

# City of Alexandria

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



## **Action Docket - Final**

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Chamber**

**City Council Legislative Meeting**

The October 12, 2021 Legislative Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held in the Council Chamber (301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of City Council and staff are participating either in-person or from remote location through a video conference call on Zoom. The meeting can be accessed by the public in the City Council Chamber, through the live broadcast on the government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and can be accessed via Zoom by the following link:

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**1. Calling the Roll.**

*The Mayor called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of City Council were present, with Councilwoman Pepper attending the meeting via Zoom.*

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

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

**3. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:****[22-0318](#)**

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2021; and  
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2021.

*City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of September 14, 2021 and the public hearing meeting minutes of September 18, 2021.*

**PROCLAMATIONS****4. [22-0313](#)**

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing October as National Bullying Awareness Month.

*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

**5. [22-0314](#)**

Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Week of October 23-31, 2021 as Red Ribbon Week in the City of Alexandria.

*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

**6. [22-0315](#)**

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing World Polio Day 2021.

*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

**ORAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

**\*Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) (Councilman Aguirre and Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

**\*Potomac Watershed Roundtable (Councilwoman Jackson)**

**\*Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Seifeldein)**

**\*Citizen Corps Council (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Seifeldein)**

**\*Eisenhower Partnership Board of Directors (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilwoman Pepper)**

*City Council gave the reports.*

## **ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

### **(a) Discussion of School Security - Chief Hayes, Superintendent Hutchings and Chair Alderton**

*City Council had a discussion and asked questions of Superintendent Hutchings, School Board Chair Alderton, Acting Police Chief Hayes, Director of Safety and Security Services Contreras, and Alexandria City High School Principal about the recent safety incidents at the schools and surrounding areas and the need for reinstating the SRO programs to maintain safety in schools.*

### **(b) COVID-19 Vaccination Update - Dr. Ann Gaddy, MD, MPH, Acting Director, Alexandria Health Department**

*Dr. Gaddy, Alexandria Health Department, gave an update on the flu vaccination and she gave statistics on vaccination rates. Dr. Gaddy mentioned the guidelines and safety measures people should use during holiday gatherings. Dr. Gaddy also noted that there would be increased booster shot clinics in the City once the shots are available for all the different vaccines.*

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (7-19)**

#### **(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

7. [22-0319](#) Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee  
James Howard
  - (b) Beautification Commission  
Caroline Champion
  - (c) Commission for the Arts  
Beth Coast
  - (d) Commission on Information Technology  
John Szczech  
Marcus Washington
  - (e) Commission on Persons with Disabilities  
Christopher Nace

- (f) Social Services Advisory Board  
Mark Tonsetic

### **Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:**

8. [22-0320](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee
    - 1 Builder or Developer of Residential Property in the City
    - 1 Person who is either an employee of the City or the Alexandria City Public Schools
    - 1 Representative from the Department of Community and Human Services
  - (b) Archaeological Commission
    - 1 Citizen Member from Planning District III
  - (c) Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board
    - 1 Citizen Member
  - (d) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission
    - 2 Community Members with expertise in children, youth and family issues, public safety, medical/health-related profession or nonprofit experience
  - (e) Commission for the Arts
    - 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
  - (f) Commission on Aging
    - 1 Citizen Member 60 years of age or older
  - (g) Environmental Policy Commission
    - 2 Members from the field of environmental sciences (e.g. environmental/sanitary engineering, ecology, geology, botany, hydrology, chemistry) or who have Alexandria waterfront expertise, provided that at least four members have scientific expertise
    - 1 Member from the Alexandria business community
  - (h) Industrial Development Authority
    - 1 Citizen Member
  - (i) Public Health Advisory Commission
    - 1 Representative from the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria Steering Committee

