

City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314



Action Docket

Thursday, September 5, 2024

7:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission docket is subject to change. The Planning Commission reserves the right to vary the order of the meeting or reopen the public hearing on specific items, if so announced.

The Planning Commission reserves the right to recess and continue the public hearing to a future date, if so announced.

SIGN UP TO SPEAK - Click the following link to complete a Speaker's Form.

<http://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/Planning-Commission-Speakers-Form>

SEND A MESSAGE - Send a message to the Planning Commission regarding items on this docket to PlanComm@alexandriava.gov.

Call to Order

- 1 A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on Thursday, September 5, beginning at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, on the second floor, Room 2400, 301 King Street. It will be followed by a City Council Public Hearing on Saturday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m. in City Council Chambers, on the second floor, Room 2400, 301 King Street. The hearings can also be viewed by the public through the live broadcast on the government Channel 70 and streaming on the City's website. Remote participation is available via Zoom by registering to attend the hearings via the following registration links:

Planning Commission (Public Hearing Webinar)

The Webinar will open at 6:30 p.m. to allow individuals to join. The Planning Commission Public Hearing will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Registration Link:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_53bgpzWCTk2nv4ejgHDnXw

Zoom Audio Conference:

Dial in: 301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 988 5817 8007

Password: 950974

City Council (Public Hearing Webinar)

Registration Link:

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Webinar Passcode: 992968

If you use the Zoom Webinar application, please be sure you have updated the application to the latest version for the best results. If you are unable to access the Zoom Webinars, please use the Dial-In number to access the hearings. Public comment will be received at the hearings. The public may also submit comments in advance to Planning & Zoning staff at PlanComm@alexandriava.gov or make public comments on the day of the Planning Commission hearing. For the City

- Attachments:** [SUB2024-00007 Staff Report](#)
 [SUB2024-00007 Presentation](#)
 [Staff Memorandum](#)
 [Additional Materials](#)
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On a Motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

On a Motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to approve SUB2024-00007 as amended. The Motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

4 Zoning Ordinance Subdivision cases are heard by the Planning Commission, placed on the City Council docket for information, and heard by City Council only upon appeal.

Subdivision #2024-00008
 26 W Chapman Street
 Public Hearing and consideration of a request for a Subdivision to re-subdivide an existing lot into two lots; zoned RB.
 Applicant: Bluestone Builders, LLC, represented by M.Catharine Puskar, attorney.

- Attachments:** [SUB2024-00008 Staff Report](#)
 [SUB2024-00008 Presentation](#)

On a Motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

On a Motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to approve SUB2024-00008. The Motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

5 Encroachment #2024-00002
 461 Swann Avenue - Founding Farmers Outdoor Dining
 Public Hearing and consideration of a request for an Encroachment for outdoor dining with an all-seasons pergola structure, revolving door, and other related structures into the public right-of-way at 461 Swann Avenue.
 Applicant: OT Block A1 Sub, LLC, represented by Duncan Blair, attorney

- Attachments:** [ENC2024-00002 Staff Report](#)
 [ENC2024-00002 Presentation](#)

On a motion by Vice Chair McMahon, seconded by Commissioner Lyle, the

Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of ENC2024-00002. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0 on the Consent Calendar.

New Business

6 TRANSLATION SERVICES IN AMHARIC, ARABIC AND SPANISH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THIS ITEM.

Master Plan Amendment #2024-00003

AlexWest Small Area Plan

(A) Initiation of a Master Plan Amendment; and (B) Public Hearing and consideration of an amendment to the Master Plan to create the AlexWest Small Area Plan replacing the Alexandria West Small Area Plan and the Beaugard Small Area Plan.

Applicant: City of Alexandria Department of Planning & Zoning

- Attachments:** [MPA2024-00003 Staff Report](#)
 [MPA2024-00003 AlexWest Small Area Plan](#)
 [MPA2024-00003 Presentation](#)
 [Staff Memorandum](#)
 [Additional Materials](#)

On a motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

On a motion by Commissioner Lyle, seconded by Vice Chair McMahon, the Planning Commission voted to defer MPA2024-00003. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

7 Vacation #2024-00001
 Vacation #2024-00002
 Vacation #2024-00003

Public Hearing and consideration of three requests to vacate various areas of unimproved right-of-way located between 404A, 406, and 408 East Alexandria Avenue to add area to residential yards.

