

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 13, 2024, 6:15 PM - City Hall, Council Chamber
City Council Legislative Meeting**

Present: Mayor Alyia Gaskins, Vice Mayor Sarah R. Bagley, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Abdel Elnoubi, and Jacinta E. Greene.

Absent: Councilman R. Kirk McPike.

Also Present: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Mr. McPike, Director, General Services; Mr. Taylor, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Fire Chief Hernandez; Ms. Fleming, Director, Office of Communications and Community Engagement (OCCE); Ms. Brown, Deputy City Attorney; Mr. Browand, Deputy Director, RPCA; Mr. Moon, Acting Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Atwood, T&ES; Mr. Maines, Division Chief, T&ES; Ms. Dubin, Assistant City Attorney; Mr. Freed, Director, Office of Climate Action; Mr. Dineros, OCCE; Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Demeke, ITS; and Police Lt. May.

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

I. OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Gaskins called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of City Council were present , with Councilman McPike absent.

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

Not needed.

3. Closed Meeting

6:15 PM - Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the City would be adversely affected and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the City regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such

counsel.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:19 p.m., pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3711 (A)(6), (A)(7), and (A)(8) for discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interests of the City would be adversely affected; consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation involving an employment matter, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body and consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:17 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council reconvened in closed session at 9:36 p.m., pursuant to the reason previously stated. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Bagley and carried 6-0, City Council reconvened in open session at 10:56 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution previously circulated to City Council regarding closed executive session. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3290

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 13th day of May, 2025 recessed into executive session pursuant to a motion made and adopted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the city council that such executive session was conducted in accordance with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters that were identified in the motion by which the executive session was convened, and that are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act from the Act's open meeting requirements, were heard, discussed or considered by council during the executive session.

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2025 (Budget Work Session #4);
The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2025;
The Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2025 (Budget Work Session #5);
The Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2025 (Town Hall);
The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025;
The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025; and
The Special Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2025 (Budget Adoption).

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried 6-0, City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the meeting minutes of March 17, 2025 (Budget Work Session #4); the regular meeting minutes of March 25, 2025; the meeting minutes of March 26, 2025 (Budget Work Session #5); the meeting minutes of March 29, 2025 (Town Hall); the regular meeting minutes of April 8, 2025; the regular meeting minutes of April 22, 2025; and the special meeting minutes of April 30, 2025 (Budget adoption). The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike.

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Emergency Medical Services Week.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Elnoubi, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried 6-0, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike,

7. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing City Academy Graduates.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried 6-0, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike.

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

***Health and Safety Committee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilwoman Greene)**

Councilwoman Greene reported that the Committee received a presentation on the eviction process in the City and how residents could receive assistance if they are facing evictions. Councilwoman Greene reported that there was an update from the Police Department on crime in the community.

***Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA): Governing Body (Mayor Gaskins)**

There was not an update at this time.

***City Council/Schools Subcommittee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilman Chapman)**

Mayor Gaskins reported that the Subcommittee have been exploring opportunities to expand DASH transportation for high school students in the City and received a presentation from DASH and ACPS, focusing on routes used by students and how they may overlap between the two entities. Mayor Gaskins noted that the next steps are for the Manager to present a series of recommendations to Council for a path forward for the proposal. Mayor Gaskins also reported that the Subcommittee received an update on redistricting, update on the ACPS Foundation, and update on early childhood services.

***Alexandria Work Development Center (Councilman Elnoubi and Councilman McPike)**

Councilman Elnoubi reported that group received a presentation from two older adults who are receiving services from the 55+ work program and how it helps them find jobs and refine their skill sets. Councilman Elnoubi reported that there was a presentation from a member of the Commission on Aging, Jim Lindsay, about entrepreneurship for senior and its partnership with the Center. Councilman Elnoubi reported that there was discussion about the current trends in federal employment and how the City is providing service for individuals impacted by the changes.

***Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) (Vice Mayor Bagley and Councilman Aguirre)**

Vice Mayor Bagley reported that the Commission received an update from WMATA President Randy Clark and Board Chair Valerie Santos on decrease in crime on the system, ridership growth on system, expansion of service hours on the weekends, and the kickoff the Better Bus network. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that state and regional groups studying funding for transportation/transit will soon present their recommendations at the end of the year. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that there was a Commuter Choice update.

***Commission on Aging (Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Commission received an update on the Age

Friendly Plan, update on food security across the City, and election of new officers for the Commission. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was a presentation from ARHA regarding the Ladrey redevelopment.

IV. Oral Report from the City Manager

8. Progress Report on the City Hall Renovation and Market Square Project

City Council received the updates on the City Hall and Market Square renovation project from Director of General Services Jeremy McPike and Council asked questions about the proposed project.

V. ACTION DOCKET

Regular Consent Calendar (9-19)

9. Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- a) Commission for Women
Jennifer Stowe
Cecelia Hunter
- b) Commission on Information Technology
Stephen Morris
- c) Economic Opportunities Commission
Meronne Teklu
- d) Environmental Policy Commission
Kishla Askins
- e) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
Mark Farkas
- f) Historic Restoration & Preservation Commission
Troy Lyons
- g) Public Records Advisory Commission
Carl Rohde

(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-g); 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Uncontested Appointments for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- a) Commission on Persons with Disabilities - 2-year term
1 citizen member

- b) Economic Opportunities Commission - 2-year term
2 Category II - representatives of residents living with low income and/or from historically marginalized communities in the City certified by the Commission

1 Category I - representative of business industry, labor, religious, welfare or other private groups and interests certified by the Commission
- c) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member that is a veteran

1 member nominated by the First Virginia regiment of the Continental line

1 member nominated by the Masonic Fraternity
- d) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - 2-year term
1 representative from the Alexandria Historical Society
- e) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 member representing the business community
- f) Waterfront Commission - 2-year term
1 Chamber of Commerce representative

(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-f); 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 11. Consideration of a Grant Application to Next Generation (NG) 9-1-1 Funding and Virginia Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Education Program Through The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Educational Training.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk's Office, marked Item No. 11; 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 12. Consideration of the Submission of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Litter Prevention and Recycling Program for Funding of the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk's Office, marked Item No. 12; 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 13. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2025.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk's Office, marked Item No. 13; 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 14. Consideration of the Appointment of a Management Representative to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Board and Firefighters and Police Officers

Pension Board.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk's Office, marked Item No. 14; 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Consideration of the Appointment of a Representative to the Other Post-Employment Benefit Trust Board.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk's Office, marked Item No. 15; 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Consideration of a Continued Funding Agreement with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice for the Provision of a Behavioral Health Staff Position.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk's Office, marked Item No. 16; 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Consideration of Authorization for the City Manager to Sign an Amendment to the Net Benefits Agreement Regarding the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station between the National Park Service and the City of Alexandria.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk's Office, marked Item No. 17; 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 054.04 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 802 and 808 North Washington Street from, CD-X/Commercial downtown (Old Town North) to CRMU-X/Commercial residential mixed use (Old Town North) in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2024-00004 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2024-00004 associated with The Whitley Phase 2 approved by City Council on April 26, 2025).

(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; 05/13/25, 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; 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

19. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the owner of the properties located at 802 and 808 North Washington Street to construct and maintain encroachments for a portion of the front façade of the building at 802 North Washington Street and balconies on the building front façade of the building at 808 North Washington Street into the public right of way at those locations (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2024-00008

associated with The Whitley Phase 2 approved by City Council on April 26, 2025).

(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. 19; 05/13/25, 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. 19; 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Greene, seconded by Vice Mayor Bagley and carried 6-0, City Council approved the consent calendar. The approvals were as follows:

9. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Jennifer Stowe, Commission for Women; (b) Cecelia Hunter, Commission for Women; (c) Stephen Morris, Commission on Information Technology; (d) Meronne Teklu, Economic Opportunities Commission; (e) Kishla Askins, Environmental Policy Commission; (f) Mark Farka, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (g) Troy Lyons, Historic Restoration and Preservation; and (h) Carl Rohde, Public Records Advisory Commission.

10. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Donna M. Turnage Spencer as a citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (b) reappointed David Parker and appointed Joseph Stewart as the representatives of residents living with low income and/or from historically marginalized communities in the City certified by the Commission and appointed Conrad Sylvanus as the representative of business industry, labor, religious, welfare or other private groups and interests certified by the Commission to the Economic Opportunities Commission; (c) reappointed Lauren Augustine as the citizen member that is a veteran, reappointed Peter Duggan as the member nominated by the First Virginia regiment of Continental line, and reappointed Tyler Vanice as the member nominated by the Masonic Fraternity to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (d) appointed Michael Pope as the representative from the Alexandria Historical Society to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (e) reappointed Nicholas Gueterman as the member representing the business community to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; and (f) appointed Charlotte A. Hall as the Chamber of Commerce representative to the Waterfront Commission.

11. City Council: (a) retroactively approved the submission of the grant application (applied on March 31, 2025) for up to \$4,000; and (b) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council: (a) approved a non-competitive grant application due June 30, 2025, to Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Litter Prevention and Recycling Program, for funding in the approximate amount of \$30,108, for the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program (the exact amount to be determined by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality by September 30, 2025); and (b) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

13. City Council received Monthly Financial Report.

14. City Council appointed the following individual to the newly vacant Management Representative position on the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board and the Supplement Retirement Board: Laura Gates, Deputy Director of Finance.

15. City Council appointed Kevin Greenleaf to a two-year term to OPEB Trust.

16. City Council: (a) approved the Memorandum for DJJ to reimburse the City of Alexandria up to a maximum \$129,185 in FY 2026, with gradually anticipated increase to cover increase salary and benefit costs, and equipment upgrades and fees; and (b) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

17. City Council authorized the City Manager to sign the proposed Second Amendment to the "Net Benefits Agreement," regarding the Potomac Yard Metro Rail Station between the National Park Service (NPS) and the City of Alexandria.

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

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

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elhoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike.

VI. ACTION MATTERS

Contested Appointments

20. Archaeological Commission - 4-year term
1 At-large member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to above Commission)

NAME:

Raymond S. Eresmn
Laura I. Thevenot

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 05/13/25, 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 Raymond S. Eresmn as the at-large member to the Archaeological Commission. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Eresmn
Bagley	-	Eresmn
Aguirre	-	Eresmn
Chapman	-	Eresmn
Elnoubi	-	Eresmn
Greene	-	Eresmn
McPike	-	absent

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

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

NAME:

Elizabeth Gelfer
Christine A Pryately
Matthew R. Wilcox

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 05/13/25, 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 Elizabeth Gelfer as the citizen member to Beautification Commission. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Gelfer
Bagley	-	Gelfer
Aguirre	-	Gelfer
Chapman	-	Gelfer
Elnoubi	-	Gelfer
Greene	-	Gelfer
McPike	-	absent

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

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

NAME:

Kevin Adeshina Adedokun
John C. Anderson
Winston Furtado
Andrew W. Justus
Jonathan T. Kalnicki
John O'Hara
Eric Teran

Jacob Yoseph

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 05/13/25, 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 Andrew W. Justus as the citizen member to Board Zoning Appeals. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Justus
Bagley	-	Justus
Aguirre	-	Furtado
Chapman	-	Justus
Elnoubi	-	Justus
Greene	-	Justus
McPike	-	absent

23. Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Sean D. De La Bastide
Sam Gunter
Erica Kaster
Charile R. Loelius
Anthony Mazzocchi
Tyler T. Walcavich
Montra Yazdani

