

**City of Alexandria  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:00 PM  
City Council Legislative Meeting**

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Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Amy B. Jackson, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, Sarah R. Bagley, John Taylor Chapman, Alyia Gaskins, and R. Kirk McPike.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Predeoux, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Colton, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Ms. Dawson, Director, Libraries; Mr. Spengler, Director, RPCA; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Keeler, Deputy Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Browand, Deputy Director, RPCA; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance; Mr. Greenlief, Assistant Director, Finance; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Castaneda, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Mr. LaColla, Division Chief, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Interim Fire Chief Schwartz; Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Demeke, ITS; Mr. Adelshin, ITS; and Police Lt. Lion.

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

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**I. OPENING MATTERS**

**1. Calling the Roll**

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

**2. Electronic Participation Resolution (if needed)**

Not needed.

**3. Closed Session (if needed)**

Not needed.

**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 Special Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2024;  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024;  
The Summary Meeting Minutes of Budget Worksession #3 (March 13, 2024);  
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2024; and  
The Summary Meeting Minutes of Budget Worksession # 4 (March 20, 2024).

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the special public hearing meeting minutes of March 11, 2024 the regular meeting minutes of March 12, 2024, the summary meeting minutes budget worksession #3 (March 13, 2024), the public hearing meeting minutes of March 16, 2024; and the summary meeting minutes of budget worksession #4 (March 20, 2024). The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

## **II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing April as Autism Acceptance Month.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

7. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing National Community Development Week.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

8. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing National Library Week.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

9. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing April 13, 2024 as Hazel the Tunnel Boring Machine Day.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

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

**\*Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors (Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson reported that the Board adopted new regional principles for equitable development, noting that many of the topics recommended are things that have been included in Alexandria's small area plans for some time.

**\*Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) (Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson reported that Board approved the public hearing date for the Six-Year plan, which includes some Alexandria projects seeking funding. Mayor Wilson also reported that the Board received recommendations on CMAQ-RSTP, including the recommendation that the City received full funding for the Mount Vernon Avenue North project, DASH charging equipment and for the Safe Routes to School multimodal project.

**\*ARHA Redevelopment Committee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

Mayor Wilson reported that the Committee received an update on the CEO search being conducted by ARHA and introduction of new senior ARHA staff. Mayor Wilson reported that Code Administration provided an update on some Code issues that were presented during the approval of the Ladrey ARHA project, particularly regarding rodent abatement and inspection of multifamily properties. Mayor Wilson reported that the Committee received an update on the tax credit application and next steps on Ladrey.

**\*Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP) (Councilmember Bagley and Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that there have been 36,000 condoms distributed at Del Pepper Community Center through the Wrap Up Alexandria program. Councilmember Bagley reported that there was discussion about the new youth facilitator hired CYEP and she noted that there would be a new youth engagement specialist. Councilmember Bagley reported that Schools gave an update about the curriculum and some changes with language regarding menstrual education. Councilmember Bagley mentioned that there was planning for Sex Ed for All Month in May included a youth led panel being held on May 16.

**\*Waterfront Commission (Councilmember Bagley)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that the Commission received an update on the Waterfront flood mitigation plan, including the location of the pump station and funding.

**\*Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Councilmember Bagley)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that the Board discussed the proposal and presentation of the 2050 plan and what service might look like during 2050 and changes in services. Councilmember Bagley noted that the Board has been considering changes in service to include weekend service and free rides for children.

**\*COG - Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC)(Councilmember Bagley)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that the Committee that Senate Bill creating a clean energy innovation bank is waiting for the governor's signature. Councilmember Bagley reported that there was discussion about a regional tree canopy resolution and study for the region to maintain a 50% tree canopy by 2050. Councilmember Bagley noted that Alexandria was one of the jurisdictions with positive tree canopy increase.

10. Oral Report from the City Manager

City Manager Parajon reported that the Alexandria Police Department and the Commonwealth's Attorney received grants to address gun violence prevention and prosecution and investigation.

City Manager Parajon introduced the new Deputy City Manager Alethea Predeoux.

