

**City of Alexandria
City Council Legislative Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

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. Anderson, City Attorney; Mr. Browand, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Ms. Snow, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Ms. McLean, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office (CMO); Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Freed, Climate Action Officer, CMO; Mr. Smith, Green Building Manager, CMO; Ms. Fleming, Director, Office of ;; Communications and Public Information (OCPI); Mr. Bland, OCPI; Ms. Benjamin, OCPI; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Taylor, Interim Deputy City Manager/Director, Finance; Ms. Zechman Brown, Deputy City Attorney; Ms. Roberts, Deputy City Attorney; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing;

I. OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of City Council were present, with Councilman McPike participating via Zoom webinar.

1a. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution by Members of City Council (if needed).
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the electronic participation resolution. 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.

The resolution reads as follows:

Resolution No. 3145

Resolution Regarding Electronic Participation by a Member of City Council

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2 provides that an individual member of a public body may fully participate in meetings electronically if any such member meets the criteria 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 R. Kirk McPike has notified the Mayor and the Clerk that he is unavailable to be physically present for the March 14, 2023, 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 will participate in the City Council Meeting by Zoom Video Conference Call from Riverside, California, 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 and the City Council's Electronic Meeting Policy Resolution 3011, City Council Member R. Kirk McPike will participate remotely in this meeting by video conference call.

*Please note: The work session was considered following the presentation of the proclamations.

2. Work Session for the Coordinated Sustainability Strategy for the Potomac River Generating Station.

City Council held the work session on the Coordinated Sustainability Strategy for the Potomac River Generating Station.

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

II. PROCLAMATIONS

4. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing March As Women's History Month.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins 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.

5. Presentation of a Proclamation for Meals for March.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, 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.

III. ORAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

***Health & Safety Coordinating Committee (Councilwoman Gaskins and Mayor Wilson)**

Councilwoman Gaskins reported that the meeting focused on recidivism and all the partners involved in supporting the goals and works toward recidivism. Councilwoman Gaskins reported that the Committee will be working on ways to better work in addressing recidivism in the community and ways to collaborate with each other to reach the goals.

***Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (Councilman Aguirre and Councilmember Bagley)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that there was discussion about the WMATA budget at the meeting and NVTC proposed sending a letter to WMATA to address the funding gap in the system. Councilmember Bagley noted that there was discussion about the Commuter Choice program, particularly the projects for 395 submitted by Alexandria.

***City Naming Committee (Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

Councilwoman Gaskins reported that the Committee met to review the proposed scope of work for the project for renaming streets throughout the City. Councilwoman Gaskins reported that the Committee reviewed the steps in the process and community engagement for the process and how the public can be part of the process.

***Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (Councilmember Bagley and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that the Commission focused on the proposed budget and the need for more mental health resources. Councilmember Bagley also reported the Commission discussed the role of youth on the board and how to encourage their participation on City Boards and Commissions.

***Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (Councilmember Bagley and Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that the group discussed their Advocacy Four Year Plan and ways to make an impact on legislation and policy. Councilmember Bagley announced the group would be sponsoring a Wrap Up Alexandria Campaign for condom distribution in the City.

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

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that Ting began offering internet services to the City of Alexandria today. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that Commission is working on the Digital Equity Work Group with City Staff and other stakeholders.

***MacArthur Redevelopment Update (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson gave an update on the construction at MacArthur Elementary school and noted that there will be virtual community meeting on March 28.

***COG Board of Directors (Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson reported that he presented to the Board on the City's use of the equity emphasis areas and he discussed how it has been used across many departments including Planning and Zoning, Housing, and capital projects. Mayor Wilson thanked Hillary Orr, Transportation and Environmental Services, for helping with the presentation.

***Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson reported that Josh Baker from DASH gave a presentation about the City's fare free program along with OmniRide about their program. Mayor Wilson reported on the regional fund budget for a study on regional bus rapid transit, noting that there is about \$500 billion dollars for BRT systems funding five different projects, including two in the City of Alexandria.