- (j) Public Records Advisory Commission  
1 Citizen Member

**(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

9. [22-0170](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2021.
10. [22-0265](#) Consideration of a Lease Agreement Between the City of Alexandria and UpCycle Creative Reuse for the Use of Space at the Oswald Durant Center located at 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.
11. [22-0278](#) Consideration of the submission of a Grant Application for a Competitive 2022 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant for Law Enforcement Equipment and Training through Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.
12. [22-0292](#) Consideration of the Submission of a Grant Application for a Competitive Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.
13. [22-0310](#) Consideration of An Amendment to a Five-Year License Agreement dated June 1, 2017, between the City of Alexandria Virginia and Level 3 Communications, LLC. (“Level 3”) to Permit Level 3 to Install Twenty-Two Feet of Conduit at the Intersection of Holland Lane and Ballenger Avenue in the City of Alexandria’s Public Rights-of-Ways to Provide Telecommunications Services for the City of Alexandria.
14. [22-0317](#) Receipt of Annual and Attendance Reports for Council Appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees for July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.
15. [22-0321](#) Request for removal of City Board, Commission, and Committee members for missing Oaths of Office.

**(Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading)**

16. [22-0155](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the owners of the property located at 214 and 216 South Payne Street to construct and maintain an encroachment for a porch at that location (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2021-00002 associated with 214 and 216 South Payne Street approved by City Council on July 6, 2021).
17. [22-0284](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain the code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, and the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text

amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2021-00008 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2021-00008 associated with Extension of Temporary Program for Business Relief and to Address Public Need Related to COVID-19 to April 1, 2022 approved by City Council on September 18, 2021).

18. [22-0286](#) 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 Beauregard Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2021-00005 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. 2021-00005 associated with Beauregard Small Area Plan Amendments approved by City Council on September 18, 2021).
19. [22-0288](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 1-400 (INTERPRETATION OF ORDINANCE) of Article I (GENERAL REGULATIONS); Section 2-104 (ACCESSORY USE), Section 2-119.1 (AVERAGE PRE-CONSTRUCTION GRADE), Section 2-128.1 (COMMERCIAL COMPLEX), Section 2-145 (FLOOR AREA), Section 2-169.1 (LOT, THROUGH), Section 2-180 (OPEN AND USABLE SPACE), Section 2-193.1 (COMMERCIAL COMPLEX), Section 2-197.1 (STRUCTURE, ACCESSORY), Section 2-197.3 (STRUCTURE, SUBORDINATE), and Section 2-200.1 (TRELLIS) of Article II (DEFINITIONS); Section 6-403 (GENERAL REGULATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS) of Article VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES); Section 7-100 (ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, USES AND STRUCTURES), Section 7-101 (PERMITTED ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, USES AND STRUCTURES), Section 7-102 (PROHIBITED ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, USES AND STRUCTURES), Section 7-103 (BUILDING, USE AND STRUCTURE LIMITATIONS), Section 7-202 (PERMITTED OBSTRUCTIONS), Section 7-203 (ACCESSORY DWELLINGS), Section 7-301 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 7-302 (PROHIBITED OCCUPATIONS), Section 7-303 (USE LIMITATIONS), Section 7-1212 (AESTHETIC STANDARDS GOVERNING WIRELESS FACILITY INSTALLATIONS), and Section 7-2501 (FREESTANDING PRIVATE GARAGES TO THE REAR OF THE MAIN BUILDING) of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS); Section 8-200 (GENERAL PARKING REGULATIONS) of Article VIII (OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING); Section 11-605 (PROCEDURES FOR CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL), Section 11-1005 (POWERS AND DUTIES), Section 11-1302 (SPECIAL EXCEPTION ESTABLISHED), and Section 11-1706 (CONTENTS OF PRELIMINARY PLAT APPLICATION) of Article

XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES); and Section 13-114 (STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN) of Article XIII (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT) and to add and ordain Section 2-123.1 (BUILDING, ACCESSORY), Section 2-128.2 (COMMITTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING) of Article II (DEFINITIONS) and Section 11-1400 (ZONE EXTENSION) of Article XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2021-00003 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2021-00003 associated with Zoning Ordinance Practical Updates approved by City Council on September 18, 2021).

