

City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 5:30 PM - City Hall, Council Chamber
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; Ms. Castaneda, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Mr. Maines, Division Chief, T&ES; Mr. Freed, Director, Office of Climate Action; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Mr. Greenlief, Assistant Director, Finance; Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Hamm, Assistant Director, OMB; Mr. Coleman, Deputy Director, General Services; Police Chief McGuire; Assistant Police Chief Laguna; Police Captain Ballantine; Ms. Kamara, Acting Independent Police Auditor; Fire Chief Hernandez; Mr. Smith, ITS; Ms. Demeke, ITS; and Police Lt. May.

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

I. OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Gaskins called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present with Vice Mayor Bagley attending via Zoom and Councilwoman Greene arriving following roll call.

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

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

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council approved the electronic participation resolution. 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.

The resolution reads as follows:

Resolution No. 3280

Resolution Regarding Electronic Participation by a Member of City Council

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.3 provides that an individual member of a public body may fully participate in meetings electronically if any such member meets the criterion 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 Sarah R. Bagley has notified the Mayor and the Clerk that she is unavailable to be physically present for the April 8, 2025 City Council Meeting due to a personal matter, specifically travel for work; and

WHEREAS, the Council Member 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 Sarah R. Bagley will participate in the City Council Meeting by video conference call from Fargo, North Dakota and arrangements have been made to ensure the member shall be heard by all participants at the City Council 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 2.2-3708.3 and the City Council's Electronic Meeting Policy Resolution 3011, City Council Member Sarah R. Bagley will participate remotely in this meeting by video conference call

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

4. Tax Rate Public Hearing - 5:30 P.M.

Public Hearing, Second Reading. Consideration of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2025 (Fiscal Year 2026).

(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. 4; 04/08/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Elnoubi and carried unanimously, City Council closed the public hearing on the proposed real and personal property tax rates and proposed effective tax rate increase for calendar year 2025 (Fiscal Year 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.

5. Add/Delete Public Hearing

Public Hearing on the FY 2026 City Council Preliminary Add/Delete Proposals and the City Manager's Proposed Amendments to the FY 2026 Proposed Budget. Budget Adoption is Scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

(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. 5; 4/08/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

The following persons participated in the public hearing for this item:

1. Catie Brownback, Alexandria, spoke in support of the additional funding for ACPS.
2. Michael Rodriguez, Alexandria, spoke in support of the additional funding for ACPS.
3. Tracy Dahl, Alexandria, spoke against the reduction of the Office of Climate Action's budget.
4. Marta Schantz, Alexandria, spoke against the reduction of the Office of Climate Action's budget.
5. Kathie Hoekstra, Alexandria, spoke against the reduction of the Office of Climate Action's budget.
6. David Paladin-Fernandez, Alexandria, spoke in support of the additional funding for ACPS.
7. Nichole Radshaw, Alexandria, spoke in support of the additional funding for ACPS.
8. Becky Hammer, Alexandria, spoke against the reduction of the Office of Climate Action's budget.
9. Carlos Canas, Alexandria, spoke in support of additional funding for the Sheriff's Department for additional staffing.
10. Tiffany E. Dixon, Alexandria, spoke in support of the additional funding for ACPS.
11. James Durham, Alexandria, spoke in support for additional access to DASH services.
12. Praveen Kathpal, Alexandria, spoke against the reduction of the Office of Climate Action's budget.
13. Jonathan Krall, Alexandria, spoke in support of additional access to DASH services and not in support of the Office of Climate Action's budget.
14. Ingris Moran, Alexandria, spoke in support funding deeply committed affordable housing.

15. Howard Weiss, Alexandria, spoke in support of additional funding for Paratransit services.
16. Moira MacDougal, Alexandria, spoke in support of additional funding for DASH services and spoke against the reduction of Office of Climate Action's budget
17. Sean Casey, Sheriff, Alexandria, spoke in support of additional funding for the Sheriff's Department for staffing deputy sheriffs.
18. Marguerite Rippy, Alexandria, spoke in support of the additional funding for ACPS.
19. Julia Sylla, Alexandria, spoke in support of the additional funding for ACPS.
20. Abdulahi Abdalla, Alexandria, spoke in support of the additional funding for ACPS.
21. Sue Heiler Brown, Alexandria, spoke in support of the additional funding for ACPS.
22. Donna Gold, Alexandria, spoke against the reduction of Office of Climate Action's budget.
23. Kaitlyn Golden, Alexandria, spoke in support of the additional funding for ACPS.
24. Kimberly Ball, Alexandria, spoke in support of the additional funding for ACPS.
25. Scott Barstow, Alexandria, spoke against the reduction of the Office of Climate Action's budget.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilman Elnoubi and carried unanimously, City Council closed the public hearing on the FY 2026 City Council Preliminary Add/Delete proposals and the City Manager's proposed amendments to the FY 2026 Proposed Budget. 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.

6. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

The Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2025 - Budget Work Session #1
The Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2025 - Budget Work Session #2 (Joint Session with School Board)
The Special Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2025 - Budget Public Hearing
The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025
The Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2025 - Budget Work Session #3
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2025.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilman Elnoubi and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the minutes from the following meetings of City

Council: the meeting minutes of February 26, 2025 (Budget Work Session #1); the meeting minutes of March 5, 2025 (Budget Work Session #2 - Joint Session with School Board); the special meeting minutes of March 10, 2025 (Budget Public Hearing); the regular meeting of March 11, 2025; the meeting minutes of March 12, 2025 (Budget Work Session #3); the public hearing meeting minutes of March 15, 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.

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

7. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing Alexandria Earth Month and Arbor Day.

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

8. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing National Library Week.

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

- 8a. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing April as National Volunteer Appreciation Month.

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

III. Oral Report from Members of City Council on Boards, Commissions, and Committees

***Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) (Vice Mayor Bagley and Councilman Aguirre)**

Vice Mayor Bagley reported that WMATA has continued to increase ridership and they won an award for their cleanliness levels in the system. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that there was a discussion about improving the budget through signaling advances and there was a discussion about how the District's budgeting challenges may affect everyone on the Commission and the funding for the system.

***Northern Virginia Regional Commission (Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Greene)**

Councilman Chapman reported that at the Virginia Tech Innovation Campus there was a selection of General Assembly to hear about the impact the changes are having on the

Commonwealth.

IV. ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Parajon congratulated Fire Chief Hernandez and the Alexandria Fire Chief on receiving accreditation.

V. ACTION DOCKET

Regular Consent Calendar (9-21)

9. Uncontested appointments for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
 - a) Archaeological Commission - 4-year term
1 At-large member
 - b) Beautification Commission - 2-year term
1 member with expertise in the field of architecture or urban planning, or be a historian with architectural knowledge
 - c) Commission on Employment - 2-year term
1 representative from a recognized area businesses including minority-owned and small businesses
1 representative from such organization as educational agencies, organized labor, rehabilitation agencies community-based organizations, economic development agencies and the area public employment service
 - d) Commission on Information Technology - 3-year term
1 student representing Alexandria City High School, recommended by the faculty
 - e) Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia - 3-year term
1 provider member
 - f) Landlord-Tenant Relation Board - 2-year term
2 landlords of residential property in the City representatives
 - g) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 member representing the Potomac West area
 - h) Public Records Advisory Commission - 2-year term
1 citizen member
 - i) Urban Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 representative of the Old Town North residential community
 - j) Waterfront Commission - 2-year term
1 representative from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts

- 1 representative from the Alexandria Planning Commission
- 1 representative from the Alexandria Seaport Foundation

(A copy of the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 9 (a-j); 04/08/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
 - a) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee
Yeshewase Ayele
 - b) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
Kim Pena
 - c) Archaeological Commission
Gilda Anroman
 - d) Board of Zoning Appeals
Ryan Belmore
 - e) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
Brant Snyder
 - f) Commission for Women
Emily Eckert

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10 (a-f); 04/08/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Education for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) 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. 11; 04/08/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of National Recreation and Park Association's Out-of-School Time Youth Mentoring Program Grant Opportunity.

(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. 12; 04/08/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of an Application for the 2025 Inova Community Health Opportunities Grant

(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; 04/08/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of a First Amendment to a License Agreement Between the City of Alexandria and the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association for Space at 110 Callahan Street for Use as a Public Safety Radio Facility.

(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; 04/08/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending February 28, 2025.

(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. 12; 04/08/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2025.
17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration of 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.
18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration of Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 5-8-77 (PARKING PERMITS; ISSUANCE) of Article F (PERMIT PARKING DISTRICTS) of Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

(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. 3; 04/30/25, 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. 3; 04/30/25, 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. 3; 04/30/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference

19. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an

Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 2-145 (FLOOR AREA) of Article II (DEFINITIONS); Sections 3-505 (Lot requirements), 3-907 (Certain structures, lots and uses inconsistent with these provisions), and 3-1201 (Purpose) of Article III (RESIDENTIAL ZONE REGULATIONS); Sections 4-506 (Bulk regulations) and 4-1002 (Permitted uses) of Article IV (COMMERCIAL, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES); Section 5-402 (Permitted uses) of Article V (MIXED USE ZONES); Section 6-705 (Building and development requirements) of Article VI (special and overlay zones); Sections 7-103 (building, use, and structure limitations) and 7-202 (Permitted obstructions) of Article VII (supplemental zone regulations); and Sections 11-404 (Development exempt from site plan requirement), 11-409 (Action on site plans), 11-410 (Site plan requirements), 11-414 (As built site plan required), 11-415 (AMENDMENT TO APPROVED SITE PLAN), 11-1302 (SPECIAL EXCEPTION ESTABLISHED), 11-1402 (PROCEDURES FOR ZONE EXTENSION), 11-1712 (AMENDMENTS TO APPROVED PLAT) of Article XI (development approvals and procedures); and 12-302 (NONCOMPLYING USES) of Article XII (NONCOMPLIANCE AND NONCONFORMITY) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2025-00001 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2025-00001 approved by City Council on March 15, 2025).

