

The January 14, 2025 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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#### I. OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

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

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

Not needed.

#### 3. Closed Session.

<u>25-2776</u>

Consideration of closed executive session to discuss of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities to include briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety; a discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision (2) or (14) of section 2.2-3705.2, where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of an facility, building, structure, information technology system, or software program; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building, or structure or the safety of persons using such facility, building, or structure.

City Council reconvened in open session.

*City Council adopted the resolution regarding closed executive session that was previously circulated to the Council. (RES. NO. 3267)* 

#### 4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

City Council observed a moment of silence and recited the pledge of allegiance.

**5.** <u>25-2774</u> Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

The Special Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2024 (Budget Retreat); The Joint Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2024 (Joint Meeting with School Board);

The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2024;

The Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2024; and

The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2024.

*City Council approved the minutes for the following meetings of City Council: the special meeting minutes of November 23, 2024 (Budget Retreat); the joint meeting minutes of November 25, 2024 (Joint Meeting with School Board); the regular meeting minutes of November 26, 2024; the regular meeting minutes of December 10, 2024; and the public hearing meeting minutes of December 14, 2024.* 

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

25-2792 \*Commission on Aging (Councilman Aguirre)

\*Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) (Mayor Gaskins)
\*Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) (Vice Mayor Bagley and Mayor Gaskins)
\*Waterfront Commission (Vice Mayor Bagley)
\*Northern Virginia Regional Commission (Councilman Chapman)\
\*Legislative Subcommittee (Councilman McPike and Mayor Gaskins)
\*Health and Safety Coordinating Committee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilwoman

Greene)

City Council gave the reports.

# III. Oral Report from the City Manager

City Manager Parajon gave Council a briefing on the City's snow response and preparation and cleanup efforts following the recent snow storm. Mr. Parajon thanked City staff for all the hard work during the event.

Deputy City Manager Predeoux gave Council an update on General Assembly and an overview of the bills that the City supports, opposes and is watching. Ms. Predeoux responded to questions from City Council.

# IV. ACTION DOCKET

#### **Regular Consent Calendar (6-18)**

- **6.** <u>25-2789</u> Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
  - a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee Ashlee Harper-Johnson Donna Kenley

		b) Commission for Women Rachel Brill-Meckler
		c) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission Michael Mackey
		<ul> <li>d) Community Services Board</li> <li>Abdulahi Abdalla</li> <li>Marybeth Plaskus</li> </ul>
		e) Economic Opportunities Commission Reynard Anderson
7.	<u>25-2781</u>	Uncontested Appointments for Boards and Commissions
		<ul> <li>a) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee - 3-year term</li> <li>1 builder or developer of residential property</li> <li>1 person designated by, but who need not be a member of the Commission on Aging</li> <li>1 real estate professional with knowledge and experience in residential real estate</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>b) Alexandria Transportation Commission - 3-year term</li> <li>1 member from the Planning Commission, nominated by the Commission</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>c) Alexandria-Cean Sister Cities - 2-year term</li> <li>1 citizen member</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>d) Archaeological Commission - 4-year term</li> <li>1 At-large member</li> </ul>
		e) Beautification Commission -2-year term 1 citizen member
		<ul><li>f) Commission on Aging - 3-year term</li><li>1 citizen member</li></ul>
		<ul> <li>g) Commission on Information Technology -3-year term</li> <li>1 member representing the Alexandria City Library Board</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>h) Commission on Persons with Disabilities -2-year term</li> <li>1 citizen member</li> </ul>

		<ul><li>i) Community Services Board - 3-year term</li><li>1 Sheriff or Sheriff's designee</li></ul>	
		<ul> <li>j) Economic Opportunities Commission - 2-year term</li> <li>1 Category 1 - elected state official currently holding office, or their representative</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>k) Independent Community Policing Review Board - 3-year term</li> <li>2 members who represent an organization, office, or agency that seeks racial or social justice or that otherwise advocates on behalf of historically, racially, or socially marginalized communities, particularly communities that may have experienced disparate policing <ol> <li>a ex-officio member who shall have past experiences in law enforcement but shall not be a current employee of or an immediate family member of a current employee of a law enforcement agency</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	
		<ol> <li>Landlord-Tenant Relations Board - 2-year term</li> <li>1 landlord of a residential property in the city representative</li> </ol>	
		<ul><li>m) Library Board - 2-year term</li><li>1 citizen member</li></ul>	
		<ul> <li>n) Social Services Advisory Board - 3-year term</li> <li>1 citizen member</li> </ul>	
8.	<u>25-2790</u>	<ul><li>Missing Oaths from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:</li><li>a) Commission for Women</li><li>Emily Eckert</li></ul>	
9.	<u>25-2775</u>	Appointments of Members of City Council to Regional Boards, Commissions, and Committees.	
10.	<u>25-2666</u>	Consideration of a Retroactive Grant Application to the Supreme Court of Virginia Office of the Executive Secretary Statewide Universal Drug Testing Grant.	
11.	<u>25-2723</u>	Request to accept funding from the Fiscal Year 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Regional Preparedness System (RPS) grant.	
12.	<u>25-2733</u>	Consideration of Grant Application to Bloomberg Philanthropies - Asphalt Art Grant Program for the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities' Office of the Arts.	
13.	<u>25-2738</u>	Acceptance of a grant award from the Camber Collective to the Center for Economic Support in the Department of Community and Human Services.	