## END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

*City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of items 8(d), 10, 14 and 15, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:*

*7. City Council received with regret the following resignations from members of boards, commissions, and committees: (a) James Howard, Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee; (b) Caroline Champion, Beautification Commission; (c) Beth Coast, Commission for the Arts; (d) John Szczech and Marcus Washington, Commission on Information Technology; (e) Christopher Nace, Commission on Persons with Disabilities; and (f) Mark Tonsetic, Social Services Advisory Board.*

*8. City Council appointed the following people to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) reappointed Shelley Murphy as the builder or developer of residential property in the City, reappointed Annette Bridges as the person who is either an employee of the City or the Alexandria City Public Schools, and appointed Alison Coleman as the representative from the Department of Community and Human Services to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; (b) appointed Paula Whitacre as the representative from Planning District III to the Archaeological Commission; (c) appointed Charles Paul as the citizen member to the Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board; (d) City Council moved to defer the appointment of members to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission until December at the request of the Commission (separate motion); (e) reappointed Caroline Schreiber 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 to the Commission for the Arts; (f) appointed Geraldine Wallace as the citizen member who is 60 years of age or older to the Commission on Aging; (g) reappointed Kathie Hoekstra and appointed Cynthia Elliott as the two members in the field of environmental science (e.g. environmental/sanitary engineering, ecology, geology, botany, hydrology, chemistry) or who have Alexandria waterfront expertise, provided that at least four members have scientific expertise and appointed Nicole Heckman as the member from the Alexandria business community to the Environmental Policy Commission; (h) reappointed Christopher Hartman as the citizen member to the Industrial Development Authority; (i) appointed Jeanann Mayhan as the representative from the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria Steering Committee to the Public Health Advisory Commission; and (j) reappointed Sean Ferguson as the citizen member to the Public Records Advisory Commission.*

9. *City Council received the monthly financial report.*
10. *City Council scheduled the proposed lease agreement for public hearing on October 16, 2021. (separate motion)*
11. *City Council: (1) approved a grant application of \$25,000, to be submitted on October 22, 2021, to the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. The exact amount awarded will be determined by the DCJS; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.*
12. *City Council: (1) approved the grant application of up to \$49,700, to be submitted October 22, 2021, to the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. The exact amount awarded will be determined by the DCJS; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.*
13. *City Council scheduled the proposed amendment to the existing license agreement for public hearing on Saturday, October 16, 2021.*
14. *City Council received the annual reports from Council appointed boards, commissions and committees for July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 and remove the members listed in the staff memorandum for lack of attendance. (separate motion)*
15. *City Council: (1) authorized the Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions to remove the members listed from their respective board or commission; and (2) notify the members of their removal. (separate motion)*
16. *City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, October 16, 2021.*
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## CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

20. [22-0342](#) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee  
4 Citizen Members  
*City Council reappointed Elodie Guillon and appointed Ashlee Harper-Johnson, Stephan Hartka, and Leslie Tourigny as the four citizen members to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee.*
21. [22-0343](#) Alexandria Transportation Commission  
1 Citizen who Resides West of Quaker Lane  
*City Council appointed James Maslanka as the citizen member who resides west of Quaker Lane to the Alexandria Transportation Commission.*
22. [22-0344](#) Archaeological Commission

1 Citizen Member

*City Council appointed Nicholas Dienna as the citizen member to the Archaeological Commission.*

23. [22-0345](#)

Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee

1 Profession Member Skilled in Architecture, Planning, Landscape Architecture, and/or Urban Design

*City Council appointed Abed Benzina as the professional member skilled in architecture, planning, landscape architecture and/or urban design to the Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee.*

24. [22-0346](#)

Commission on Employment

1 Representative from such organizations as educational agencies, organized labor, rehabilitation agencies, community-based organizations, economic development agencies and public employment service