Applicants: Brett Rice (VAC2024-00001), Alicia Montgomery (VAC2024-00002), Eric Teran (VAC2024-00003)

- Attachments:** [VAC2024-00001.00002.00003 Staff Report](#)
 [VAC2024-00001.00002.00003 Presentation](#)
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On a motion by Vice Chair McMahon, seconded by Commissioner Lyle, the Planning Commission voted to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Lyle, the Planning Commission voted to deny VAC2024-00001, VAC2024-00002, and VAC2024-00003. The motion carried on a vote of 6-1.

Other Business

8 Commissioners' Reports, Comments & Questions

Minutes

9 Consideration of the minutes from the June 4 and June 24, 2024 Planning Commission Meetings

Attachments: [June 4 Meeting Minutes](#)
 [June 24 Meeting Minutes](#)

On a motion by Vice Chair McMahon, seconded by Commissioner Lyle, the Planning Commission voted to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024 Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0, Chair Macek abstained.

On a motion by Vice Chair McMahon, seconded by Commissioner Lyle, the Planning Commission voted to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024 Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.

10 Adjournment

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

11 Administrative Approvals

12 SUP#2024-00043
115 South Union Street Suite A
Administrative Special Use Permit request for a New Use for a Restaurant; zoned: CD/Commercial Downtown
Applicant: Samuel Lee
Proposed Business Name: Pitango Gelato
Planner: Mavis Stanfield
Status: Approved July 22, 2024

SUP#2024-00028
1024 & 1026 King Street
Administrative Special Use Permit request for a Minor Amendment for a restaurant to increase floor area; zoned: KR/King Street Retail
Applicant: King Street Italian, LLC
Business Name: Thompson Italian
Planner: Patrick Silva

Status: Approved July 18, 2024 V

SUP#2024-00038

500 John Carlyle Street

Administrative Special Use Permit request for a Change of Ownership for a Restaurant; zoned: CDD#1/Coordinated Development District #1

Applicant: Gin Ramen & Asian Tapas

Business Name: Gin Ramen & Asian Tapas

Planner: Ann Horowitz

Status: Approved July 5, 2024

SUP#2024-00003

727 North Henry Street

Administrative Special Use Permit request for a Change of Ownership and Minor Amendment for a Restaurant to provide outdoor dining; zoned: CSL/Commercial Service Low

Applicant: Mohammad Nadeem

Business Name: Lil' Creamery

Planner: Mavis Stanfield

Status: Approved July 2, 2024 V

SUP#2024-00039

704 Four Mile Road

Administrative Special Use Permit request for a Change of Ownership for a Child Care Home; zoned: RA/Multi-unit

Applicant: Ruth Sarai Merino

Business Name: Esau's Family Home Daycare

Planner: Mavis Stanfield

Status: Approved June 20, 2024

SUP#2024-00036

30 South French Street

Administrative Special Use Permit request for a New Use for a Child Care Home; zoned: R-2-5/Residential

Applicant: Kokab Anwar Deen

Proposed Business Name: KOKABDEEN LLC

Planner: Mavis Stanfield

Status: Approved June 19, 2024

SUP#2023-00102

5418 Duke Street

Administrative Special Use Permit request for a Change of Ownership for a restaurant; zoned: CG/Commercial General

Current Business Name: AJ's Pizza & Cheesesteak

Proposed Business Name: AZ Pizza & Cheesesteak

Applicant: Azeb Kassa

Planner: Patrick Silva

Status: Approved June 13, 2024

SUP#2024-00045

1404 King Street

Administrative Special Use Permit request for a Minor Amendment for a Restaurant for outdoor dining; zoned: KR/King Street Retail

Applicant: Richard Kelly/HTC Property Management LLC

Business Name: Hard Times Cafe

Planner: Mavis Stanfield

Status: Approved August 22, 2024

If it is determined by the Chair that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend the meeting or if the work of the Planning Commission cannot be completed, the meeting will be continued on the first Thursday that is not a legal holiday. If the first Thursday is a legal holiday, then the hearing will be continued to the next Tuesday that is not a legal holiday.