**IV. ACTION DOCKET**  
**Regular Consent Calendar (11-24)**

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

- (a) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee  
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- (b) Beautification Commission  
Kelly Yates

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

- (a) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force - 3-year term  
1 ARHA representative or resident of ARHA properties
- (b) Beautification Commission - 2-year term  
1 citizen member
- (c) Building Code Board of Appeals - 5-year term  
1 alternate citizen member
- (d) Citizen Corps Council - 3-year term  
1 citizen member
- (e) Commission on Employment - 2 -year term  
1 representative from a recognized area business including minority-owned and small business

- (f) Commission on Information Technology - 3-year term  
1 representative for Mayor Wilson
- (g) Economic Opportunities Commission - 2-year term  
1 Category II - low income representative
- (h) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - 2-year term  
1 Public Records Advisory Commission representative
- (i) Human Rights Commission - 3-year term  
1 citizen term
- (j) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term  
1 Potomac Yard East representative
- (k) Public Health Advisory Commission - 2-year term  
1 health professional citizen member
- (l) Public Records Advisory Commission  
1 citizen member
- (m) Redevelopment and Housing Authority - 4-year term  
1 citizen member
- (n) Social Services Advisory Board - 3 -year term  
1 citizen member  
1 parent member

(A copy of the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending February 29, 2024..

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Education for the United States Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program for Children.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 14; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Consideration of a Grant Application to Race Forward and Americans for the Arts for the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities' Office of the Arts.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and

Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Consideration of the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Award to the Alexandria Community Services Board in the Department of Community and Human Services from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the Implementation and ongoing Operation of the Marcus Alert Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Consideration of a Lease Agreement Between the City of Alexandria and Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of General Services (for the Virginia Employment Commission), for Office Space in the City-owned Del Pepper Community Resource Center located at 4850 Mark Center Drive.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

18. Introduction and Consideration of a Second Amendment to a Five-Year License Agreement dated November 1, 2022, between the City of Alexandria, Virginia and Crown Castle Fiber, LLC. to permit Crown Castle to construct and install an additional enterprise fiber route of approximately 600 feet in the City of Alexandria, Virginia's Public Rights-of-Ways.

A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 18; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 18; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 18; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

19. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Increase the Late Payment Penalty on Personal Property Taxes from 10% if Paid No More Than 30 Days Late, up to 25% if Paid More than 30 days Past the Due Date.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)



A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

20. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 5-6-233 (STORMWATER UTILITY FEE) of Chapter 6 (WATER AND SEWER) of Article C (STORMWATER UTILITY) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

21. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 5-4-1 (DEFINITIONS) and Section 5-4-7 (MINIMUM CRITERIA; CITY HANDBOOK) Chapter 4 (EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

22. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain ARTICLES II (DEFINITIONS), III (RESIDENTIAL

ZONE REGULATIONS), IV (COMMERCIAL, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES), V (MIXED USE ZONES), VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES), VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS), Section 8-200 of ARTICLE VIII (OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING), and 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. 2024-00002 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2024-00002 related to minor updates to various provisions of the zoning ordinance approved by City Council on March 16, 2024).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

23. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Article XIII (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2024-00003 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2024-00003 related to stormwater and erosion and sediment control approved by City Council on March 16, 2024).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

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24. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to increase the Ambulance Service Charges by amending Article J (SERVICE CHARGES FOR CITY AMBULANCE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT RESPONSE SERVICES) to Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT).



(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. 24; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with exception on items 14 and 24, which were considered under separate motions. The recommendations were as follows:

11. City Council received the following resignations with regret from boards, commissions, and committees: (a) Yeshewase Ayele, Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; and Kelly Yates, Beautification Commission.

12. City Council appointed the following persons to boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Cassandra Lewis as the ARHA representative or resident of ARHA properties to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force; (b) reappointed Laura Norfolk as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (c) appointed Kelli Kordich as the alternate citizen member to the Building Code Board of Appeals; (d) reappointed Donne Ruess as the citizen to the Citizen Corps Council; (e) reappointed Lee Burbage as the representative from a recognized area business including minority-owned and small business to the Commission on Employment; (f) appointed Catherine Page the representative to the Commission on Technology; (g) reappointed Jennifer Ayers as the Category II -low income representative to the Economic Opportunities Commission; (h) appointed David Kolvalik as Public Records Advisory Commission representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (i) appointed Manish Maniyar as the citizen member to the Human Rights Commission; (j) appointed Peter Bahm as the Potomac Yard East representative to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; (k) reappointed Sylvia Jones as the health professional citizen member to the Public Health Advisory Commission; (l) appointed Carl Rohde as the citizen member to the Public Records Advisory Commission; (m) reappointed Willie Bailey as the citizen member to the Redevelopment and Housing Advisory; and (n) appointed Jordan Nally as the citizen member and appointed Michael de la Guardia to the Social Services Advisory Board.

13. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

15. City Council: (1) retroactively approved the submission of an application in the amount of \$40,000 to the Race Forward and Americans for the Arts grant, which was due on March 29, 2024; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

16. City Council: (1) authorized the acceptance of the grant award for funding the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) in the amount of \$478,285 for the duration of this fiscal year (FY2024) with no match required, to provide crisis programming in the community in partnership with the Alexandria Police Department (APD) and the Department of Emergency and Customer Communications (DECC); (2) approved the addition of two full-time Human Service Specialist II positions (2 FTE) that will be fully supported by the award from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS); and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

17. City Council: (1) approved the five year agreement between City of Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of General Services (for the Virginia Employment Commission) to lease space at 4850 Mark Center Drive; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of General Services (for the Virginia Employment Commission).

18. City Council set the public hearing for the license agreement for Saturday, April 13, 2024.

19. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it second reading and public hearing on Saturday, April 13, 2024, and final passage on May 1, 2024, with budget adoption.

20. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for second reading and public hearing on Saturday, April 13, 2024, and final passage on May 1, 2024, with budget adoption.

21. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for second reading, public hearing and final passage on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

22. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for second reading, public hearing and final passage on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

23. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for second reading, public hearing, and final passage on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

14. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Education for the United States Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program for Children.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 14; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) authorized the submission of the grant application due on or about May 15, 2024, to the Virginia Department of Education for United

States Department of Agriculture for continued funding and an estimated reimbursement amount of \$150,000 for program expenses; (2) affirmed that there are no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

24. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to increase the Ambulance Service Charges by amending Article J (SERVICE CHARGES FOR CITY AMBULANCE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT RESPONSE SERVICES) to Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT).

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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. 24; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for second reading and public hearing on Saturday, April 13, 2024, and final passage on May 1, 2024, with budget adoption. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

### **Roll-Call Consent Calendar (25)**

25. Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Donation of a Scoreboard and Installation at the Lee Center Miracle Field. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution to authorize the City Manager to accept a donation of a scoreboard and installation at the Lee Center Miracle Field. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 3216**

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Scoreboard from them The Miracle League of Alexandria to the DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.02 (e) of the Charter of the City of Alexandria (1950), as amended, City Council has the authority to accept gifts and donations; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities is a beneficiary of a scoreboard valued at \$53,000;

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

1. Accepts the bequest of a scoreboard from The Miracle League of Alexandria; and
2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute, if necessary, other documents to finalize the donation from The Miracle League of Alexandria.

**V. ACTION MATTERS**

**Contested Appointments of Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

26. Alexandria-Gang Prevention Community Task Force - 3-year term  
1 African American Community Representative

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

NAME:

Lorrussia Brockett  
Steven Nelson

(The material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 26; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Steven Nelson as the African American community representative to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Nelson
Jackson	-	Nelson

Aguirre - Nelson  
Bagley - Nelson  
Chapman - Nelson  
Gaskins - Nelson  
McPike - Nelson

27. Commission on Information Technology - 3-year term  
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME:

Ricardo Alfaro  
Matthew Dantin  
Daniel Green  
Aiden Livingston

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 27; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record as reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Ricardo Alfaro as the citizen member to the Commission on Information Technology. The vote was as follows:

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

28. Economic Opportunities Commission -2-year term  
1 Category III - Private Sector Representative

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

NAME:

Reynard Anderson  
Daniel Thomas Oliver  
Meronne Teklu

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 28; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record as reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Meronne Teklu as the Category III- private sector representative to the Economic Opportunities Commission. The vote was as follows:

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

29. Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - 2-year term  
1 Planning District II Representative

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

NAME:

Carol Black  
John Patrick

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 29; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed John Patrick as the Planning District II representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission. The vote was as follows:

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

30. Social Services Advisory Board - 3-year term  
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME:

Ashley Caison

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 30; 04/02/24, 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 waived the residency requirement and appointed Ashley Caison as the citizen member to the Social Services Advisory Board. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	readvertise
Jackson	-	Caison
Aguirre	-	readvertise
Bagley	-	Caison
Chapman	-	Caison
Gaskins	-	Caison
McPike	-	Caison

### **Recommendations from the City Manager**

None.