- 14.25-2739Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending November 30,<br/>2024.
- 15. 25-2709 Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 052.02 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 2811 King Street from, RB/Townhouse with proffer to RB/Townhouse with proffer in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2024-00003 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2024-00003 associated with Silverado Alexandria Memory Care approved by City Council on December 14, 2024).
- 16. 25-2711 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 Eisenhower West Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00004 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. 2023-00004 associated with 5001 and 4991 Eisenhower Avenue approved by City Council on December 14, 2024).
- 17. 25-2713 Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 5-602(A) (COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS CREATED, CONSISTENCY WITH MASTER PLAN, REQUIRED APPROVALS) of Article V (MIXED USE ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2024-00001 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2024-00001 associated with 5001 and 4991 Eisenhower Avenue approved by City Council on December 14, 2024).
- 18. 25-2715 Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 068.04 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 properties at 4991 and 5001 Eisenhower Avenue from, OCM (100)/Office commercial medium (100) to CDD #31/Coordinated Development District 31 in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2023-00007 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2023-00007 associated with 5001 and 4991 Eisenhower Avenue

approved by City Council on December 14, 2024).

*City Council approved the regular consent calendar, with the exception of docket item* #15, which was considered under separate motion. The approval was as follows:

6. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Ashlee Harper-Johnson and Donna Kenley, Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) Rachel Brill-Meckler, Commission for Women; (c) Michael Mackey, Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission; (d) Abdulahi Abdalla and Marybeth Plaskus; and (e) Reynard Anderson, Economic Opportunities Commission.

7. City Council made appointment to the following boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Joseph Dammann as the builder or developer of residential property, reappointed Janet A. Macidull as the person designated by, but who need not e a member of the Commission on Aging; and appointed Jon Fredrick as the real estate professional with knowledge and experience in residential real estate to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; (b) reappointed Jody Manor as the member from the Planning Commission, nominated by the Commission to the Alexandria Transportation Commission; (c) appointed Reed Van Beveren as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee; (d) appointed Gilda M. Anroman as the at-large member to Archaeological Commission; (e) appointed Kelsey Pramik as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (f) appointed Michele D. McLaughlin as the citizen member to the Commission on Aging; (g) reappointed Brandon Mosoriak as the member representing the Alexandria City Library Board to the Commission on Information Technology; (h) reappointed Thomas Valluzzi as the citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (i) appointed Capt. Lemuel Houston, Jr. as the sheriff's designee to Community Services Board; (j) appointed Meg Czaikoski as the representative for Delegate Bennett-Parker to the Economic Opportunities Commission; (k) reappointed Darrlynn S. Franklin, and Ingris Moran as the two members who represent an organization, office, or agency that seeks racial or social justice or that otherwise advocates on behalf of historically, racially, or socially marginalized communities particularly communities that may have experienced disparate policing and reappointed Jeanne O'Toole as the ex-officio member who shall have past experiences in law enforcement but shall not be a current employee of an immediate family member of a current employee of a law enforcement agency to the Independent Community Policing Review Board; (I) appointed Douglas Lazo as the representative of landlord of a residential property in the city to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; (m) reappointed Albert Moseley as the citizen member to the Library Board; and (n) appointed Richard J. Beauchamp as the citizen member to the Social Services Advisory Board.

8. City Council removed the following person from boards, commissions and committees for failure to submit an oath of office within the 60-day period: Emily Eckert, Commission for Women.

9. City Council made the following revisions to the appointments of members of City Council to regional boards, commissions, and committees: appointed Councilman Canek Aguirre to Northern Virginia Transportation Authority: Planning Coordination Advisory Committee; appointed Vice Mayor Sarah Bagley to Gang Prevention Community Task Force.

10. City Council: (a) retroactively approved the submission of the grant application (applied on October 15, 2024) for up to \$60,000; and (b) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

11. City Council authorized the City Manager to retroactively accept \$356,345 from the Fiscal Year 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Regional Preparedness System (RPS) grant in support of the City's emergency preparedness activities.

12. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of an application in the amount of \$100,000 to the Bloomberg Philanthropies - Asphalt Art Grant Program. The grant application deadline is January 31, 2025; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

13. City Council: (1) authorized the retroactive acceptance of the grant award for funding to the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) in the amount of \$30,000 for the Camber Collective Narrative Change grant, duration of four months with no match required, to design and launch a digital pilot initiative for narrative change; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

14. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

15. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, January 25, 2025. (separate motion)

16. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, January 25, 2025.

17. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, January 25, 2025.

18. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, January 25, 2025.

# V. ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (19)

**19.** 25-2728
 Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the Virginia

 Community Flood Preparedness Fund Program to implement the Phase 2 Four
 Mile Run and Hooffs Run Inlet Replacement project. [ROLL-CALL VOTE].

City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approval was as follows:

19. City Council: (2) approved the resolution to support the Round 5 Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) grant application; and (2) authorized the City Manager to submit this resolution and enter into any agreements that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved. (RES. NO. 3268)

## VI. ACTION MATTERS

## **Contested Appointments**

**20.** <u>25-2782</u> Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority- 4-year term 1 citizen member

		City Council appointed Rizwan Chaudry as the citizen member to Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.
21.	<u>25-2783</u>	Alexandria Renew Enterprises - 4-year term 1 citizen member
		City Council reappointed James R. Beall as the citizen member to Alexandria Renew Enterprises.
22.	<u>25-2784</u>	Commission for the Arts - 3-year term
		1 public at-large arts consumer or participant
		1 member 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
		1 professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the city landscape, such as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design
		City Council reappointed Paul R. Painter as the public at-large arts consumer or participant; reappointed Dawn Rogala as the member 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, and waived the residency requirement and appointed Anila Angjeli as the professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the city landscape, such as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design to the Commission for the Arts.
23.	<u>25-2785</u>	Commission for Women - 3-year term
		1 citizen member
		City Council appointed Cecelia Hunter as the citizen member to the Commission for Women.
24.	<u>25-2786</u>	Community Criminal Justice Board - 2-year term
		1 citizen member
		City Council reappointed Matthew D. Taylor as the citizen member to the Community Criminal Justice Board.
25.	<u>25-2787</u>	Community Services Board - 3-year term
		1 citizen member
		City Council appointed Mouaad Jaani as the citizen member to the Community Services Board.

# OTHER

# 26. Oral Reports and Oral Presentations by Members of City Council.

1. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the first community conversation held by Police Chief McGuire at St. Rita's Catholic Church.

2. Councilman Aguirre congratulated the First Night Alexandria organizers on host a success New Year's Eve event.

3. Councilman Aguirre congratulated his colleagues on their installation January 2 at NOVA Community College and thanked City staff for organizing a great event.

4. Councilman Aguirre attended a WEBA event.

5. Councilman Aguirre reported that the School Board held a virtual installation for the incoming body and noted he was looking forward to working with them this year.

6. Councilman Aguirre reported that the Departmental Progressive Club held their incoming officer installation last week.

7. Councilman Aguirre sent well wishes and sympathies to those affected by the fires in Los Angeles and asked the community to support causes that will help those affected rebuild.

8. Councilman McPike reported that he had circulated a memo about formalizing the City Council Town Hall schedule and requested that staff update the resolution to codify the arrangement. Mayor Gaskins requested a show of hands of all who supported the request. The confirmation was unanimous.

9. Councilman Elnoubi reported that he had circulated a memo from himself and Vice Mayor Bagley for staff to explore the utilization of DASH transportation for high school students thereby eliminating the need for school bus at the high school level. Mayor Gaskins requested a show of hands of all who supported the request. The confirmation was unanimous.

10. Vice Mayor Bagley noted for the community the deadline for applying to participate in the Summer Youth Employment program was January 31 and she encouraged all who were interested to apply.

11. Councilwoman Greene that staff for the wonderful installation ceremony and she also thanked City staff all the on-boarding she and Councilman Elnoubi have received since the election.

12. Councilman Chapman noted the Virginia Tech Innovation Campus was scheduled to open next week in the Potomac Yard area.

**27.** <u>25-2742</u> Consideration of City Council Schedule.

*City Council: (1) approved the City Council Look Ahead Schedule that VIrginia Municipal League (VML) Local Government Day scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2025, all day in Richmond Virginia; City Council Retreat Day 1 is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2025 from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM, at the American Physical Therapy Association (3030 Potomac Avenue), and City Council Retreat Day 2 is scheduled for 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, at the American Physical Therapy Association (3030 Potomac Avenue), and (2) received the City Council Calendar from January 2025- December 2025.* 

#### 28. Closed Session (if needed).

Not needed.

# VII. ADJOURN.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 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.