

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 7:00 PM
City Council Legislative Meeting**

Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Amy B. Jackson, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, Sarah R. Bagley, John Taylor Chapman, Alyia Gaskins, and R. Kirk McPike.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Ms. Fleming, Director, Office of Communications and Community Engagement (OCCE); Ms. Castenada, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Landrum, CEO, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP); Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Wedeles, Strategic Initiatives Officer, City Manager's Office; Mr. Useem, Office of Performance Analytics (OPA); Mr. Mackey, Court Services; Mr. Fields, Director, Code Administration; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Ms. Quinn, City Manager's Office; Mr. Knight, Division Chief, T&ES; Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance; Ms. Off, Deputy Director, T&ES; Ms. Milnes, Real Estate Assessments; Ms. Snow, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Mr. Sharma, Deputy Director, T&ES; Ms. Demeke, ITS; Mr. Smith, ITS; and Police Lt. Lion.

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

I. OPENING MATTERS

1. Calling the Roll

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of City Council were present, with Vice Mayor Jackson arriving immediately following roll-call.

2. Electronic Participation Resolution (if needed)

Not needed.

3. Closed Session (if needed)

Not needed.

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:

The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2024;
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2024; and
The Summary Minutes of the Town Hall Meeting of January 27, 2024.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings: the regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2024, the public hearing meeting minutes of January 20, 2024, and the summary minutes of the town hall meeting of January 27, 2024. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring February as George Washington Celebration Month.

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

II. Oral Reports from Members of Council on Boards, Commissions and Committees

***Council of Governments (COG) Region Forward Coalition (Councilwoman Gaskins)**

Councilwoman Gaskins reported that the Region Forward Coalition received two reports: an Outlook on the Washington Area Economy and the Implications of Telework on Federal Real Estate.

***Commission on Aging (Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Commission on Aging received a report on the proposed arena/entertainment district project from the City Manager.

***COG - Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) - (Councilmember Bagley)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that the Committee reviewed the 2024 Priorities including the regional tree canopy goals, the upcoming solar procurement summit, and the regional electric vehicle strategy.

***Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that there was a successful holiday season with the events

sponsored by Visit Alexandria, including the Christmas Walk and the Boat Parade. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that hospitality revenue is up for the year. Vice Mayor Jackson also reported that Visit Alexandria was highlighting local black-owned businesses for Black History Month. Vice Mayor Jackson noted that the winter Restaurant Week just concluded for the City. Vice Mayor Jackson reminded businesses that they can be designated as eco-friendly by going to the Visit Alexandria website and signing up for the designation. Vice Mayor Jackson also noted that voting for Alexandria as the best small city by Travel and Leisure Magazine is open until February 26.

***Citizen Corps Council (Vice Mayor Jackson and Councilman McPike)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the Teen CERT program for all city high school students had just began.

***COG - Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Committee (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the group received a presentation on the regional tree canopy and she noted that Alexandria planted 50 trees causing an increase to the overall canopy.

***Potomac Watershed Roundtable (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that group received on vertical farming and a received a presentation on commercial solar farming in urban areas.

***COG - Food and Agricultural Regional Member (FARM) Committee (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the Committee is working on extending the FARM Bill in Congress another year and looking at a more robust bill supporting food security programs and food programs for schools.

***Commission on Information Technology- (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the Commission will have a presentation on artificial intelligence at their upcoming meeting.

***Alex Renew Board (Vice Mayor Jackson and Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson reported that Jamieson Avenue in Carlyle would reopen for vehicular and pedestrian traffic on March 4. Mayor Wilson also reported that Alex Renew would resume disconnections for nonpayment shortly and they will establish an assistance program for those in need of help with their bills.

***Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) (Councilmember Bagley)**

Mayor Wilson reported that NVTA supported an endorsement letter from Alexandria for the RAISE program.

Oral Report from the City Manager

City Manager Parajon recognized the Office of Performance Analytics for receiving the Bloomberg's What Works Certified City designation and Director Useem gave a presentation on the certification.

7. Council Priorities Update.

Mr. Useem gave a follow-up updated on the City Council priorities, highlighting the inclusion of the guidance from City Council from the Council budget retreat in November.