### **Resolutions**

None.

### **Ordinances**

None.

## **VI. Other Business**

### **31. Oral Reports and Oral Presentations from Members of City Council**

1. Councilman Chapman requested that staff review the initial guidelines for a Business Improvement District (BID) in Old Town and engage individuals who were not part of the initial process and include those who would be impacted by BID. Council requested that the City Manager work with staff to analysis the current policy and return to Council with some options for moving forward.

2. Councilman Aguirre reported the free tax preparation services are available through the Department of Community and Human Services.

3. Councilman Aguirre reported that the libraries are distributed free glasses for viewing the Solar Eclipse next Monday.

4. Councilman Aguirre reported that he visited the new WMATA bus garage in Bladensburg last month and noted the building would be LEED Platinum.

5. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended an event hosted by WEBA in the West End of Alexandria at Taqueria Picoso.

6. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the National Drone Competition in

Arlington, where middle school students from Alexandria were competing. Councilman Aguirre noted that the students from Francis Hammond Middle School placed second in the competition and will be participating in the national competition.

7. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Senior Services Gala.

8. Councilman Aguirre reported that he and his colleagues helped deliver Meals on Wheels to members of the community.

9. Councilman Aguirre congratulated AEDP for hosting An Entrepreneurs Fireside Chat.

10. Councilman Aguirre reported that he visited the new 8000 series metrorail cars for WMATA held on the National Mall. He also attended the groundbreaking for the facility that will build the railcars.

11. Councilman Aguirre reported that he hosted a delegation from Mexico who recently visited Congress and the City of Alexandria. Councilman Aguirre gave the delegation a tour of City Hall.

12. Councilwoman Gaskins recognized Dick Black, longtime resident of the Rosemont neighborhood and founding member of the PELT committee. Councilwoman Gaskins noted that Mr. Black and his wife are moving out of the City and she wanted to thank them for all of their civic work in the community through the years.

13. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that she attended the inaugural Special Olympics event at the Basilica School of St. Mary's.

14. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that she gave welcoming remarks to the Council of Social Workers Education of Spring Governance during their event.

15. Councilman Chapman reported the NVRC has began its Solarize NOVA campaign, which runs from April 1 - June 30. Councilman Chapman noted that the goal was to make solar energy more accessible and affordable.

16. Councilmember Bagley reported that she participated in the Take Down Tobacco event sponsored by ACHS students to discourage the sale of tobacco products to minors. Councilmember Bagley noted that the students were escorted by members of Alexandria Police Department and Sheriff deputies.

17. Mayor Wilson requested that staff review the food truck ordinance and bring back an amendment for Council to consider regarding the times of operations for the trucks.

18. Mayor Wilson spoke about the conclusion of the North Potomac Yard Entertainment District proposal and recognized City Manager Parajon and Stephanie Landrum, CEO of Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, for their tireless and extensive work on this proposal. Mayor Wilson also thanked staff and City departments for all the work during this process. Mayor Wilson thanked the community for all of its engagement in the process.

32. Consideration of City Council Calendar.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 32; 04/02/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received and approved the FY 2024 City Council Calendar; (2) received the proposed FY 2025 City Council Calendar, which included, proposed dates for legislative meetings, city holidays, and the VML Conference, October 13 to October 15, 2024, and the City Council Installation on Thursday, January 2, 2025; and (3) scheduled the proposed FY 2025 City Council Calendar for approval on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

**Closed Session (if needed)**

Not needed.

**VII. ADJOURN**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of April 2, 2024, at 8:55 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

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**APPROVED BY:**



**JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: May 14, 2024