*City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Rand Ghayad as the representative from such organization as educational agencies, organized labor, rehabilitation agencies, community-based organizations, economic development agencies, and public employment service to the Commission on Employment.*

25. [22-0347](#)

Commission for Women

1 Citizen Member

*City Council appointed Emily Eckert as the citizen member to the Commission for Women.*

26. [22-0348](#)

Environmental Policy Commission

1 Citizen Member

*City Council reappointed Edith Cecchini as the citizen member to the Environmental Policy Commission.*

C27. [22-0349](#)

Historic Alexandria Resources Commission

1 Representative of the Alexandria Historical Society

*City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Catherine Weinraub as the representative for the Alexandria Historical Society to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission.*

28. [22-0351](#)

Redevelopment and Housing Authority

2 Citizen Members

*City Council reappointed Christopher Ballard and appointed Tracy Jefferson as the two citizen members to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority.*

29. [22-0352](#)

Sister Cities Committee

2 Citizen Members

*City Council appointed Lauren Bealore and Zachary Calderon as the two citizen members to the Sister Cities Committee.*

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION (60 min.)

30. [22-0335](#) Authorization for Early Acceptance of Robinson Landing Pier.
- City Council: (1) agreed to accept the Robinson Landing Pier consistent with the terms outlined; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.*
31. [22-0329](#) Confirmation of the Appointment by the City Manager of the City's Labor Relations Administrator.
- City Council confirmed the appointment by the City Manager of Sean J. Rogers as the City's Labor Relations Administrator for collective bargaining for a four-year term.*

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

32. [22-0305](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Closure of the 100 Block of King Street to Vehicular Traffic.
- City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, October 16, 2021.*
33. [22-0306](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance amend and reordain Section 3-2-85 (Annual Charge for Commercial Encroachments) of Chapter 2 (Taxation) of Title 3 (Finance, Taxation, and Procurement) and Section 5-2-29 (Street Encroachments) of Chapter 2 (Streets and Sidewalks) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
- City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, October 16, 2021.*

## ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilman Chapman reported that he and Mayor Wilson have been working on possible solutions to help residents with parking and parking capacity. Councilman Chapman requested that staff investigate what a pilot resident only parking program looks like and present Council with the pros and cons of such a program.

2. Councilman Seifeldin requested information from staff on adding an additional ACORP mental health expert to the pilot team for Council consideration at an upcoming meeting.

*City Council continued the discussion on School Resources Officers from earlier in the meeting and the following motion was made:*

1) A transitional detail of SROs to all high school and middle school campuses, which would restore the current SRO program under the revised MOU that is currently in place. The end of the transition would correlate with the hiring and training of school

safety coaches to replace the SROs in the schools. The City would also cover the cost of the off-duty officers employed by ACPS and would add additional funding for ACPS to expedite the hiring of the additional security guards proposed by ACPS. This is the proposed plan through the end of the school year, with a new long-term solution (School Safety Coaches) taking effect at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.

2) Funding and additional resources to support students, including for restorative practices; covering fees for vulnerable students to participate in afterschool activities, and a renewed focus on mentoring.

3) Funding to support teachers, including for optional training in de-escalation

4) An Immediate Review of the over \$1 Million School Security Contract that ACPS uses to hire more than 40 security officers at ACHS.

5) A Transparent Open Data Portal. We ask ACPS to create and maintain publicly accessible data, as allowable by law, on incidents involving violence and involving law enforcement, including previous years.

6) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, School Safety Coaches, following the model established by Charlottesville, Virginia[1] would be inside our secondary schools. The School Safety Coaches would be funded by the City, in addition to the mental health positions and resources previously defined and allocated earlier this year.

The funding source for these requests will come from funding from money leftover from FY2021.

## OTHER

### 34. [22-0303](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

*City Council: (1) received the updated City Council Schedule which includes: a City Council Executive Session with City Staff/Resident Committees for City Manager position, which will be held on November 18 at Charles Houston Recreation Center; and (2) approved the City Council Schedule.*

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*The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 a.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.*