8. Update on the 2024 Virginia General Assembly Session.

(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. 8; 02/13/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the proposed positions on bills of impact to the City included in Attachments 1, 2, and 3 (Oppose, Support, and Watch list respectively) as recommended by Council's Legislative Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman McPike) at the February 2, 2024 meeting. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

9. Potomac Yard Entertainment District Update.

Ms. Landrum, CEO/President, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP), gave an update on the activity at General Assembly regarding the proposed arena/entertainment district project and she and other participants gave an overview of the proposed transportation improvements, housing opportunities and small business economic opportunities in the area the proposed project and responded to questions from Council.

III. ACTION DOCKET

Regular Consent Calendar (10-23)

10. Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
 - (a) Alexandria Caen Sister Cities Committee
Karen McKeon
 - (b) Commission for the Arts
Tiffany Williams
 - (c) Historic Alexandria Resource Commission
Kate Gillis

(d) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Commission
Matthew Razzano

(e) Sister Cities Commission
Esther Petrilli Massey
Kathryn Schalow
Kurt Eberle

11. Uncontested Appointments of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

(a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee - 2-year term
2 citizen members

(b) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 school board designee

(c) Citizen Corps Council - 3-year term
1 Alexandria Chapter American Red Cross representative

(d) Commission for the Arts - 3-year term
1 professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the city landscape, such as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design.

(e) Community Policy and Management Team - 2-year term
1 parent representative

(f) Emergency Medical Services Council - 2-year term
1 citizen member

(g) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee - 2-year term
1 representative of Gadsby's Tavern
1 citizen member

(h) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board - 2-year term
2 tenant representatives

(i) Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission - 4-year term
1 citizen member

(j) Public Records Advisory Commission - 2-year term
1 citizen member

(k) Social Services Advisory Board - 3-year term
1 citizen member

(l) Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 member representing Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations

- 1 Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee representative
- 3 members nominated by Civic Association in flood affected area.
- 1 business representative
- 2 residents with engineering, environmental, financial, or related experience
- 1 member with interest or expertise in diversity, race and equal social equity and inclusivity issues

12. Request for removal of City Board, Commission and Committee members for missing Oaths of Office.
13. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2023.

(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; 02/13/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of the Calendar Year 2024 Real Property Assessments.

(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; 02/13/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Consideration of a Funding Agreement with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice for the Provision of a Behavioral Health Staff Position.

(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. 15; 02/13/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Consideration of Virginia American Water Company's Proposed 29% Overall Rate Increase.

(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. 16; 02/13/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize Reimbursement of Costs from Responding to Terrorism Hoax Incidents, Bomb Threats, and Malicious Activation of Fire Alarms in Section 13-1-42 Chapter 1 (GENERAL OFFENSES) of Title 13 (MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES) 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. 17; 02/13/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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of this record by reference.

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18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Old Town Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00002 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment (Implementation Ordinance for Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00002 associated with 301 N. Fairfax Street approved by City Council on January 20, 2024).

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19. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 065.03 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 property at 301 North Fairfax Street from CD/Commercial downtown to CRMU-H/Commercial residential mixed use (high) in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2023-00003 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2023-00003 associated with the 301 N. Fairfax Street approved by City Council on January 20, 2024).

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City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19, 02/13/24, 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 the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Old Town North Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00006 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment (Implementation Ordinance for Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00006 associated with The Ladrey approved by City Council on January 20, 2024).

(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; 02/13/24, 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; 02/13/24, 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. 20; 02/13/24, 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 Sheet No. 065.01 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 300 Wythe and 600 North Fairfax Streets from RC/High density apartment to RMF/Residential multi-unit in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2023-00004 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2023-00004 associated with The Ladrey approved by City Council on January 20, 2024).

(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; 02/13/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

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

Ordinance to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Southwest Quadrant Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00003 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment (Implementation Ordinance for Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00003 associated with S. Alfred Street Townhomes approved by City Council on January 20, 2024).

