

**City of Alexandria**  
**Wednesday, August 30, 2023 5:30 PM**  
**City Council Special Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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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. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Taylor, Acting Deputy City Manager/Finance Director; Ms. McLean, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office; Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Demeke, ITS.

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 members of City Council were present, with Councilman McPike attending the meeting virtually.

2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution by members of City Council.  
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the electronic participation resolution. 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. 3177**

**Resolution Regarding Electronic Participation by a Member of City Council**

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2 provides that an individual member of a public body may fully participate in meetings electronically if any such member meets the criterial of the code and the public body has adopted an Electronic Meeting Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council adopted an Electronic Participation Policy on June 22, 2021 as Resolution No. 3011; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council Member R. Kirk McPike the Mayor and the Clerk that they unavailable to be physically present for the August 30, 2023, City Council Special Meeting due to a personal matter, specifically a travel commitment in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council Member R. Kirk McPike has not participated in more than two or 25% of City Council Meetings by electronic means during this calendar year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council Member will participate in the City Council Special Meeting by video conference call from Texas and arrangements have been made to ensure the member shall be heard by all participants at the City Council Special Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, a quorum of the City Council is physically assembled in person.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:**

That pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3708 and the City Council's Electronic Meeting Policy Resolution 3011, City Council Member R. Kirk McPike shall participate remotely in this meeting by video conference call.

3. Closed Executive Session.

Executive Session - Consideration of a Closed Executive Session to discuss a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, and the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council convened in closed executive session at 5:31 p.m., to discuss a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, and the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, specifically, a corporate headquarters, and associated uses, considering relocating to the City, pursuant to Sections 2.2.-3711(A)(5) and (A)(6) of the Code of Virginia. 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.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried 6-0, City Council reconvened in open session at 8:15 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; Absent,

Councilman Chapman.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson, and carried 6-0, City Council adopted the resolution regarding the Closed Executive Session previously circulated to Council. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none, Absent, Councilman Chapman.

The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 3178**

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council has this 30th day of August, 2023 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. Adjourn.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the special meeting of August 30, 2023 at 8:17 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:**

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**JUSTIN M. WILSON    MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC    City Clerk

Adopted: September 12, 2023