

# City of Alexandria

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



## **Action Docket - Final**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council Legislative Meeting**

The April 2, 2024 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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## I. OPENING MATTERS

### 1. Calling the Roll

*Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the role. All the members of City Council were present.*

### 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. [24-1974](#)

Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:  
The Special Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2024;  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024;  
The Summary Meeting Minutes of Budget Worksession #3 (March 13, 2024);  
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2024; and  
The Summary Meeting Minutes of Budget Worksession # 4 (March 20, 2024).

*City Council adopted the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the special public hearing meeting minutes of March 11, 2024 the regular meeting minutes of March 12, 2024, the summary meeting minutes budget worksession #3 (March 13, 2024), the public hearing meeting minutes of March 16, 2024; and the summary meeting minutes of budget worksession #4 (March 20, 2024).*

## II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 6. [24-1911](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing April as Autism Acceptance Month.

*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

### 7. [24-1970](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing National Community Development Week.

*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

8. [24-1971](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing National Library Week.

*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

9. [24-1972](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing April 13, 2024 as Hazel the Tunnel Boring Machine Day.

*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

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

**\*Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors (Mayor Wilson)**

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

**\*ARHA Redevelopment Committee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

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

**\*Waterfront Commission (Councilmember Bagley)**

**\*Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Councilmember Bagley)**

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

*City Council gave the reports.*

### 10. Oral Report from the City Manager

*City Manager Parajon reported that the Alexandria Police Department and the Commonwealth's Attorney received grants to address gun violence prevention and prosecution and investigation.*

*City Manager Parajon introduced new Deputy City Manager Alethea Predeoux.*

### IV. ACTION DOCKET

#### Regular Consent Calendar (11-24)

11. [24-1988](#) Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and

## Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee  
Yeshewase Ayele
- (b) Beautification Commission  
Kelly Yates

**12. [24-1989](#)**

## Uncontested Appointments for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force - 3-year term  
1 ARHA representative or resident of ARHA properties
- (b) Beautification Commission - 2-year term  
1 citizen member
- (c) Building Code Board of Appeals - 5-year term  
1 alternate citizen member
- (d) Citizen Corps Council - 3-year term  
1 citizen member
- (e) Commission on Employment - 2 -year term  
1 representative from a recognized area business including minority-owned and small business
- (f) Commission on Information Technology - 3-year term  
1 representative for Mayor Wilson
- (g) Economic Opportunities Commission - 2-year term  
1 Category II - low income representative
- (h) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - 2-year term  
1 Public Records Advisory Commission representative
- (i) Human Rights Commission - 3-year term  
1 citizen term
- (j) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term  
1 Potomac Yard East representative
- (k) Public Health Advisory Commission - 2-year term  
1 health professional citizen member

- (l) Public Records Advisory Commission  
1 citizen member
  
  - (m) Redevelopment and Housing Authority - 4-year term  
1 citizen member
  
  - (n) Social Services Advisory Board - 3 -year term  
1 citizen member  
1 parent member
13. [24-1659](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending February 29, 2024.
14. [24-1898](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Education for the United States Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program for Children.
15. [24-1933](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to Race Forward and Americans for the Arts for the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities' Office of the Arts.
16. [24-1923](#) Consideration of the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Award to the Alexandria Community Services Board in the Department of Community and Human Services from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the Implementation and ongoing Operation of the Marcus Alert Program.
17. [24-1753](#) Consideration of a Lease Agreement Between the City of Alexandria and Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of General Services (for the Virginia Employment Commission), for Office Space in the City-owned Del Pepper Community Resource Center located at 4850 Mark Center Drive.
18. [24-1891](#) Introduction and Consideration of a Second Amendment to a Five-Year License Agreement dated November 1, 2022, between the City of Alexandria, Virginia and Crown Castle Fiber, LLC. to permit Crown Castle to construct and install an additional enterprise fiber route of approximately 600 feet in the City of Alexandria, Virginia's Public Rights-of-Ways.
19. [24-1940](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Increase the Late Payment Penalty on Personal Property Taxes from 10% if Paid No More Than 30 Days Late, up to 25% if Paid More than 30 days Past the Due Date.
20. [24-1901](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. 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. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