(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; 04/08/25, 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; 04/08/25, 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. 9; 04/08/25, 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 5-602(A) (COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS CREATED, CONSISTENCY WITH MASTER PLAN, REQUIRED APPROVALS) of Article V (MIXED USE ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2025-00002 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2025-00002 associated with CDD #21 Amendment approved by City Council on March 15, 2025).

(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; 04/08/25, 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; 04/0/25, 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. 3; 04/30/25, 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 2-106 (ADVERTISING STRUCTURE) of Article II (DEFINITIONS), Sections 4-1409 (PUBLIC ART) and 4-1410 (SIGNS) of Article IV (COMMERCIAL, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES), Section 6-605 (SIGNS) of Article VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES), Article IX (SIGNS), and Section 11-513 (ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL USE PERMIT) of Article XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance related to signs, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2024-00010 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2024-00010 associated with the sign ordinance update approved by City Council on March 15, 2025).

(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; 04/08/25, 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; 04/08/25, 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; 04/08/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Consent Calendar. The approvals were as follows:

9. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Cynthia Boren as the at-large member to the Archaeological Commission; (b) appointed Dereth Bush as the member with expertise in the field of architecture or urban planning, or be a historian with architectural knowledge to the Beautification Commission; (c) reappointed Sedef Buyukataman as the representative from a recognized area businesses including minority-owed and small businesses and appointed Kathleen Sindell as the representative from such organization as educational agencies, organized labor, rehabilitation agencies community-based organizations, economic development agencies and the area public employment service to the Commission on Employment; (d) appointed Francisco L. Ortiz Hernandez as the student representing Alexandria City High School, recommended by the faculty to the Commission on Information Technology; (e) appointed Yebay Gizaw Ali as the provider member to the Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia; (f) appointed Trenton Besecker and Anita Yung as the two landlords of a residential property in the City representatives to the Landlord-Tenant Relations

Board; (g) appointed Heather J. Moore as the member representing the Potomac West area to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; (h) appointed John P. Connor as the citizen member to the Public Records Advisory Commission; (i) appointed Susan Oetgen as the representative of the Old Town North residential community to the Urban Design Committee; (j) appointed Robin Jordan as the representative for the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, appointed Jody Manor as the representative from the Alexandria Planning Commission, and reappointed Deb Roepke as the representative from the Alexandria Seaport Foundation to the Waterfront Commission.

10. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Yeshewase Ayele, Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; (b) Kim Pena, Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (c) Gilda Anroman, Archaeological Commission; (d) Ryan Belmore, Board of Zoning Appeals; (e) Brant Synder, Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (f) Emily Eckert, Commission for Women.

11. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of the grant application due on about May 15, 2025, to the Virginia Department of Education for United States Department of Agriculture for continued funding and an estimated reimbursement amount of \$190,000 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 (c) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council: (1) approved \$60,000 in grant funding, if awarded, from the National Recreation and Park Association Virginia; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

13. City Council: (1) approved the competitive 2025 Inova Community Health Opportunities grant application for funding up to \$89,390; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

14. City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the proposed First Amendment to the License Agreement with the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association.

15. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

16. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 26, 2025.

17. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing and second reading on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. Final passage on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 during budget adoption.

18. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing and second reading on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. Final passage on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 during budget adoption.

19. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 26, 2025.

20. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 26, 2025.

21. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for the public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 26, 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.

VI. ACTION MATTERS

Contested Appointments

22. Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force - 3-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Bryan Kirkes
Tony Mazzocchi
Jasmine Millender

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 04/08/25, 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 Bryan Kirkes as the citizen member to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Kirkes
Bagley	-	Kirkes
Aguirre	-	Kirkes
Chapman	-	Kirkes
Elnoubi	-	Kirkes
Greene	-	Kirkes
McPike	-	Greene

23. Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee - 2-year term
2 citizen members

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

NAME:

Alexandre L. Jevgrafov
Michael Kutner
Laura Radley

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 04/08/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with following results: City Council reappointed Alexandre L. Jevgrafov and appointed Michael Kutner as the two citizen members to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Jevgrafov, Radley
Bagley	-	Jevgrafov, Kutner
Aguirre	-	Jevgrafov, Kutner
Chapman	-	Jevgrafov, Radley
Elnoubi	-	Jevgrafov, Kutner
Greene	-	Jevgrafov, Radley
McPike	-	Jevgrafov, Kutner