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Erica Kaster as the citizen member to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Kaster
Bagley	-	Kaster
Aguirre	-	Kaster
Chapman	-	Gunter
Elnoubi	-	Loelius
Greene	-	Kaster
McPike	-	absent

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

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

NAME:

Tricia Allen
Eva Bastianon
Vanita Datta
Annette Maldonado
Hope Nelson
Denise Tennant

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 05/13/25, 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 Eva Bastianon as the citizen member of the Commission for Women. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Bastianon
Bagley	-	Datta
Aguirre	-	Datta
Chapman	-	Bastianon
Elnoubi	-	Bastianon
Greene	-	Bastianon
McPike	-	absent

25. Commission On Information Technology - 3-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Laurence Altenberg
Don Rubin
Andrew Slade

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 05/13/25, 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 Don Rubin as the citizen member to the Commission on Information Technology. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Rubin
Bagley	-	Rubin
Aguirre	-	Rubin
Chapman	-	Altenberg
Elnoubi	-	Rubin
Greene	-	Altenberg
McPike	-	absent

26. Community Services Board - 3-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Bryant Joyner
Maxwell L. Myers
Joan Porche
Michele Walz

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 26; 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Michele Walz as the citizen member of Community Services Board. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Walz
Bagley	-	Walz
Aguirre	-	Walz
Chapman	-	Walz
Elnoubi	-	Walz
Greene	-	Porche
McPike	-	absent

WHEREUPON, motion by Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council affirmed the majority vote getters as read into the record for appointments to the Archaeological Commission, Beautification Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee, Commission for Women, Commission on Information Technology, and the Community Services Board. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike.

Ordinances and Resolutions

27. Consideration of Changes to the City Council Procedural Resolution.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Attorney's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 27; 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Elnoubi and carried 6-0, City council adopted the City Council Procedural Resolution with an amendment to Section 2 (1) (a), to read as follows: Should a councilmember wish to remove an item from the Roll-Call Consent Items, they are highly encouraged to notify the City Clerk by phone or email no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the applicable meeting. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike,

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3289

WHEREAS, Section 3.08 of the City Charter provides the City Council with the authority to adopt rules of procedure governing its meetings;

WHEREAS, over the years, the City Council has made various updates to its rules of procedure, with the most recent resolution being adopted in June of 2023 (Resolution No. 3165);

WHEREAS, the newly-elected City Council desires to amend the rules of procedure governing their tenure on the City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary and desirable to repeal Resolution No. 3165 to conform to the present practices of City Council and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria: **Section 1. Schedule for Meetings and Official Events.** That the following schedule for City Council meetings and other official events be, and the same hereby is, adopted and shall be supplemental and in addition to the provisions contained in The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended:

1. The City Council shall, except during the months of July and August, hold two Legislative Meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month at 7:00 p.m.; provided, however, that when any such day shall fall on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next succeeding day; and, provided further, that there shall be no Legislative Meeting on the fourth Tuesday in December.
2. The City Council shall, except during the months of July and August, hold a Public Hearing Meeting on the Saturday following the second Tuesday in each month at 9:30 a.m., provided, however, that when such day shall fall on or within three days of a legal holiday, the meeting may be held on the next Saturday that is not a legal holiday. If the weather or other conditions are determined by the Mayor to be too severe or hazardous to hold a Saturday Public Hearing Meeting, the hearing will be continued to the next Saturday that is not a legal holiday.

3. The City Council shall in the month of July hold a Public Hearing Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m, provided, however, that when the Fourth of July falls on Monday, the meeting shall be held on Wednesday, July 6, or when the Fourth of July falls on Tuesday, the meeting shall be held on Thursday, July 6, or when the Fourth of July falls on Wednesday, the meeting shall be held on Monday, July 2.
4. Special meetings of the City Council, held in lieu of or in addition to Legislative Meetings and Public Hearing meetings, may be held at any time as provided for in Sec. 2-1-43 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
5. At the first Legislative Meeting in June of each year, City Council shall approve a calendar of City Council Meetings and other official events, including any neighborhood meetings that are planned, for the entire year from September through June, and may amend the calendar as deemed desirable.