(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. 22; 02/13/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

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23. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 080.01 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 816 and 820 Gibbon and 608 and 614 South Alfred Streets from CL/Commercial low to CRMU-L/Commercial mixed use (low) in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2023-00002 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2023-00002 associated with S. Alfred Street Townhomes approved by City Council on January 20, 2024).

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WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of items 14, 16, 18, and 19, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

10. City Council received the following resignations from boards, commissions, and committees: (a) Karen McKeon, Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee; (b) Tiffany Williams, Commission for the Arts; (c) Kate Gillis, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (d) Matthew Razzano, Potomac Yard Design Advisory Commission; and (e) Ester Petrilli Massey, Kathryn Schalow, Kurt Eberle, Sister Cities Commission.

11. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Michael Bianco and Candace Herman as the two citizen members to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) appointed Nancy Drane as the school board designee to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (c) appointed Elsy Melkonian as the American Red Cross Alexandria Chapter representative to the Citizen Corps Council; (d) appointed Trena Raines as the professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the city landscape, such as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design to the Commission for the Arts; (e) appointed Nathan Shultz as the parent representative Community Policy and Management Team; (f) appointed Kristen Eastlick as the representative of Gadsby's Tavern and appointed Laura Packard as the citizen member to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (g) appointed Amy Purnell and Andrea Weiss as the two tenant representatives to the Landlord - Tenant Relations Board; (h) appointed Yon Lambert as the citizen member to the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission; (i) appointed David Kovalik as the citizen member to the Public Records Advisory Commission; and (j) appointed Karen Carter as the citizen member to the Social Services Advisory Board.

12. City Council authorized the City Clerk to remove the following member from the Commission for failure to return the oath of office within 60 days of appointment: LeAnn Frederick, Commission for Women.

13. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

15. City Council: (1) retroactively approved the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to reimburse the City of Alexandria up to a maximum of \$136,589.66 annually; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

17. City Council approved the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, February 24, 2024.

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

14. Consideration of the Calendar Year 2024 Real Property Assessments.

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WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman

McPike and carried unanimously, City Council received the Calendar Year 2024 Real Property Assessments report. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

16. Consideration of Virginia American Water Company's Proposed 29% Overall Rate Increase.

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WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council supported City staff to: (1) minimized the unreasonable magnitude of the proposed water rate increase for Alexandria's residents and businesses, including opposing Virginia American Water Company's 29% overall rate increase by intervening as a respondent in the recently docketed case, retaining outside counsel and experts to oppose the increase; and (2) as appropriate, oppose any additional unreasonable requests by VAWC's rate increase application. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

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WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried 6-1, City Council approved the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled if for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, February 24, 2024. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed,

Councilman Chapman.

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IV. Roll-Call Consent Calendar

None.

V. ACTION MATTERS

Contested Appointments of Boards, Commissions, and Committees

24. Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Kristine Slayden
Brant Snyder

Daniel Swaim
Paul Taylor
Mekdi Taddese

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 02/13/24, 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 Brant Snyder as the citizen member to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Snyder
Jackson	-	Slayden
Aguirre	-	Snyder
Bagley	-	Snyder
Chapman	-	Snyder
Gaskins	-	Slayden
McPike	-	Slayden

25. Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission - 3-year term
1 community member with expertise in children, youth and family issues, public safety, medical/health related profession or non-profit experience

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

NAME:

Jennifer Ary
Carrie Phillips
Rhesa Riley

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 02/13/24, 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 Carrie Phillips as the community member with expertise in children, youth and family issues, public safety, medical/health related profession or nonprofit experience to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Phillips
Jackson	-	Phillips
Aguirre	-	Riley
Bagley	-	Phillips
Chapman	-	Phillips
Gaskins	-	Riley

McPike - Riley

26. Community Services Board - 3-year term
1 citizen member

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council moved to readvertise the position on the Community Services Board. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

27. Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission - 4-year term
1 citizen member appointed by Council

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

NAME:

Nigel Mease
Norma Rosado-Blake

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 27; 02/13/24, 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 Nigel Mease as the citizen member appointed by Council to the Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Mease
Jackson	-	Rosado-Blake
Aguirre	-	Mease
Bagley	-	Mease
Chapman	-	Mease
Gaskins	-	Mease
McPike	-	Mease

