

City of Alexandria

*City Council Chambers at Del Pepper Community Resource Center
4850 Mark Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22311*



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

6:30 PM

**There will be a closed Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.
Council Chambers**

City Council Legislative Meeting

The March 10, 2026 Legislative Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held in the City Council Chamber at Del Pepper Community Resource Center (4850 Mark Center Drive, Room 1305, Alexandria, Virginia 22311) and electronically. Members of the City Council and staff are participating either in-person or from a remote location through a video conference call on Zoom webinar. The meeting can be accessed by government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and can be accessed via Zoom by the following link:

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I. OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Gaskins called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members were present, with Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Greene arriving during executive session.

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

Not needed.

Executive Session (if needed)

3. [26-0740](#)

Closed Session - 2.2-3711(A)(3) and (A)(6) To discuss or consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City and the 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. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:30 p.m., pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3711(A)(3) and (A)(6) to discuss or consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City and the 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.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:05 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session that was previously circulated to the Council. (RES. NO. 3367)

II. Opening Matters

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

City Council observed a moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Girl Scouts present at the evening.

III. Proclamations and Recognitions

5. [26-0733](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing March as Women's History Month.
City Council endorsed the proclamation.
6. [26-0734](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing National Girl Scout Day.
City Council endorsed the proclamation.

IV. Oral Reports

City Council Reports on Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

7. [26-0766](#) Oral Reports from Members of Council on Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- *Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors Executive Committee (Mayor Gaskins)
 - *Legislative Subcommittee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilman Chapman)
 - *City Council/School Board Subcommittee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilman Chapman)
 - *Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force (Councilman Elnoubi)
 - *Workforce Development Center (Councilman Elnoubi)
 - *Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP) Board of Directors (Councilman Chapman)
 - *Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) (Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Greene)
 - *Health and Safety Coordinating Committee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilwoman Greene)
- City Council gave the reports.*

8. City Council General Updates

City Council gave the general member updates.

City Manager Oral Report

9. [26-0737](#) Presentation on Workforce Development from the Brookings Institute.

V. Action Docket**Roll-Call Consent Items (10-16)**

10. [26-0735](#) Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2025;
The Regular Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2025;
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2025; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2026.

11. [26-0750](#) Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commission, and Committees:

- a) Commission for the Arts
Marcee Craighill
- b) Commission for Women
Jennifer Beatty
- c) Environmental Policy Commission
Kathie Hoekstra
- d) Independent Community Policing Review Board
Lawrence Lewis

12. [26-0751](#) Uncontested Appointments for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- a) Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force - 3-year term
1 member from and representing Alexandria City High School
- b) Board of Architectural Review - 3-year term
1 member who is a property owner in the Parker-Gray District
- c) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term

1 member designated by the Alexandria School Board

- d) Commission on Employment - 2-year term
 - 1 representative from a recognized area business including minority-owned and small businesses
 - 1 representative from such organization as education agencies, organized labor, rehabilitation agencies, community-based organization, economic development agencies and the public employment service
- e) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - 2-year term
 - 1 representative who serves as a volunteer at a historic property or attraction which is open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis
 - 1 Tourism and business community representative
 - 1 representative from the Alexandria Archaeological Commission
- f) Park and Recreation Commission - 3-year term
 - 1 Planning District III representative
- g) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term
 - 1 qualified professional skilled in landscape architecture, architecture or urban design
 - 1 member representing the Potomac Yard area

13. [26-0749](#) Missing Oaths from Members of Board, Commissions, and Committees:

- a) Building Code Board of Appeals
 - Alvaro A. Colato

14. [26-0703](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2026.

15. [26-0657](#) Consideration of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2026 Second Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects

16. [26-0719](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 061.01 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 11 and 21 North Quaker Lane and 3369 Duke Street, from CL/Commercial low zone with proffer to CL/Commercial low zone in

accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2025-00007 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2025-00007 associated with Duke and Quaker Townhomes approved by City Council on February 21, 2026).

City Council approved the Action Docket. The approvals were as follows:

10. *City Council adopted the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of November 25, 2025; the regular meeting minutes of December 9, 2025; the public hearing meeting minutes of December 13, 2025; and the regular minutes of January 27, 2026.*

11. *City Council received the resignations from members of boards, commissions, and committees: (a) Marcee Craighill, Commission for the Arts; Jennifer Beatty, Commission for Women; Kathie Hoekstra, Environmental Policy Commission; and Lawrence Lewis, Independent Community Policing Review Board.*

12. *City Council appointed the following persons to boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Aisha Ortiz as the member from and representing Alexandria City High School to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force; (b) reappointed Nastaran Zandian as the member who is a property owner in the Parker-Gray District to the Board of Architectural Review; (c) appointed Nancy E. Drane as the member designated by the Alexandria School Board to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (d) appointed Benjamin Chernow as the representative from a recognized business including minority-owned and small businesses and appointed Gary A. Cooley as the representative from such organizations as education agencies, organized labor, rehabilitation agencies, community-based organizations, economic development agencies and the public employment service to the Commission on Employment; (e) appointed Gayle Converse as the representative who serves as a volunteer at a historic property or attraction which is open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis, reappointed Mia Mulrennan as the tourism and business community representative, and reappointed Ivy Whitlatch as the representative from the Alexandria Archaeological Commission to Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (f) reappointed David Brennan as the Planning District III representative to the Park and Recreation Commission; and (g) appointed Kathryn Cahir as the qualified professional skilled in landscape architecture, architecture or urban design and appointed Matthew C. Monahan as the member representing the Potomac Yard area to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee.*

13. *City Council approved removal of the following person from a City board, commission, and/or committee for failure to submit an oath of office: Alvaro A. Colato, Building Code Board of Appeals.*

14. *City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.*

15. *City Council received as information the FY 2026 Second Quarter Capital Projects Status Report.*

16. *City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, March 14, 2026.*

VI. Individual Action Items (Roll-Call Vote)

17. [26-0710](#)

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2026 (Fiscal Year 2027).