21. [24-1902](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 5-4-1 (DEFINITIONS) and Section 5-4-7 (MINIMUM CRITERIA; CITY HANDBOOK) Chapter 4 (EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
22. [24-1919](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain ARTICLES II (DEFINITIONS), III (RESIDENTIAL ZONE REGULATIONS), IV (COMMERCIAL, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES), V (MIXED USE ZONES), VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES), VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS), Section 8-200 of ARTICLE VIII (OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING), and ARTICLE XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2024-00002 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2024-00002 related to minor updates to various provisions of the zoning ordinance approved by City Council on March 16, 2024).
23. [24-1921](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Article XIII (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2024-00003 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2024-00003 related to stormwater and erosion and sediment control approved by City Council on March 16, 2024).
24. [24-1975](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to increase the Ambulance Service Charges by amending Article J (SERVICE CHARGES FOR CITY AMBULANCE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT RESPONSE SERVICES) to Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT).
- City Council approved the consent calendar, with exception on items 14 and 24, which were considered under separate motions. The recommendations were as follows:*
11. *City Council received the following resignations with regret from boards, commissions, and committees: (a) Yeshewase Ayele, Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; and Kelly Yates, Beautification Commission.*
12. *City Council appointed the following persons to boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Cassandra Lewis as the ARHA representative or resident*

of ARHA properties to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force; (b) reappointed Laura Norfolk as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (c) appointed Kelli Kordich as the alternate citizen member to the Building Code Board of Appeals; (d) reappointed Donne Ruess as the citizen to the Citizen Corps Council; (e) reappointed Lee Burbage as the representative from a recognized area business including minority-owned and small business to the Commission on Employment; (f) appointed Catherine Page the representative to the Commission on Technology; (g) reappointed Jennifer Ayers as the Category II -low income representative to the Economic Opportunities Commission; (h) appointed David Kolvalik as Public Record Advisory Commission representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (i) appointed Manish Maniyar as the citizen member to the Human Rights Commission; (j) appointed Peter Bahm as the Potomac Yard East representative to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; (k) reappointed Sylvia Jones as the health professional citizen member to the Public Health Advisory Commission; (l) appointed Carl Rohde as the citizen member to the Public Records Advisory Commission; (m) reappointed Willie Bailey as the citizen member to the Redevelopment and Housing Advisory; and (n) appointed Jordan Nally as the citizen member and appointed Michael de la Guardia to the Social Services Advisory Board.

13. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

14. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of the grant application due on or about May 15, 2024, to the Virginia Department of Education for United States Department of Agriculture for continued funding and an estimated reimbursement amount of \$150,000 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 (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required. (separate motion)

15. City Council: (1) retroactively approved the submission of an application in the amount of \$40,000 to the Race Forward and Americans for the Arts grant, which was due on March 29, 2024; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

16. City Council: (1) authorized the acceptance of the grant award for funding the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) in the amount of \$478,285 for the duration of this fiscal year (FY2024) with no match required, to provide crisis programming in the community in partnership with the Alexandria Police Department (APD) and the Department of Emergency and Customer Communications (DECC); (2) approved the addition of two full-time Human Service Specialist II positions (2 FTE) that will be fully supported by the award from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS); and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

17. City Council: (1) approved the five year agreement between City of Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of General Services (for the Virginia Employment Commission) to lease space at 4850 Mark Center Drive; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of General Services (for the Virginia Employment Commission).

18. City Council set the public hearing for the license agreement for Saturday, April 13, 2024.

19. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it second reading and



*public hearing on Saturday, April 13, 2024 and final passage on May 1, 2024, with budget adoption.*

20. *City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for second reading and public hearing on Saturday, April 13, 2024, and final passage on May 1, 2024, with budget adoption.*

21. *City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for second reading, public hearing and final passage on Saturday, April 13, 2024.*

22. *City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for second reading, public hearing and final passage on Saturday, April 13, 2024.*

23. *City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for second reading, public hearing, and final passage on Saturday, April 13, 2024.*

24. *City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for second reading and public hearing on Saturday, April 13, 2024, and final passage on May 1, 2024, with budget adoption. (separate motion)*

### **Roll-Call Consent Calendar (25)**

25. [24-1882](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Donation of a Scoreboard and Installation at the Lee Center Miracle Field. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council adopted the resolution to authorize the City Manager to accept a donation of a scoreboard and installation at the Lee Center Miracle Field. (RES. NO. 3216)*

