

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

6:15 PM

City Council will hold an Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. The regular meeting will begin following the conclusion of the Executive Session at 7:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter.

City Council Legislative Meeting

The May 13, 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 the City Council and staff are participating either in-person or from a remote location through a video conference call on Zoom webinar. The meeting can be accessed by government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and can be accessed via Zoom by the following link:

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Meeting Agenda and Live Webcast

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I. OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Gaskins called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of City Council were present , with Councilman McPike absent.

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

Not needed.

3. Closed Meeting

25-3101

6:15 PM - 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 City would be adversely affected and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the City regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:17 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 where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interests of the City would be adversely affected; consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation involving an employment matter, 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 requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:17 p.m.

City Council reconvened in closed session at 9:36 p.m.

City Council reconvened in open session at 10:56 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution previously circulated to City Council regarding closed executive session. (RES. NO. 3290)

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:[25-3169](#)

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

The Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2025 (Budget Work Session #4);

The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2025;

The Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2025 (Budget Work Session #5);

The Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2025 (Town Hall);

The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025;

The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025; and

The Special Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2025 (Budget Adoption).

City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the meeting minutes of March 17, 2025 (Budget Work Session #4); the regular meeting minutes of March 25, 2025; the meeting minutes of March 26, 2025 (Budget Work Session #5); the meeting minutes of March 29, 2025 (Town Hall); the regular meeting minutes of April 8, 2025; the regular meeting minutes of April 22, 2025; and the special meeting minutes of April 30, 2025 (Budget adoption).

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**6. [25-3139](#)**

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Emergency Medical Services Week.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

7. [25-3140](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing City Academy Graduates.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

III. Oral Reports from Members of City Council on Boards, Commissions, and Committees[25-3170](#)

*Health and Safety Committee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilwoman Greene)

*Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA): Governing Body (Mayor Gaskins)

*City Council/Schools Subcommittee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilman Chapman)

*Alexandria Work Development Center (Councilman Elnoubi and Councilman McPike)

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

*Commission on Aging (Councilman Aguirre)

City Council gave the oral reports.

IV. Oral Report from the City Manager**8. [25-3149](#)**

Progress Report on the City Hall Renovation and Market Square Project

City Council received the updates on the City Hall and Market Square renovation project from Director of General Services and asked questions about the proposed project.

V. ACTION DOCKET

Regular Consent Calendar (9-19)

9. [25-3182](#)

Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- a) Commission for Women
Jennifer Stowe
Cecelia Hunter
- b) Commission on Information Technology
Stephen Morris
- c) Economic Opportunities Commission
Meronne Teklu
- d) Environmental Policy Commission
Kishla Askins
- e) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
Mark Farkas
- f) Historic Restoration & Preservation Commission
Troy Lyons
- g) Public Records Advisory Commission
Carl Rohde

10. [25-3181](#)

Uncontested Appointments for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- a) Commission on Persons with Disabilities - 2-year term
1 citizen member
- b) Economic Opportunities Commission - 2-year term
2 Category II - representatives of residents living with low income and/or

from historically marginalized communities in the City certified by the Commission

1 Category I - representative of business industry, labor, religious, welfare or other private groups and interests certified by the Commission

- c) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member that is a veteran

1 member nominated by the First Virginia regiment of the Continental line

1 member nominated by the Masonic Fraternity

- d) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - 2-year term
1 representative from the Alexandria Historical Society

- e) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 member representing the business community

- f) Waterfront Commission - 2-year term
1 Chamber of Commerce representative

- 11. [25-3037](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to Next Generation (NG) 9-1-1 Funding and Virginia Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Education Program Through The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Educational Training
- 12. [25-3055](#) Consideration of the Submission of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Litter Prevention and Recycling Program for Funding of the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program.
- 13. [25-3059](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2025.
- 14. [25-3123](#) Consideration of the Appointment of a Management Representative to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Board and Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board.
- 15. [25-3125](#) Consideration of the Appointment of a Representative to the Other Post-Employment Benefit Trust Board
- 16. [25-3091](#) Consideration of a Continued Funding Agreement with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice for the Provision of a Behavioral Health Staff Position.

17. [25-3087](#) Consideration of Authorization for the City Manager to Sign an Amendment to the Net Benefits Agreement Regarding the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station between the National Park Service and the City of Alexandria.
18. [25-3073](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 054.04 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the properties at 802 and 808 North Washington Street from, CD-X/Commercial downtown (Old Town North) to CRMU-X/Commercial residential mixed use (Old Town North) in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2024-00004 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2024-00004 associated with The Whitley Phase 2 approved by City Council on April 26, 2025).
19. [25-3075](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the owner of the properties located at 802 and 808 North Washington Street to construct and maintain encroachments for a portion of the front façade of the building at 802 North Washington Street and balconies on the building front façade of the building at 808 North Washington Street into the public right of way at those locations (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2024-00008 associated with The Whitley Phase 2 approved by City Council on April 26, 2025).

