

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 28, 2025 5:30 PM
City Council Legislative Meeting**

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Mr. E. Smith, Office of Performance Analytics; Police Chief McGuire; Ms. North, Division Chief, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES; Mr. Albrecht, Transportation Planner, T&ES; Ms. McGraw, Principal Planner, T&ES; Mr. B. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Demeke, ITS; Mr. Mansoor, ITS; and Police Sgt. Jones.

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

1. Calling the Roll.

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

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

Not Needed.

3. Closed Session.

Executive Session - Virginia Code section 2.2-3711 (A)(6), (A)(7), and (A)(8) 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 governmental unit would be adversely affected; consultation with Lega counsel concerning actual litigation 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 pertaining to the Green Building Policy requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aquirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council convened in closed executive session at 5:32 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 concerning WMATA where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental

unit would be adversely affected; consultation with legal counsel concerning actual litigation 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 pertaining to the Green Building Policy and enforcement of immigration laws 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, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike: Opposed, none, Abstain, Councilman Elnoubi.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session roll-call vote at 7:02 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

Councilman Elnoubi made for the following disclosure statement: "I am abstaining from this vote due to the fact that I did not participate or attend the entire closed session due to my previous disclosure. For the portions where I was present only public business matters that are lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and were identified in the motion to convene the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered."

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0-1 by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution previously circulated regarding the Executive Session. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike: Opposed, none; Abstained, Councilman Elnoubi.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO.3327

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 28th day of October, 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.

II. Opening Matters

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Proclamations and Recognitions

5. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing the Winners of the 2025 Ben Brenman Award.

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

6. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing October 23 - 31, 2025 as Red Ribbon Week.

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

IV. Oral Reports

7. City Council on Boards, Commissions, and Committees

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

City Council/School Board Subcommittee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilman Chapman)

Councilman Chapman reported that the subcommittee discussed the state's new accountability framework to rollout during the winter and will increase accountability for school districts around the Commonwealth and the messaging throughout the community. Councilman Chapman reported that there was an update on student generation for the City. Councilman Chapman reported that there was discussion as it relates the Long Range Facilities Plan.

Mayor Gaskins noted that there was as discussion about community engagement and the roll of the members from each body and how to engage in the work, such as the Long Range Facilities Plan.

Waterfront Commission (Vice Mayor Bagley)

Vice Mayor Bagley reported that there was a report from the DC Waterways Advisory Commission, highlighting the intense development along the waterfront in the District of Columbia and speaking on the type of work they are focused on. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that there was a discussion on the HILCO open space plans. Vice Mayor Bagley also reported that there was discussion on the FY2027 Budget process and the items the Commission would like for Council to consider. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that there were questions about the potential sunseting of the Waterfront Commission.

Virginia Railway Express (Vice Mayor Bagley)

Vice Mayor Bagley reported that the VRE Station in Manassas Park held their ribbon cutting for their new parking lot and she noted that Manassas Park is using the new lot to generate economic development for the area. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that the Board

approved the Alexandria King/Commonwealth Bridge Project, which will included renovations to the train station.

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Council of Governments (COG) Transportation Planning Board (TPB) held a discussion and vote on the 495 Express Lanes and there will be a reassessment and the project will not be moving forward at this time.

8. City Council Member General Updates

Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the NVTC Open House for the Envision Route 7 in Fairfax.

Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the 10th Annual Spooky Mad Science Expo along with other colleagues.

Councilman Aguirre reported that the attended the Annual Bus Roadeo at the DASH Bus facility.

Councilman Aguirre reported that he and other members attended the VOICE Houses for All Campaign event in Herndon.

Councilman Aguirre reported that he and Councilman Elnoubi attended a spiderweb cutting event at Duncan Library in the City.

Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Annual Coat distributions held at Charles Houston Recreation Center and was hosted by Alexandria Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Councilman Aguirre reported that he and his colleagues attended the Annual Halloween parade in Del Ray.

Councilman Chapman reported that there will be a Utilities Resources Fair held at the Del Pepper Community Resource Center on Saturday.