City Council: (1) approved the ordinance on first reading after establishing the tax rates to be advertised for residential and commercial real property and personal property; and (2) scheduled the ordinance for second reading and public hearing on Saturday, April 18 and final passage on Wednesday, April 29.

The maximum rates authorized by City Council in the attached ordinance reflect:

A base real estate tax rate on residential, commercial and industrial property for calendar year 2026 of \$1.14.5 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The FY 2027 proposed budget reflects a real estate tax rate of \$1.135.

1. Assumed in this proposed amount is the continued dedication of 1.0 cents for affordable housing;

2. Assumed in the proposed amount is the continued reservation of 2.2 cents of the real property tax rate for transportation projects;

*3. A Special Services District tax is proposed to continue to be levied on all real property located in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District at the current rate of \$0.20 per one hundred dollars of valuation;
For all other taxes, the following rates are proposed:*

4. A personal property tax rate on vehicles for calendar year 2026 of \$ ___ per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2027 proposed budget recommends a vehicle personal property tax rate of \$5.33 to fund the base budget;

5. A personal property tax of \$_____ for vehicles with specially designed equipment for use by the physically disabled. The FY 2027 proposed budget recommends a rate of \$3.55 to fund the base budget;

6. A personal property tax rate of \$_____ for privately-owned pleasure boats and watercraft that are used for recreational purposes only. The FY 2027 proposed budget recommends a rate of \$0.01 to fund the base budget; and,

7. A tangible business personal property tax rate for calendar year 2026 of \$ ___ per one hundred dollars of assessed value and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$_____ per hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2027 proposed budget recommends a tangible personal property tax rate of \$4.75 and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 to fund the base budget.

18. [26-0765](#)

Consideration of a Resolution of Intent to Appropriate Funding to Alexandria City Public Schools by Major Classification Beginning FY 2028.

City Council adopted a resolution of City Council's intent to appropriate funding to Alexandria City Public Schools by major classification beginning in FY 2028. (RES. NO. 3368)

VII. Contested Appointments

19. [26-0752](#) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member
City Council reappointed Timotheos Tan as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee.
20. [26-0753](#) Beautification Commission - 2-year term
1 citizen member
City Council appointed Brandi Streauslin as the citizen member Beautification Commission.
21. [26-0754](#) Board of Architectural Review - 3-year term
1 citizen member
City Council appointed Michaela Robinson as the citizen member to the Board of Architectural Review.
22. [26-0755](#) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission - 3-year term
1 member with expertise in children, youth, and family issues, public safety, medical/health profession or non-profit experience
City Council appointed Ciara Norfleet as the member with expertise in children, youth, and family issues, public safety, medical/health profession or non-profit experience to the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission.
23. [26-0756](#) Citizen Corps Council - 3-year term
1 citizen member
City Council appointed Lachlan Kerr as the citizen member to the Citizen Corps Council.
24. [26-0757](#) Commission for Women - 3-year term
1 citizen member
City Council appointed Gina E. Wood as the citizen member to the Commission for Women.
25. [26-0758](#) Commission on Aging - 3-year term
2 citizen members who are 60 years of age or older
City Council appointed Richard E. Merritt and Tricia Rodgers as the two citizen members who are 60 years or age or older to the Commission on Aging.
26. [26-0759](#) Commission on Employment - 2-year term
1 citizen member
City Council reappointed Lenwood Roberts as the citizen member to the Commission on Employment.

- 27. [26-0760](#) Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission - 4-year term
1 citizen member

City Council reappointed Sonja Brown as citizen member to the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission.

- 28. [26-0761](#) Planning Commission - 4-year term
1 citizen member

City Council appointed Susan Harris as the citizen member to the Planning Commission.

- 29. [26-0762](#) Sister Cities Committee - 2-year term
3 citizen members

City Council appointed Kate McMahon, Dale G. Medearis, and Lauren G. Smith as the three citizen members to the Sister Cities Committee.

- 30. [26-0763](#) Traffic and Parking Board - 2-year term
2 citizen members

City Council reappointed Annie Ebbers as the citizen member to the Traffic and Parking Board. City Council also moved to defer the second citizen member appoint and requested that the vacancy be readvertised.

VIII. Other Business

- 31. [26-0705](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council approved the City Council Schedule.

32. Closed Session (cont)(if needed)

IX. Adjournment

City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

NOTE: The action docket is a summary of Council's meeting deliberations prepared largely for staff follow up. Formal minutes of the meeting, when approved by Council become the official record of the meeting of Council decisions made at the meeting.