24. Commission on Persons with Disabilities - 2-year term
3 citizen members

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

NAME:

Lawrence Lewis
Shannon Loelius
Megan Prince
Donna Turnage Spencer

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24 04/08/25, 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 Lawrence Lewis and Megan Prince and appointed Shannon Loelius as the three members to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Lewis, Loelius, Prince
Bagley	-	Lewis, Loelius, Prince
Aguirre	-	Lewis, Prince, Spencer
Chapman	-	Lewis, Loelius, Prince
Elnoubi	-	Lewis, Loelius, Spencer
Greene	-	Lewis, Prince, Spencer
McPike	-	Lewis, Loelius, Prince

25. George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Casey Clark
Jake Preston Sweely

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 04/08/25, 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 Casey Clark as the citizen member to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Sweely
Bagley	-	Sweely
Aguirre	-	Clark
Chapman	-	Clark
Elnoubi	-	Clark
Greene	-	Clark
McPike	-	Sweely

26. Sister Cities Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member

NAME:

Phil Dawit
Brittany Jacoby

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Phil Dawit as the citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Dawit
Bagley	-	Dawit
Aguirre	-	Dawit
Chapman	-	Dawit
Elnoubi	-	Dawit
Greene	-	Dawit
McPike	-	Dawit

27. Traffic and Parking Board - 2-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Eve Anderson
Anne Farmakidis
Dianne Harris
Andrew W. Justus
Dane Lauritzen
Benjamin McGinnis
Mark L. Stout
Jacob Yoseph
Nathan G. Zencey

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 27; 04/08/25, 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 Dane Lauritzen as the citizen member to the Traffic and Parking Board. The vote was as follows:

Gaskins	-	Lauritzen
Bagley	-	Lauritzen
Aguirre	-	Stout
Chapman	-	Anderson
Elnoubi	-	Justus
Greene	-	Lauritzen
McPike	-	Lauritzen

City Council affirmed the majority vote getters as read into the record for appointments to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force, Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee, Commission on Persons with Disabilities, George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, Sister Cities Committee, and the Traffic and Parking Board respectively by roll-call vote. 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.

28. Alexandria Police Department Public Safety Review and Plan

City Council received an update on the Alexandria Police Department from Police Chief Tarrick McGuire.

VII. OTHER

29. Oral Reports and Oral Presentations by Members of City Council

1. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Annual Women In Leadership

Panel.

2. Councilman Aguirre congratulated Senior Services on a successful gala event recently.
3. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the ribbon cutting for the new Transportation and Environmental Services Department offices at the Alex Renew Headquarters.
4. Councilman Aguirre reported that Alexandria Economic Development Partnership held a town hall recently about navigating economic challenges for businesses and how to federal policies.
5. Councilman Aguirre reported that the Friends and Lovers Bookstore reopened in Old Town.
6. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Spring2Action kickoff party.
7. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Taste of Literacy hosted by the English Empowerment Center.
8. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the International Night at Alexandria City High School.
9. Councilman Aguirre reported that he and Vice Mayor Bagley attended the 160th Commemoration of Grosvenor Hospital Brunch.
10. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the community listening session hosted by the Independent Police Review Board at Alfred Street Baptist Church.
11. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended a play, The Crucible, at George Washington Middle School.
12. Councilman Aguirre reported that he and Mayor Gaskins participated in the Celebrity Scooping at Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream shop and the donations went to CFNC.
13. Councilman Aguirre reported that he is participating in this cohort of the Virginia Hunt State Policy Fellows.
14. Councilman Aguirre reported that the Department of Community and Human Services are offering free tax preparation services.
15. Councilwoman Greene reported that she and other members attended the Alex Dog Walk event on Saturday.
16. Councilwoman Greene thanked Ms. Robinson's 7th Grade Avid Class at Jefferson-Houston K-8 School. for inviting her to speak to them.
30. 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. 30; 04/08/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the City Council Look Ahead to include the following: We are Eco-City Alexandria Tree Planting and Art Showcase scheduled for Saturday, April 26 from 8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m., at City Hall (301 King Street), Eco-City Festival scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m., Ben Brenman Park (4800 Brenman Park Dr.), Witter Place Groundbreaking scheduled for Tuesday, May 20 at 5:00 p.m., at Witter Place (2712 Duke Street), and City Council Town Hall tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Charles Beatley Library (5005 Duke Street); and (2) received the City Council Calendar from April 2025 - December 2025. City Council requested that an alternative date for May 22 Town Hall meeting, noting there was another event was scheduled for the same date. 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.

VIII. ADJOURN.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of April 8, 2025 at 8:21 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 City Clerk

Adopted: May 13, 2025