorization to Write-Off Property Tax Balances of Less Than Twenty Dollars.

(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; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Consideration of Grant Award Acceptance from the National Council on Aging's (NCOA) Center for Economic Well-Being (CEW) to the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) to increase older adults' participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

(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; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the City Government for 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. 16; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Grant a Non-exclusive Franchise to Crown Castle Fiber LLC for Use of the Public Rights-of-Way by Companies to Design, Install, Provide, Operate, Maintain, Repair, Control, Upgrade, Construct, and Remove a Fiber Network for the Purpose of Providing Telecommunications Services within the City.

(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; 11/12/24, 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. 17; 11/12/24, 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. 17; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the owner of the property located at 461 Swann Avenue to construct and maintain an encroachment for outdoor dining at that location (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2024-00002 associated with 461 Swann Avenue/Founding Farmers approved by City Council on September 14, 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. 18; 11/12/24, 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. 18; 11/12/24, 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 approved the consent calendar, with the exception of docket item #14, which was considered under a separate motion. The approvals were as follows:

9. City Council received the following resignations from members of boards, commissions, and committees with regret: (a) Nicholas Dienna, Archaeological Commission; (b) Anuja Miner, Matthew Worner, and Jennifer Wetmore, Commission for Women; (c) Enid Borden, Commission on Aging; (d) Mohammad Fayaz Nagshbandi, Commission on HIV/AIDS; (e) James VandePutte, Environmental Policy Commission; (f) Todd A. Pilot, Independent Community Policing Review Board; (g) Philip Voorhees, Parks and Recreation Commission; (h) Kevin McCourt, Towing Advisory Board; and (i) Kathryn Johnson, Sister Cities Committee.

10. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Rachael Jacobson as the citizen member and appointed Quentin Wade as the Sheriff's designee to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (b) appointed Emily Dillard as the member representing the Alexandria City School Board to the Commission on Information Technology; (c) reappointed Charles Brown as the Category III representative of business industry, labor, religious, welfare or other private groups and interests certified by the Commission to the Economic Opportunities Commission; (d) appointed Yanique Revers as the citizen member to the Environmental Policy Commission; (e) reappointed Sandra Welch as the member nominated by the City of Alexandria Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (f) appointed Nigel Mease as the Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission representative and reappointed Gail C. Rothrock as the Historic Alexandria Foundation representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (g) appointed Anthony Kelly as the representative from law enforcement and firefighting personnel as the Local Emergency Planning Committee; (h) appointed Holly Ann Jackson as the Alexandria City School Board representative to the Public Health Advisory Commission; and (i) appointed Zaira Suarez as the resident representing the Old Town North residential community to the Urban Design Advisory Committee.

11. City Council: (a) considered the proposed Amendment to the existing License Agreement with Zayo and scheduled the amendment for public hearing on Saturday, November 16, 2024.

12. City Council: (a) authorized the submission of a competitive Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) mini-grant application for funding up to \$26,592; and (b) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

13. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

15. City Council: (1) authorized the acceptance of a \$100,000 grant to the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) for the National Council on Aging (NCOA) Senior Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Initiative. This 18-month grant, which requires no matching funds, will support outreach, application assistance, and enrollment of 1,500 older adults (age 60+) in the SNAP program; (2) authorized the employment of temporary staff, supervised by the Food Security Coordinator to implement the grant; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

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

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

18. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, November 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.

14. Collection of Taxes and Annual Consideration of Authorization to Write-Off Property Tax Balances of Less Than Twenty Dollars.

(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; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council: (1) received the listings of delinquent local property taxes; (2) authorized the Director of Finance to write-off uncollected tax balances for tax year 2023 less than twenty dollars each, totaling \$12,402 as of June 30, 2024, for which the Director of Finance has determined that the cost of collecting such balances would exceed the recoverable amount; provided that the Director of Finance will not include any balance for which she has reason to believe the taxpayer has intentionally paid less than the amount due and owed; and (3) authorized the Director of Finance to destroy records associated with taxes paid in calendar year 2018 and prior years in accordance with Code of Virginia Section 58.1-3129(A). 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.