Section 2. Order of Business for Legislative, Public Hearing and Special Meetings. That the following Order of Business for City Council Meetings be, and the same hereby is, adopted pursuant to Section 2-1-47 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia 1981, as amended.

1. Roll-Call Consent Items at Legislative Meetings shall include consideration of the minutes of previous meetings, ordinances and resolutions believed to be routine and noncontroversial, and any other items believed by the City Manager, City Clerk, or City Attorney to be routine and not controversial in nature; provided that, a member of the council may, by request, have any item moved from the Roll-Call Consent Items to the Individual Action Items, as follows:
 - a. Should a councilmember wish to remove an item from the Roll-Call Consent Items, they are highly encouraged to notify the City Clerk by phone or email no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the applicable meeting.
 - b. Roll-Call Consent Items shall be acted upon with a single roll-call vote and without individual discussion.

Legislative Meetings

1. Calling of the Roll
2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolutions (If Needed)
3. Closed Session (If Needed)
4. Opening Matters
 - a. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Proclamations & Recognitions (Maximum of Two)
5. Oral Reports
 - a. City Council on Boards, Commissions, and Committees
 - b. City Council Member General Updates

c. City Manager

6. Action Docket

a. Roll-Call Consent Items

- i. Minutes
- ii. Resignations and Uncontested Appointments
- iii. Ordinances
- iv. Resolutions
- v. Other Items Meeting Roll-Call Consent Criteria

b. Individual Action Items

- i. Resolutions (Not on Roll-Call Consent)
- ii. Ordinances (Not on Roll-Call Consent)
- iii. Action Recommendations from the City Manager (If Needed)
- iv. Contested Board Appointments (First Legislative Meeting Only)

7. Other Business

8. Closed Session (If Needed)

9. Adjournment

Public Hearing Meetings

1. Calling of the Roll

2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolutions (If Needed)

3. Proclamations and Recognitions (If Needed)

4. Public Discussion Period (First 15 Speakers)

5. Action Docket

a. Roll-Call Consent Items (Items for Which No Speakers Have Signed Up)

b. Individual Public Hearing Items

6. Other Business

7. Public Discussion Period (Remaining Speakers, if Any)

8. Closed Session (If Needed)

Special Meetings

At special meetings, the order of business shall conform to the order established for Legislative Meetings or Public Hearing Meetings, as appropriate, or shall be established in the notice of

the meeting as provided by Sec. 2-1-43 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Section 3. Rules of Procedure for Regular, Public Hearing and Special Meetings. That the following rules of procedure for Legislative Meeting and Public Hearing, and special meetings of City Council be, and the same hereby are, adopted and shall be supplemental and in addition to the provisions contained in the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended:

1. All supporting reports, documents or material shall be delivered to each member of Council at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Supporting reports, documents or material may be delivered subsequently when exceptional circumstances so require.
2. All supporting reports, documents or material, other than material exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, shall be made available to the public at the time such material is delivered to the members of council.
3. The public will normally not be recognized to speak on docket items at Legislative Meetings. The rule with respect to when a person may speak to a docket item at a Legislative Meeting can be waived by a majority vote of council members present but such a waiver is not normal practice. When a speaker is recognized, the rules of procedures for speakers at Public Hearing Meetings shall apply. (See also paragraph 7, below.) If an item is docketed **for public hearing** at a Legislative Meeting or Public Hearing Meeting, the public may speak to that item, and the rules of procedures for speakers at Public Hearing Meetings shall apply.
4. If the City Clerk, at least two days before the meeting, shall transmit to each member of the City Council, at the member's residence address or by electronic communication, a copy of the minutes of such previous meeting for inspection, reading thereof before the City Council assembled may, unless a member otherwise requests, be dispensed with and such minutes so inspected may be acted upon without being read.
5. At all meetings the City Manager shall where reasonably possible arrange the docket so that items covering similar subject matter are grouped together.
6. The first 45 minutes, or first 15 speakers, whichever comes first, of Public Hearing Meetings will be open for public discussion on any subject not on the public hearing docket. The mayor may grant permission to a person who is unable to participate in public discussion at a Public Hearing Meeting for medical, religious, family emergency or other similarly significant reasons, to speak at a Legislative Meeting. When such permission is granted, the rules of procedures for public discussion at Public Hearing Meetings shall apply. Guidelines for the public discussion period shall be as follows:
 - a. All speakers must complete a speaker request form and submit the completed form to the City Clerk by the time the item is called by the City Clerk.
 - b. No speaker will be allowed more than three minutes, but that time may be extended by the Mayor or presiding member.