City Council approved the consent calendar. The approvals were as follows:

9. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Jennifer Stowe, Commission for Women; (b) Cecelia Hunter, Commission for Women; (c) Stephen Morris, Commission on Information Technology; (d) Meronne Teklu, Economic Opportunities Commission; (e) Kishla Askins, Environmental Policy Commission; (f) Mark Farka, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (g) Troy Lyons, Historic Restoration and Preservation; and (h) Carl Rohde, Public Records Advisory Commission.

10. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Donna M. Turnage Spencer as a citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (b) reappointed David Parker and appointed Joseph Stewart as the representatives of residents living with low income and/or from historically marginalized communities in the City certifies by the Commission and appointed Conrad Sylvanus as the representative of business industry, labor, religious, welfare or other private groups and interests certified by the Commission to the Economic Opportunities Commission; (c) reappointed Lauren Augustine as the citizen member that is a veteran, reappointed Peter Duggan as the member nominated by the First Virginia regiment of Continental line, and reappointed Tyler Vanice as the member nominated by the Masonic Fraternity to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (d) appointed Michael Pope as the representative from the Alexandria Historical Society to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (e) reappointed Nicholas Gueterman as the member representing the business community to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; and (f) appointed Charlotte A. Hall

as the Chamber of Commerce representative to the Waterfront Commission.

11. City Council: (a) retroactively approved the submission of the grant application (applied on March 31, 2025) for up to \$4,000; and (b) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council: (a) approved a non-competitive grant application due June 30, 2025, to Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Litter Prevention and Recycling Program, for funding in the approximate amount of \$30,108, for the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program (the exact amount to be determined by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality by September 30, 2025); and (b) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

13. City Council received Monthly Financial Report.

14. City Council appointed the following individual to the newly vacant Management Representative position on the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board and the Supplement Retirement Board: Laura Gates, Deputy Director of Finance.

15. City Council appointed Kevin Greenleaf to a two-year term to OPEB Trust.

16. City Council: (a) approved the Memorandum for DJJ to reimburse the City of Alexandria up to a maximum \$129,185 in FY 2026, with gradually anticipated increase to cover increase salary and benefit costs, and equipment upgrades and fees; and (b) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

17. City Council authorized the City Manager to sign the proposed Second Amendment to the "Net Benefits Agreement," regarding the Potomac Yard Metro Rail Station between the National Park Service (NPS) and the City of Alexandria.

18. City Council approved the ordinance on the first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and the final passage on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

19. City Council approved the ordinance on the first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and the final passage on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

VI. ACTION MATTERS

Contested Appointments

- 20.** [25-3174](#) Archaeological Commission - 4-year term
1 At-large member

City Council appointed Raymond S. Eresmn as the at-large member to the Archaeological Commission.

- 21.** [25-3175](#) Beautification Commission - 2-year term
1 citizen member

City Council appointed Elizabeth Gelfer as the citizen member to Beautification Commission.

22. [25-3176](#) Board of Zoning Appeals - 4-year term
1 citizen member
City Council appointed Andrew W. Justus as the citizen member to Board Zoning Appeals.
23. [25-3177](#) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member
City Council appointed Erica Kaster as the citizen member to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee.
24. [25-3178](#) Commission for Women - 3-year term
1 citizen member
City Council appointed Eva Bastianon as the citizen member of the Commission for Women.
25. [25-3179](#) Commission On Information Technology - 3-year term
1 citizen member
City Council appointed Don Rubin as the citizen member to the Commission on Information Technology.
26. [25-3180](#) Community Services Board - 3-year term
1 citizen member
City Council reappointed Michele Walz as the citizen member of Community Services Board.

Ordinances and Resolutions

27. [25-3173](#) Consideration of Changes to the City Council Procedural Resolution.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]
City council adopted the City Council Procedural Resolution with an amendment to Section 2 (1) (a), to read as follows: Should a councilmember wish to remove an item from the Roll-Call Consent Items, they are highly encouraged to notify the City Clerk by phone or email no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the applicable meeting. (RES. NO. 3289)
28. [25-3026](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration of the First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Title 11 Chapter 5: Noise Ordinance, to ban the use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers.
City Council approved the ordinance on the first reading with an 18 month phase out period for the community and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and the final passage on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

VII. OTHER

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

City Council gave the reports.

30. [25-3185](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) approved the City Council Look Ahead Calendar to include:

** Community Cookouts at various sites throughout the City;*

** Alexandria City High School Graduation ceremony, May 28, 2025, 8:45 a.m., George Mason University/EagleBank Arena; and (2) received the City Council Calendar from May 2025 through December 2025.*

VIII. ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 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.