## **V. ACTION MATTERS**

### **Contested Appointments of Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

26. [24-1990](#) Alexandria-Gang Prevention Community Task Force - 3-year term  
1 African American Community Representative
- City Council reappointed Steven Nelson as the African American community representative to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force.*
27. [24-1991](#) Commission on Information Technology - 3-year term  
1 Citizen Member
- City Council reappointed Ricardo Alfaro as the citizen member to the Commission on Information Technology.*
28. [24-1992](#) Economic Opportunities Commission -2-year term  
1 Category III - Private Sector Representative
- City Council reappointed Meronne Teklu as the Category III- private sector representative to the Economic Opportunities Commission.*

29. [24-1993](#) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - 2-year term  
1 Planning District II Representative  
*City Council appointed John Patrick as the Planning District II representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission.*
30. [24-1994](#) Social Services Advisory Board - 3-year term  
1 Citizen Member  
*City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Ashley Caison as the citizen member to the Social Services Advisory Board.*

### **Recommendations from the City Manager**

**None.**

### **Resolutions**

**None.**

### **Ordinances**

**None.**

## **VI. Other Business**

### **31. Oral Reports and Oral Presentations from Members of City Council**

1. *Councilman Chapman requested that staff review the initial guidelines for a Business Improvement District (BID) in Old Town and engage individuals who were not part of the initial process and include those who would be impacted by BID. Council requested that the City Manager work with staff to analysis the current policy and return to Council with some options for moving forward.*
2. *Councilman Aguirre reported the free tax preparation services are available through the Department of Community and Human Services.*
3. *Councilman Aguirre reported that the libraries are distributed free glasses for viewing the Solar Eclipse next Monday.*
4. *Councilman Aguirre reported that he visited the new WMATA bus garage in Bladensburg last month and noted the building would be LEED Platinum.*
5. *Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended an event hosted by WEBA in the West End of Alexandria at Taqueria Picoso.*
6. *Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the National Drone Competition in Arlington, where middle school students from Alexandria were competing. Councilman Aguirre noted that the students from Francis Hammond Middle School placed second*

*in the competition and will be participating in the national competition.*

*7. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Senior Services Gala.*

*8. Councilman Aguirre reported that he and his colleagues helped deliver Meals on Wheels to members of the community.*

*9. Councilman Aguirre congratulated AEDP for hosting An Entrepreneurs Fireside Chat.*

*10. Councilman Aguirre reported that the visit the new 8000 series metrorail cars for WMATA held on the National Mall. He also attended the groundbreaking for the facility that will build the railcars.*

*11. Councilman Aguirre reported that he hosted a delegation from Mexico who recently visited Congress and the City of Alexandria. Councilman Aguirre gave the delegation a tour of City hall.*

*12. Councilwoman Gaskins recognized Dick Black, longtime resident of the Rosemont neighborhood and founding member of the PELT committee. Councilwoman Gaskins noted that Mr. Black and his wife are moving out of the City and she wanted to thank them for all of their civic work in the community through the years.*

*13. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that she attended the inaugural Special Olympics event at the Basilica School of St. Mary's.*

*14. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that she gave welcoming remarks to the Council of Social Workers Education of Spring Governance during their event.*

*15. Councilman Chapman reported the NVRC has began its Solarize NOVA campaign, which runs from April 1 - June 30. Councilman Chapman noted that the goal was to make solar energy more accessible and affordable.*

*16. Councilmember Bagley reported that she participated in the Take Down Tobacco event sponsored by ACHS students to discourage the sell of tobacco products to minors. Councilmember Bagley noted that the students were escorted by members of Alexandria Police Department and Sheriff deputies.*

*17. Mayor Wilson requested that staff review the food truck ordinance and bring back an amendment for Council to consider regarding the times of operations for the trucks.*

*18. Mayor Wilson spoke about the conclusion of the North Potomac Yard Entertainment District proposal and recognized City Manager Parajon and Stephanie Landrum, CEO of Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, for their tireless and extensive work on this proposal. Mayor Wilson also thanked staff and City departments for all the work during this process. Mayor Wilson thanked the community for all of its engagement in the process.*

**32. [24-1910](#)**

Consideration of City Council Calendar.

*City Council: (1) received and approved the Fy 2024 City Council Calendar; (2) received the proposed FY 2025 City Council Calendar, which included, proposed dates for legislative meetings, city holidays, and the VML Conference, October 13 to October*

15, 2024, and the City Council Installation on Thursday, January 2, 2025; and (3) scheduled the proposed FY 2025 City Council Calendar for approval on Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

**Closed Session (if needed)**

*Not needed.*

**VII. ADJOURN**

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*The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.*

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*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.*