Mayor Gaskins reported that she spoke at the NVTC State of Region Panel, highlighting work in Alexandria as it relates to transportation in the region.

9. City Manager Oral Report

City Council received a presentation from Deputy City Manager Yon Lambert on the parking enforcement pilot program for Old Town and he responded to questions from Council about contractor, uniforms, safe driving and crossing guards.

City Council received an update from Director of DCHS Garvey on funding for SNAP benefits during the government shutdown and she responded to questions from Council about measures the City could take to assist residents in need.

V. Action Docket Roll-Call Consent Items (10-14)

10. Consideration of a Resolution to Support Arlington County's Northern Virginia Transportation Authority 70% application for the South Glebe Road and West Glebe Road Intersection.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10; 10/28/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Consideration of the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) Center for Economic Support (CES) Grant Application to the Mayors Alliance to End Childhood Hunger, Mayors Action Fund.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 10/28/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Receipt of Annual and Attendance Reports for Council Appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees from July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 10/28/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the United States Conference of Mayors Healthy and Sustainable Communities Grant.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 10/28/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund Program to continue to fund the design and professional services for the Waterfront Flood Mitigation Project.

(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; 10/28/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bagley seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Action Docket. The approvals were as follows:

10. City Council adopt the resolution to support the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority 70% application from Arlington County for Intersection Improvements at South Glebe and West Glebe Road.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3328

**TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS
FROM ARLINGTON COUNTY FOR THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY 70% REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS FOR THE FY 2026-2031 SIX
YEAR PROGRAM UPDATE.**

WHEREAS, in April 2013, the General Assembly and Governor approved a new transportation funding bill (HB2313) with all taxes and fees imposed by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, 70% of HB2313 revenues will be allocated by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for capital projects that increase capacity and are included in the regional long range transportation plan (TransAction).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports the application from Arlington County to the FY 2026-2031 Six-Year Program update for an allocation of \$10,000,000 for the South Glebe Road and West Glebe Road Intersection Improvements (TransAction Project ID and Title: 368 - West Glebe Road Bridge Improvements).

11. City Council: (1) approved retroactively the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) to apply for the Mayors Alliance Action Fund to End Child Hunger Mayors Action Fund grant; (2) authorized the City Manager, if awarded, the acceptance of the grant award in the amount of up to \$25,000 for the duration of 12 months with no match required, to design and launch the Care Connector initiative; (3) retroactively approved the City Manager to accept an additional \$10,000 grant on behalf of the City; and (4) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council received the reports from Council-appointed boards, commissions and committees from July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025. The request also includes consideration of removal of members who have not met the 75% meeting attendance requirement.

13. City Council: (1) approved the resolution directing the City Manager to authorize the application of a grant from the United States Conference of Mayors for \$198,694.80, with a second option of \$48,780.80; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3329

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA,
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE UNITED
STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE
UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS FOR A HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES GRANT AWARD FOR THE "ME AND MY HEALTH" HEALTH LITERACY
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors is accepting applications for programs that engage community members and promote or stimulate behavior change, in the

categories of a) healthy communities; b) environmental health and sustainability, or c) a hybrid of both under the Healthy and Sustainable Communities Grant Award;

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors administers the Healthy and Sustainable Communities Grant Award (“Program”) whereby localities receive grant funding for programs that aim to improve the health and wellness of the nation’s children, families, neighborhoods, and cities;

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors is organizing the 2026 annual application for localities;

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria (“City”) “Me and My Health” health literacy project (“Project”) is eligible for the grant funding pursuant to the United States Conference of Mayors’ guidelines and the City’s membership in the United States Conference of Mayors;

WHEREAS, the City Council (“Council”) of the City of Alexandria wishes to authorize the development and submission of a grant application pursuant to Grant Program requirements for the Project for a grant request and potential award of up to \$200,000 for the annual funding opportunity announcement; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to authorize the City Manager of the City to file the application and to sign such Grant Agreement with the United States Conference of Mayors, and any amendment thereto and other required documents, on behalf of the City.