IV. ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Parajon introduced two new employees in the Office of Communications and Public Information: Giovonny Bland, Social Media Strategist and Michelle Benjamin, Strategic Planner.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR (6-20)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

6. Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
 - (a) Beautification Commission
Jessica Richardson
 - (b) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission
Dana Chambers
 - (c) Commission on Aging
Dawn Higgins
 - (d) Environmental Policy Commission
Edith Cecchini
Nicole Heckman

(e) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
Marion Moon

(f) Waterfront Commission
Kathleen Seifert

7. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group - 3-year term
1 representative of a business group

(b) Archaeological Commission - 4-year term
1 Alexandria Association representative

(c) Board of Architectural Review - 2-year term
1 Parker-Gray District representative

(d) Citizen Corps Council - 3-year term
1 citizen member

(e) Commission on Aging - 3-year term
2 citizen members 60 year or older

(f) Commission on Persons with Disabilities - 2-year term
1 citizen member

(g) Local Emergency Planning Committee - 2-year term
1 owner and operators of facilities subject to the federal emergency
planning requirements of Super Fund Amendments and reauthorization Act
of 1986 (SARA)

(h) Park and Recreation Commission - 3-year term
1 Planning District III representative

(i) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 member representing the Potomac West area

(j) Visit Alexandria Board of Governors - 3-year term
1 City Manager Designee

(k) Waterfront Commission - 2-year term
1 Citizen Member

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

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of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 8; 03/14/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Consideration of a License Agreement with ARP Waterfront, LLC for the use of a portion of the City Marina Plaza for outdoor dining associated with Special Use Permit #2017-0002.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 7, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 9; 03/14/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Consideration of a Request from the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority for a Retroactive Approval of Virginia Housing Development LLC, an Existing Development Entity, and for Creation of New Sub-entities to Facilitate the Samuel Madden Homes Redevelopment Project.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 7, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10; 03/14/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2022 State Homeland Security Program Grant through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for FOAM Equipment Training.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 7, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 03/14/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 7, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 03/14/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2023 Emergency Medical Services Grants Program, known as the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) through the Virginia Department of Health for Rapid Response Vehicles, and Associated Computing Equipment Purchases.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 7, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 03/14/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of a Grant Application to the National Council of Aging to Address the Needs of Older Adults to Receive COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccinations.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 7, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 14; 03/14/23, and is incorporated as

part of this record by reference.)

15. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2023.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 7, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 03/14/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Request for removal of City Board, Commission, and Committee members for missing Oaths of Office.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 7, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 03/14/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Ordinances for Introductions and First Reading)

17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 6-804(F) (ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT PROCESS) of Article VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2022-00015 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2022-00015 associated with King Street Outdoor Dining sidewalk use permit validity dates approved by City Council on February 25, 2023).

(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. 17; 03/14/23, 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. 17; 03/14/23 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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 Braddock Road Metro Station Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2022-00006 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. 2022-00006 associated with Samuel Madden Homes approved by City Council on February 25, 2023).

(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. 18; 03/14/23, 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. 18; 03/14/23 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 Sheet No. 054.02 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 899 and 999 North Henry Street from RB/Townhouse zone to RMF/Residential multifamily zone in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2022-00009 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2022-00009 associated with Samuel Madden Homes approved by City Council on February 25, 2023).

(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; 03/14/23, 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. 19; 03/14/23 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 Sheet No. 007.01 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 property at 3908 Elbert Avenue from RA/Multifamily zone to RMF/Residential multifamily zone, in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2022-00008 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2022-00008 associated with Elbert Avenue Residences approved by City Council on February 25, 2023).

(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; 03/14/23, 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 of Item No. 20; 03/14/23 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of 7(a) and 8, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

6. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Jessica Richardson, Beautification Commission; (b) Dana Chambers, Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission; (c) Dawn Higgins, Commission on Aging; (d) Edith

Cecchini and Nicole Heckman, Environmental Policy Commission; (e) Marion Moon, George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; and (f) Kathleen Seifert, Waterfront Commission.

7. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (b) reappointed Edward Pulliam as the Alexandria Association representative to the Archaeological Commission; (c) appointed Nastaran Zandian as the Parker-Gray District representation to the Board of Architectural Review; (d) appointed Nicholas Stablein as the citizen member to the Citizen Corps Council; (e) reappointed Raymond Biegun and appointed Alan Dinsmore as the two citizen members 60 years of age or older to the Commission on Aging; (f) appointed Robert Ludke as the citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (g) waived the residency requirement and reappointed Lucus Dushac as the owner and operator of a facility subject to the Federal Emergency planning requirements of the Super Fund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) to the Local Emergency Planning Committee; (h) reappointed David Brennan as the Planning District III representative to the Park and Recreation Commission; (i) reappointed Sean Sweeney as the member representing the Potomac West area to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; (j) appointed Sarah Taylor as the City Manager Designee to the Visit Alexandria Board of Governors; and reappointed Lebaron Reid as the citizen member to the Waterfront Commission.

