

**City of Alexandria  
City Council Special Meeting  
Wednesday, December 1 2021 6:00 PM  
Council Chamber  
Meeting Minutes**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, and Mohamed E. Seifeldein.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Taylor, Legislative Director/Assistant City Manager; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS) Mr. Moss, ITS; Ms. Demeke, ITS, Ms. Quinn, City Manager's Office; Ms. Mclean, City Manager's Office; Ms. Scott, Office of Communications and Public Information; and Fire Chief Smedley.

**RECORDED BY:** Gloria Sitton, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

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1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of Council were present with Councilman Chapman arriving later in the meeting and Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker participating in the meeting via Zoom from her car for personal reasons.

2. Consideration of the Appointment of the City Manager.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried 5-1, City Council appointed James Parajon as the new City Manager effective January 18, 2022 and authorized the Mayor to execute the employment agreement with the new City Manager on behalf of the City. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, Councilman Seifeldein; Absent, Councilman Chapman.

Mayor Wilson gave some remarks about the new City Manager and thanked everyone who participated in the hiring process.

Mr. Parajon gave remarks and thanked the City Council for selecting him to lead the City of Alexandria.

3. Adjourn.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO CONSIDERED**, upon motion by

Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the Special Meeting of December 1, 2021 at 6:20 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

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**APPROVED BY:**

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**JUSTIN M. WILSON      MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC    City Clerk

Adopted:      December 14, 2021