- c. If more speakers are signed up than would be allotted for in 45 minutes, the Mayor may organize speaker requests by subject or position, and allocate appropriate times, trying to ensure that speakers on unrelated subjects will be allowed to speak during the 45-minute public discussion period.
 - d. If speakers seeking to address council on the same subject cannot agree on a particular order or method that they would like the speakers to be called on, the speakers shall be called in the chronological order in which their request forms were received.
 - e. Any speakers not called during the public discussion period will have the option to speak at the conclusion of the meeting, after all docketed items have been heard.
- 7. Any speaker wishing to address the Council shall register his or her intent to do so on a speaker request form filed with the City Clerk in advance of the time that the item about which the speaker wishes to speak is called on the docket, or in advance of the public discussion period. The speaker request form shall be substantially in the form attached hereto.
 - 8. The order of speakers shall be determined by the Mayor or other presiding member of council.
 - 9. A speaker shall limit his or her remarks to three minutes and shall speak only once on any docket item. The Mayor or presiding member may allow rebuttal for a total of no more than three minutes, and a proponent may also speak during the time allowed for rebuttal. The Mayor or presiding member may allow a speaker a brief extension of time to conclude the speaker's remarks. A speaker requiring more than three minutes for his or her presentation shall notify the City Clerk in writing before 5:00 p.m. of the day preceding the date of the meeting of the additional time required, together with the reasons. The Council may, by consent of a majority of those present, grant additional time not to exceed fifteen minutes. A speaker shall be stopped if his or her comments become irrelevant or unnecessarily repetitious.
 - 10. Speakers are encouraged to prepare and deliver to the City Clerk for distribution to the Council written statements of their positions.
 - 11. The City Clerk shall arrange for a timekeeper to assure that each speaker stays within the allotted speaking time.
 - 12. When voting on final passage of any ordinance, or on any resolution, the name of each member voting and how the member voted shall be recorded by the City Clerk.

Section 4. Miscellaneous provisions.

- 1. That the Schedule of Meetings, Order of Business and Rules of Procedures adopted by this resolution shall not be departed from, except upon the consent of the majority of the Council members present.

2. That the Schedule of Meetings, Order of Business and Rules of Procedure adopted by this resolution, unless otherwise required by law, shall be directory only, shall not have the force or effect of law, and a departure therefrom shall not be construed to invalidate any Council proceeding or decision.

3. That this resolution shall become effective on the day of its adoption.

Section 5. Repeal. That Resolution No. 3165, adopted June 13, 2023, relating to rules of procedure, orders of business and schedules for meetings of the City Council be, and the same hereby is, repealed effective on the day of adoption of this resolution.

28. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration of the First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Title 11 Chapter 5: Noise Ordinance, to ban the use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers.

(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; 05/13/25, 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; 05/13/25, 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; 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried 5-1, City Council approved the ordinance on the first reading with an 18 month phase out period for the community and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and the final passage on Saturday, May 17, 2025. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, Councilman Aguirre; Absent, Councilman McPike.