9. City Council: (1) received the report recommending a five-year license agreement between the City of Alexandria and ARP Waterfront, LLC; and (2) scheduled it for public hearing on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

10. City Council: (1) approved the Virginia Housing Development LLC (VHDLLC), including retroactively, pursuant to the terms of a resolution by Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority (ARHA) to approve an amended and restated operating agreement for VHDLLC; (2) approved the formation of a special purposed entity pursuant to the terms of a resolution by VDHLLC; (3) authorized the City Manager to review and approve the VHDLLC and Special Purpose Entity (SPE), organizational documents to ensure conformance with this approval; and (4) authorized the City Manager to execute such documents or take such further action as necessary to implement City Council's actions hereunder.

11. City Council: (1) authorized the execution of a grant award for \$42,100; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council: (1) approved the submission of a grant application for up to \$6,785,655 to fund 25 additional firefighters for relief staffing for the Alexandria Fire Department (AFD); and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

13. City Council: (1) approved the submission of an application for the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) grant for \$332,952; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

14. City Council: (1) retroactively approved the submission of a grant application to the National Council of Aging for \$150,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

15. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

16. City Council: (1) authorized the Executive Secretary for Boards and Commission to remove the following members from their respective board or commission for failure to submit an oath of office: Megan Prince, Community Services Board and Tookie Organek, Park and Recreation Commission; and (2) notify them of their removal.

17. City Council approved the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

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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.

7. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group – 3-year term
1 representative of a business group

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council moved to table the appointment of the representative of a business group to the Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group until an appropriate applicant is available. 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.

8. Consideration of a License Agreement Renewal Between the City of Alexandria and City Experiences, by Hornblower for Use of the City's Marina.

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WHEREUPON, upon motion Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received the report recommending a License Agreement renewal between the City of Alexandria and City Experiences, by Hornblower; and (2) scheduled it for public hearing on Saturday, March 18, 2023. 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.

VI. CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

21. Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee - 2-year term
2 Citizen Members

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

NAME:

Kerem Bilge
Kathleen Griffin
Alexandre Jegrafov
Kathryn Taplett
Tracy Taylor

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 03/14/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

Wilson	-	Bilge, Jegrafov
Jackson	-	Bilge, Taylor
Aguirre	-	Bilge, Jegrafov
Bagley	-	Bilge, Jegrafov
Chapman	-	Bilge, Griffin
Gaskins	-	Bilge, Jegrafov
McPike	-	Bilge, Jegrafov

22. Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME:

Alexis Anyang-Kusi
Karen Graf
Aaron Hall
Randall Williams

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 03/14/23, 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 Karen Graf as the citizen member to the Budget

and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee. The vote was as follows:

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

23. Commission on Information Technology - 3-year term
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME:

Niti Badarinath
Sara Crifasi
Matthew Dantin
Ashley Hess
Sundaramoorthy Kanagarajan
Tom Vanantwerp

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 03/14/23, 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 Sara Crifasi as the citizen member to the Commission on Information Technology. The vote was as follows:

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

24. Environmental Policy Commission - 2-year term
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME:

Richard Ghani
James Vandeputte

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 03/14/23, 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 James Vandeputte as the citizen member to the Environmental Policy Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Vandeputte
Jackson	-	Vandeputte
Aguirre	-	Ghani
Chapman	-	Vandeputte
Gaskins	-	Vandeputte
McPike	-	Vandeputte

25. Traffic and Parking Board - 2-year term
2 Citizen Members

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

NAME:

Audrey Cunningham
James Lewis
Kurtsen Phelps
Ann Tucker

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 03/14/23, 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 James Lewis and Ann Tucker as the two citizen members to the Traffic and Parking Board. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Lewis, Tucker
Jackson	-	Lewis, Tucker
Aguirre	-	Phelps, Tucker
Bagley	-	Phelps, Tucker
Chapman	-	Lewis, Tucker
Gaskins	-	Lewis, Phelps
McPike	-	Lewis, Tucker

VII. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

None.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

26. Introduction. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance on the

Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2023 (Fiscal Year 2024).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 7, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 26; 03/14/23, 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. 26; 03/14/23, 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. 26; 03/14/23 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

A motion was made by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Aguirre, to establish the tax rates to be advertised for residential and commercial real property and personal property.

The maximum rates in the ordinance reflect:

A base real estate tax rate on residential, commercial, and industrial property for calendar year 2023 of \$1.12.5 (1 cent and ½) per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The FY2024 proposed budget reflects a real estate tax rate of \$1.11. Also included in the FY 2024 Proposed Operating budget is an alternative option with a one cent increase.