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

1. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager (the “Authorized Representative”) or designee to develop, sign, and submit on behalf of the City, a grant application and if awarded, subsequent grant agreement, for the 2026 funding for staffing, development, and community engagement associated with the Project.
2. The City Council authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the grant application, including executing a Grant Agreement and any amendments or changes thereto.
3. The City Council authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to represent the City in carrying out the City’s responsibilities under the grant agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the organization and ensuring compliance with applicable state and federal laws.
4. City Council of the City of Alexandria approves this Authorizing Resolution as required by the United States Conference of Mayors.

14. City Council: (1) approved the resolution directing the City Manager to authorize the development and submittal of a competitive grant application to Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for a grant request and potential award of up to \$7.5 million

for the design activities cost associated with the City's Waterfront Flood Mitigation Project ("Project") from the Round 6 Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund; (2) authorized the City Manager to enter into any agreements that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocations be approved; (3) authorized the City Manager to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the financial assistance application including executing a financial assistance agreement with DCR and Virginia Resources Authority and any amendments or changes thereto; and (4) authorized the City Manager to commit to fund the local share of engineering and construction costs (as applicable) for remaining planning and design costs of the Project covered under the grant award.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3330

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHORITY FOR A VIRGINIA COMMUNITY FLOOD PREPAREDNESS FUND GRANT PURSUANT TO THE CLEAN ENERGY AND COMMUNITY FLOOD PREPAREDNESS ACT FOR THE WATERFRONT IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation ("DCR") in cooperation with the Virginia Resources Authority ("VRA") is accepting applications for projects that reduce the impacts of flooding to communities through activities including completing vulnerability assessments and the development and implementation of action-oriented approaches to bolster flood preparedness and resilience under the ("Fund"); and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation administers the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund (Fund), whereby localities receive grant funding to reduce the impacts of flooding, including flooding driven by climate change; and

WHEREAS, DCR is organizing a sixth round of Fund grant applications; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria ("City") Waterfront Flood Mitigation Project ("Project") is eligible for the grant funding pursuant to the Clean Energy and Community Flood Preparedness Act's ("Act") guidelines and Fund published eligibility guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") of the City of Alexandria wishes to authorize the development and submission of a grant application pursuant to Fund Grant Program requirements for the Project for a grant request and potential award of up to \$7.5 Million for the Round 6 funding opportunity announcement; and

WHEREAS, the DCR and the VRA requires a grant applicant to provide a resolution adopted by the applicant's governing body designating an authorized representative to submit a grant application and execute and agreement with the VRA for a grant (the "Grant Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to authorize the City Manager of the City to file the application with the Department and to sign such Grant Agreement with the DCR and the VRA, and any amendment thereto and other required documents, on behalf of the City; and

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

1. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager (the "Authorized Representative") or designee to develop, sign and submit on behalf of the City, a grant application for the Round 6 funding for planning, design, and associated professional services and activities associated with the Project; and
2. Authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the grant application including executing a grant agreement with the DCR and the VRA and any amendments or changes thereto; and
3. Authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to represent the City in carrying out the City's responsibilities under the grant agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the organization and in compliance with applicable state and federal laws; and
4. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby commits to fund the local share for the implementation of these capital projects in accordance with the cost estimate and authorizes the City Manager to sign any agreements committing to fund its local share of engineering and planning costs (as eligible and applicable) and to fund the remaining costs of the Project to complete planning and design activities covered under the grant award.
5. City Council of the City approves this Authorizing Resolution as required by the DCR and VRA.

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

VI. Individual Action Items (Roll-Call Vote)

15. Request for Release of Contingency Funds for DOT Paratransit Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 10/28/25 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council release and allocate \$513,055 of Contingent Reserves for DOT Paratransit in FY 2026. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

VII. Other Business

16. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum is on file in the Office of City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 10/28/25 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Look Ahead schedule and received the City Council Calendar from October 2025-December 2025. The vote was as follows: In favor Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

17. **Closed Session (cont.) (If needed)**

Not needed.

18. **Adjournment.**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of October 28, 2025 at 9:02 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

ALYIA GASKINS MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: February 10, 2026