VII. OTHER

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

1. Councilman Aguirre attended the remembrance ceremony held on April 23 honoring Joseph McCoy.

2. Councilman Aguirre attended the Poem in Your Pocket event at the Athenaeum.

3. Councilman Aguirre attended the Ewald Park open house event at the Patrick Henry Recreation Center.

4. Councilman Aguirre attended an event hosted by the Teen Science Café discussion quantum computing.

5. Councilman Aguirre congratulated Kendel Taylor, Director of Finance, and Bill Skrabak, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services on their retirement from the City.

6. Councilman Aguirre attended the Historic Alexandria volunteer celebration with Councilwoman Greene and Councilman Elnoubi.

7. Councilman Aguirre thanked the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., for hosting their Annual Read Across America event at Burke Library.

8. Councilman Aguirre attended the whiskey tasting hosted by Office of Historic Alexandria.

9. Councilman Aguirre and others attended the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria Annual Gala.

10. Councilman Aguirre attended the kickoff of the Community Cookouts at Mount Vernon Community school with APD.

11. Councilman Aguirre hosted members from the Sacramento Council of Governments touring Northern Virginia localities focusing on transit initiatives in the area.

12. Councilman Aguirre also welcomed the 20th Anniversary of the Young Elected Officials Network.

13. Councilman Aguirre recognized Code Administration for hosting their 13th Annual Building Safety Month event on Market Square.

14. Councilman Aguirre attended Rec Fest here in the City.

15. Councilman Aguirre attended the health fair at Oakland Baptist Church.

16. Councilman Aguirre attended the job fair hosted by Congressman Beyer and included other jurisdictions in Northern Virginia at George Washington Middle School.

17. Councilman Aguirre attended a carwash fundraiser hosted by Tenants and Workers youth in Chirilagua.

18. Councilman Aguirre attended a community walk hosted by the Health Department at Van Dorn Station.

19. Councilman Aguirre reported that ACT for Alexandria Youth Council for hosting their Activating Youth Lead Change recently.

20. Councilman Aguirre attended a conference in Los Angeles National Institute of Elected Latino Officials.

21. Councilman Aguirre attended an event at the Minnie Howard Campus focused on student research surveys highlighting issues within the school system.

22. Councilman Aguirre attended the Economic Summit hosted by AEDP.
23. Councilman Aguirre attended a play at Lee Center hosted by Monumental Inc.
24. Councilman Aguirre attended NVFS Celebration of Service held at Wolf Trap.
25. Councilman Aguirre attended an event hosted by AEDP in Chirilagua to focus on community businesses.
26. Councilman Aguirre attended the Eco-City Festival.
27. Councilman Aguirre attended a new dentist office opening on Route 1.
28. Councilman Chapman thanked all who attended the Economic Summit and he is looking forward to the next steps from this event and begin working on strategies for economic development in the City.
29. Councilman Chapman reported that the Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions have been meeting and there will be some recommendations coming forth for Council consideration soon.
30. Councilman Chapman reported that there will be Skate Park Pop Up event at Schuyler Hamilton Jones on Duke Street to discuss the future of the skate park.
31. Councilwoman Greene thanked the Northern Virginia Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta for meeting with members for Council for the Annual Advocacy Day.
32. Mayor Gaskins reported that he attended the Miracle League of Alexandria Games recently and thanked the volunteers who made the games possible.
34. Mayor Gaskins reported that there was an update from staff on beekeeping in the City and noted that most of the regulations are at the state level. Mayor Gaskins stated that most of Council is interested in exploring possible text amendments as it relates to beekeeping in the City.

30. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Clerk's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 30; 05/13/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council: (1) approved the City Council Look Ahead Calendar to include:


- * Community Cookouts at various sites throughout the City;
- * Alexandria City High School Graduation ceremony, May 28, 2025, 8:45 a.m., George Mason University/EagleBank Arena; and (2) received the City Council Calendar from May 2025 through December 2025. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor

Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike.

VIII. ADJOURN.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of May 13, 2025 at 10:58 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike.

APPROVED BY:



ALYIA GASKINS MAYOR

ATTEST:



Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: June 10, 2025