VI. ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (19)

19. Consideration of a Resolution Accepting City of Alexandria Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Federal Appropriations. [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. 19; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council: (1) endorsed the resolution accepting City of Alexandria priorities for FY 2024 federal appropriations; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required. 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. 3253

Acceptance of City of Alexandria Priorities for Community Project Funding

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is committed to addressing inequalities and needs that impact residents, businesses, workers, and visitors throughout our community, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria invests significant City resources in addressing these inequalities and needs, including in the specific areas of housing security, climate resiliency, public health and safety, and transportation innovation, and;

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the Executive Branch have identified numerous avenues for additional, significant, direct investment in communities as opportunities to create jobs, invest in both people and infrastructure, and work to address the ongoing needs of families, businesses, neighborhoods and communities across our country, and;

WHEREAS, these funding opportunities included Community Project Funding in appropriations bills in Fiscal Year 2024, and;

WHEREAS, this funding source presented a significant opportunity for the City to propose and request support from our Congressional delegation for critical projects in specific funding areas to benefit our residents, businesses, workers, and visitors, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria identified four projects appropriate for funding through the Community Project Funding process, including:

- On-Route electric transit bus chargers,
- Restoration of affordable housing at the 1022 Pendleton Street Boarding House,
- Pilot crime and violence intervention and prevention programs, and
- Establishment of a “Smart Mobility Lab” in partnership with Virginia Tech, which would be a sub-recipient of this funding.

WHEREAS, these projects are clear priorities for the City and address significant inequalities and recognized needs in the City of Alexandria in the areas of housing security, climate resiliency, public health and safety, and transportation innovation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Alexandria supports these local priorities and approves of the City’s acceptance of funds resulting from these federal funding opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Manager is authorized to execute the necessary documents that may be required to accept and implement funds from these federal funding

opportunities.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Alexandria Congressional delegation – the Honorable Mark R. Warner, the Honorable Timothy M. Kaine, and the Honorable Donald S. Beyer, Jr.

VII. ACTION MATTERS

Contested Appointment

20. Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority - 4-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

William Bruner
Rizwan Chaudry
Kevin Jackson, Jr.
Reid Mene
Michael O. Synder

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: No candidate received a majority of vote. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Mene
Jackson	-	Bruner
Aguirre	-	readvertise
Bagley	-	readvertise
Chapman	-	Snyder
Gaskins	-	readvertise
McPike	-	Chaudry

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried 6-0, City Council moved to readvertise the vacancy for one citizen member on the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority. 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.

21. Beautification Commission - 2-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Jennifer Beatty
Susan Berry
Eva Hinton Hartman
Kelsey Pramik

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 11/12/24, 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 Susan Berry as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Berry
Jackson	-	Hartman
Aguirre	-	Berry
Bagley	-	Pramik
Chapman	-	Hartman
Gaskins	-	Berry
McPike	-	Berry

22. Board of Zoning Appeals - 4-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Denise M. Johnson
Carl E. Rohde, III

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council moved to re-advertise for the citizen member position on the Board of Zoning Appeals. 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.

23. Commission for Women - 3-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Krystle R. Bransky
Allison Heiser
Katia Hunt Nilender

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 11/12/24, 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 Krystle R. Bransky as the citizen member to the Commission for Women. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Bransky
Jackson	-	Heiser
Aguirre	-	Bransky
Bagley	-	Bransky
Chapman	-	Heiser
Gaskins	-	Bransky
McPike	-	Bransky

24. Commission on Information Technology - 3-year term
2 citizen members

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

NAME:

Camalla H Baruwa
Timothy J. Casey
Daniel R. Green
Stephen Morris
Jules Pericles Tamegue

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with following results: City Council reappointed Timothy J. Casey and Stephen Morris as the two citizen members to the Commission on Information Technology. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Casey, Morris
Jackson	-	Casey, Morris
Aguirre	-	Casey, Morris
Bagley	-	Casey, Morris
Chapman	-	Casey, Morris
Gaskins	-	Casey, Morris
McPike	-	Casey, Morris

25. Public Health Advisory Commission - 2-year term
1 non-health professional citizen member

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

NAME:

Jerome R. Cordts
Nia Smart

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 11/12/24, 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 Jerome R. Cordts as the non-health professional citizen member to the Public Health Advisory Commission. The vote was as follows:

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

26. Sister Cities Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Paul Anderson
Michael Bianco
Vanessa C. Simpson

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 26; 11/12/24, 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 Paul Anderson as the citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Anderson
Jackson	-	Anderson
Aguirre	-	Anderson
Bagley	-	Anderson
Chapman	-	Anderson
Gaskins	-	Anderson

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

27. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of proposed changes to the Ordinances for the Independent Policing Auditor as well as the Independent Community Policing Review 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. 27; 11/12/24, 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. 27; 11/12/24, 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. 27; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council deferred consideration on the ordinance until January 2025. 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.

28. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 3 (Towing and Storage Fees and Regulations) of Chapter 13 (Towing and Storage of Motor Vehicles) of Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

(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; 11/12/24, 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. 28; 11/12/24, 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. 28; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on November 16, 2024. In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

29. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Temporary Closure of the 200 Block of King Street to Vehicular Traffic.

(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; 11/12/24, 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. 29; 11/12/24, 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. 29; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on November 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.

30. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Updated Conceptual Plans for Phase I of the Duke Street Transitway [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. 30; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman McPike to approved the resolution for the conversion of the Duke Street service road from two way operation to one way westbound between West Taylor Run Parkway to Cambridge Road and to approve the updated conceptual plan for the Duke Street Transitway. The motion failed 3-3-1. The roll-call vote was follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman McPike; Opposed, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Chapman, and Councilwoman Gaskins; Abstain, Councilman Aguirre.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-1 by roll-call vote, City Council adopted a resolution with the following amendments: Approve the resolution for the Duke Street Transitway including: (1) conversion of the access road from two-way operation to one-way operation westbound between Longview and Cambridge Roads; (2) add cue jump lane for buses running in the eastbound direction of N. Quaker Lane; and (3) the removal of a bus lane between Roth Street and Wheeler Avenue. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, Vice Mayor Jackson.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3254

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATE OF CONCEPTUAL PLANS FOR PHASE I OF THE DUKE STREET TRANSITWAY

WHEREAS, under Section 2.04 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to regulate the operation of motor and other vehicles in the streets of the city; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 the City Council adopted the Duke Street Transitway Concept to advance policies outlined in the 2008 Master Plan of Transportation and re-affirmed in the 2021 Alexandria Mobility Plan that designated Duke Street as a High-Capacity Transit Corridor that directs staff to prioritize safe, comfortable, and convenient multimodal access and mobility on city-owned streets with dedicated transit facilities; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the City Council approved the Duke Street Transitway Advisory Group recommendation that included language stating that if “space and budget is limited, Segment 2B between Quaker Lane and Roth Drive may be implemented as mixed traffic in the near term as a cost savings;” and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the City Council approved a concept plan that included an eastbound dedicated bus lane between Wheeler Avenue and Roth Drive; and

WHEREAS, the updated concept removes the eastbound dedicated bus lane between Wheeler Avenue and Roth Drive; and

WHEREAS, at the June 24, 2024 meeting of the Traffic and Parking Board, members approved a recommendation pursuant to City Code Section 5-8-3(g) to convert the Duke Street Service Road connecting Cambridge Road and West Taylor Run Parkway Intersection to one-way westbound operation to facilitate safer traffic operations, congestion management, and multimodal safety and accessibility improvements as part of the Duke Street Transitway Project; and

WHEREAS, at the June 24, 2024 meeting of the Traffic and Parking Board, members approved a recommendation to modify the intersection of Cambridge Road and the Duke Street Service Road, which would improve traffic flow and reduce congestion and is based on the one-way operation of the Service Road; and

WHEREAS, at the June 24, 2024 meeting of the Traffic and Parking Board, members approved a recommendation to modify the approved Duke Street Transitway concept to convert the right most lane of North Quaker Lane at Duke Street from a right turn only lane to a dedicated bus and right turn only lane in order to enable buses to jump traffic queues at this intersection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

That, as part of the improvements for the planned safety, congestion management, and multimodal accessibility improvements planned and designed as part of the Duke Street Transitway Project, the conceptual plans for Phase I of the Duke Street Transitway project will be updated to allow: (1) the conversion of the Duke Street Service Road to one-way westbound operation between Longview Drive and Cambridge Road, (2) modification of the right turn only lane from westbound Duke Street onto North Quaker Lane into a bus and right turn only lane to create a queue jump for buses, and (3) removal of the construction of the eastbound dedicated bus lane for the Wheeler Avenue and Roth Drive section of roadway from the original conceptual plans.

IX. OTHER

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

Councilwoman Gaskins requested Council support for the memorandum she circulated proposing the creation of three new subcommittees, including boards and commissions review, personnel committee, and the concept of standing committees.

32. 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. 32; 11/12/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received the updated City Council Look Ahead Schedule which includes: the City Council Installation to be held at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22311, located on the Northern Virginia Community College Alexandria Campus; and (2) approved the City Council calendar from November 2024 - July 2025. 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.

33. Closed Session (if needed).

Not needed.

X. ADJOURN.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of November 12, 2024 at 11: 55 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: December 10, 2024