1. Assumed in this proposed amount is the continued dedication of 1.0 cents for affordable housing;

2. Assumed in the proposed amount is the continued reservation of 2.2 cents of the real property tax rate for transportation projects;

3. A Special Services District tax is proposed to continue to be levied on all real property located in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District at the current rate of \$0.20 per one hundred dollars of valuation;

For all other taxes, the following rates are proposed:

4. A personal property tax rate on vehicles for calendar year 2023 of \$5.33 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2024 proposed budget recommends a vehicle personal property tax rate of \$5.33 to fund the base budget; and

5. A tangible business personal property tax rate for calendar year 2023 of \$4.75 per one hundred dollars of assessed value and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 per hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2024 proposed budget recommends a tangible personal property tax rate of \$4.75 and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 to fund the base budget.

WHEREUPON, a substitute motion was made by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by

Vice Mayor Jackson and carried 5-2, to establish the maximum rated authorized by City Council to reflect a 1 cent increase for the tax rates to be advertised for residential and commercial real property and personal property. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilmember Bagley, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, Councilman Aguirre and Councilman Chapman. The substitute motion became the main motion.

WHEREUPON, upon motion Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried 5-2, City Council passed the proposed ordinance on first reading after establishing the tax rates to be advertised for residential and commercial real property and personal property.

The maximum rates authorized by City Council in the ordinance reflect:

A base real estate tax rate on residential, commercial and industrial property for calendar year 2023 of \$1.12 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The FY2024 proposed budget reflects a real estate tax rate of \$1.11. Also included in the FY 2024 Proposed Operating budget is an alternative option with a one cent increase.

1. Assumed in this proposed amount is the continued dedication of 1.0 cents for affordable housing;
2. Assumed in the proposed amount is the continued reservation of 2.2 cents of the real property tax rate for transportation projects;
3. A Special Services District tax is proposed to continue to be levied on all real property located in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District at the current rate of \$0.20 per one hundred dollars of valuation;

For all other taxes, the following rates are proposed:

4. A personal property tax rate on vehicles for calendar year 2023 of \$5.33 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2024 proposed budget recommends a vehicle personal property tax rate of \$5.33 to fund the base budget; and
5. A tangible business personal property tax rate for calendar year 2023 of \$4.75 per one hundred dollars of assessed value and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 per hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2024 proposed budget recommends a tangible personal property tax rate of \$4.75 and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 to fund the base budget.

City Council set the ordinance for public hearing and second reading on Tuesday, April 25 and final passage on Wednesday, May 3.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilmember Bagley, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, Councilman Aguirre and Councilman Chapman.

IX. ORAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Vice Mayor Jackson recognized Essential Workers Week and she noted that Alexandria Police Department and ACPS held a program at Patrick Henry K-8 School recognizing the workers.
2. Councilman Aguirre recognized Edo-Futuro, an nonprofit organization to strengthen immigrant education, on celebrating 25 years of service.
3. Councilman Aguirre congratulated the organizers of the St. Patrick's Day Parade on successful event.
4. Councilman Aguirre thanked Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., for inviting him to participate in a Read Across America event at Beatley Library last week.
5. Councilman McPike thanked everyone involved in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.
6. Councilman McPike thanked everyone who came to speak at the Budget Public Hearing.
7. Councilman McPike thanked City staff and Councilmember Bagley for assisting him while he is on travel this week, enabling him to participate remotely in Council meetings.
8. Councilmember Bagley reported that members attended the ALIVE! Impact Briefing earlier in the week highlighting their impact on the community and the needs of the community.
9. Councilmember Bagley reported that she had a meeting with the stakeholders in the redevelopment and revitalization of the King Street/Commonwealth Bridge site through community walk to survey the site and explore possible changes.
10. Councilmember Bagley commended everyone involved in the planning and execution of the service for Deputy Fire Chief Brian Hricik.
11. Vice Mayor Jackson noted that she and Mayor Wilson participated in Career Day at MacArthur Elementary School and the children enjoyed hearing about local government.
12. Vice Mayor Jackson recognized the All City Schools Artists who were recognized at the Torpedo Factory on Friday with a reception.
13. Vice Mayor Jackson stated that the City is hosting an expungement clinic in the West End at the Mark Center Hilton on March 25 from 10 am until 1 pm.
14. Councilman Aguirre noted that the City is offering tax preparation services for the community.

X. OTHER

27. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated ????, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 27; 03/14/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council received and approved the City Council Schedule, noting the concern for the docket for the July 5 public hearing and the request to hold the budget adoption meeting at 6 pm.

XI. ADJOURN.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of March 14, 2023 at 9:17 p.m. 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.

APPROVED BY:

JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:


Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: April 11, 2023