

City of Alexandria

*301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314*



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

5:30 PM

City Council will hold the FY2026 Tax Rate Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Budget Add/Delete Public Hearing. The Regular Meeting will commence at the conclusion of the public hearings.

City Council Legislative Meeting

The April 8, 2025, Legislative Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held in the Council Chamber (301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of City Council and staff are participating either in-person or from a remote location through video conference call on Zoom webinar. The meeting can be accessed by government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and via Zoom by the following link:

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Meeting Agenda and Live Webcast

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Zoom Registration Form

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Speaker's Form

<https://apps.alexandriava.gov/SpeakerSignup/>

Submission of written statements is encouraged. Please sign up after the docket is created and posted and you are able to verify the meeting date on the City's website. If you have prepared statement or a written comments for the record you may email it to the City Clerk at CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov.

Public Comment will be received at this meeting.

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TAKE NOTICE: The FY2026 Budget Tax Rate Public Hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by Budget Add/Delete Public Hearing. The Regular Council Legislative Meeting will begin at the conclusion of these two public hearings.

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).

[25-3020](#)

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

City Council approved the electronic participation resolution. (RES. NO. 3280)

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.

[25-2999](#)

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).

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).

5. Add/Delete Public Hearing

[25-2977](#)

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.

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.

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

[25-3022](#)

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.

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.

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

7. [25-2998](#)

Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing Alexandria Earth Month and Arbor Day.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

8. [25-3009](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing National Library Week.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

8a. [25-3049](#)

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

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

[25-3045](#)

*Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) (Mayor Gaskins and Vice Mayor Bagley)

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

Northern Virginia Regional Commission (Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Greene)

City Council gave the reports.

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. [25-3038](#)

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

10. [25-3044](#)

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

11. [25-2976](#) 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.
12. [25-2980](#) Consideration of National Recreation and Park Association's Out-of-School Time Youth Mentoring Program Grant Opportunity.
13. [25-2975](#) Consideration of an Application for the 2025 Inova Community Health Opportunities Grant
14. [25-2985](#) 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
15. [25-2988](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending February 28, 2025.
16. [25-2881](#) 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. [25-2972](#) 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. [25-2979](#) 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.
19. [25-2981](#) 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).

20. [25-2983](#)

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).

21. [25-2818](#)

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).

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-owned 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 All 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.

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VI. ACTION MATTERS

22. [25-3048](#) Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force - 3-year term
1 citizen member
City Council reappointed Bryan Kirkes as the citizen member to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force.
23. [25-3039](#) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee - 2-year term
2 citizen members
City Council reappointed Alexandre L. Jevgrafovs and appointed Michael Kutner as the two citizen members to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee.
24. [25-3040](#) Commission on Persons with Disabilities - 2-year term
3 citizen members
City Council reappointed Lawrence Lewis and Megan Prince and appointed Shannon Loelius as the three members to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities.
25. [25-3041](#) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member
City Council appointed Casey Clark as the citizen member to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee.
26. [25-3042](#) Sister Cities Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member
City Council reappointed Phil Dawit as the citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee.
27. [25-3043](#) Traffic and Parking Board - 2-year term
1 citizen member
City Council appointed Dane Lauritzen as the citizen member to the Traffic and Parking Board.

Contested Appointments

28. [25-2993](#) Alexandria Police Department Public Safety Review and Plan

City Council received the updated 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 the 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. [25-2994](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

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.

VIII. ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at the 8:21 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.