28. Public Health Advisory Commission - 2-year term
Non-health professional citizen member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to above Commission)

NAME:

Logan Hoover
Anita McClendon

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 28; 02/13/24, 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 Anita McClendon as the non-health professional citizen member to the Public Health Advisory Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Mcclendon
Jackson	-	Mcclendon
Aguirre	-	Mcclendon
Bagley	-	Hoover
Chapman	-	Mcclendon
Gaskins	-	Mcclendon
McPike	-	Mcclendon

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

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

NAME:

Mikke Norton
Erin Rauner

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 29; 02/13/24, 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 Erin Rauner as the citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Rauner
Jackson	-	Rauner
Aguirre	-	Rauner
Bagley	-	Rauner
Chapman	-	Rauner
Gaskins	-	Rauner
McPike	-	Rauner

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

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

NAME:

Coleman Burke
Kevin Jackson, Jr.

Dane Lauritzen
Alison Maltz
Kursten Phelps
Mark Stout

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 30; 02/13/24, 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 Kursten Phelps as the citizen member to the Traffic and Parking Board. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Phelps
Jackson	-	Stout
Aguirre	-	Phelps
Bagley	-	Phelps
Chapman	-	Lauritzen
Gaskins	-	Phelps
McPike	-	Phelps

31. Waterfront Commission - 2-year term

1 Park Planning District I representative

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

NAME:

Louise Roseman
William Vesilind

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 31; 02/13/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Louise Roseman as the Park Planning District I representative to the Waterfront Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Roseman
Jackson	-	Roseman
Aguirre	-	Roseman
Bagley	-	Roseman
Chapman	-	Roseman
Gaskins	-	Roseman
McPike	-	Roseman

Recommendations from the City Manager

32. Consideration of the Release of Funds from FY 2024 Contingent Reserves for Operation of the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center.

(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. 32; 02/13/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried unanimously, City Council allocated \$657,629 to the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center per the responses below that demonstrate progress towards: (1) optimizing capacity within Northern Virginia for Juvenile Secure Detention services; (2) leveraging available physical plant capacity for alternative uses; and (3) pursuing new regional partnerships for use of facilities and staffing.

Resolutions

None.

Ordinances

None.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

33. Oral Reports and Oral Presentations from Members of City Council

(a) Councilman Aguirre acknowledged the retirements of Ms. Elaine Scott, Office of Communications and Community Engagement and Police Chief Don Hayes.

(b) Councilman Aguirre reported that he met with community youth at Casa Chirilagua.

(c) Councilman Aguirre reported that he and his colleagues attended the annual VML Lobby Day in Richmond.

(d) Councilman Aguirre thanked staff for the different engagement opportunities on the proposed arena project and he noted that he attended a discussion/engagement opportunity with Tenants and Workers United.

(e) Councilman Aguirre congratulated Port City Brewery on its 13th Anniversary.

(f) Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the recent gala held by the Center for Alexandria’s Children.

(g) Councilman Aguirre attended a Lunar New Year celebration in the City.

(h) Councilman Aguirre and Councilman Chapman attended the regional chamber

speed networking event sponsored by the Alexandria Chamber along with other local Chambers.

(i) Councilman Aguirre attended a Coffee with a Cop event and West End Business Association event.

(j) Councilman Aguirre attended a ribbon cutting for the African American Heritage Waterfront Trail.

(l) Councilman Aguirre announced that there are free tax preparation services available through the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS).

(m) Councilman Chapman requested that Director of Community and Human Services Garvey give an update report about disparities experienced by the community as it relates to services for residents from DCHS, related to things like education, food security, and mental health and economic security in specific areas and the investment from the City in those areas.

(n) Councilman Chapman requested an update on the next check-in for the Duke Street In-Motion project from the City Manager.

34. Consideration of City Council Calendar.

(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. 34; 02/13/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried unanimously, City Council approved the City Council Calendar, with the addition of the upcoming parades and the changing of the time of the upcoming CIP/Schools Budget work session. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

Closed Session (if needed)

None.

VII. ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of February 13, 2024 at 11:04 p.m. The vote was follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: March 12, 2024