

# City of Alexandria

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



## **Action Docket - Final**

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**City Council Legislative Meeting**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the March 23 Legislative Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 and Section 4.0-00(g) in HB29 an HB30 to undertake essential business. All members of the City Council and staff are participating from remote locations through a video conference call on Zoom. This meeting is being held electronically, unless a determination is made that it is safe enough to be held in person in the City Council Chamber at 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting can be accessed by the public through the live broadcast on the government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and can be accessed via Zoom by the following link:

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##### Speaker's Form

<https://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/2020-VIRTUAL-City-Council-Speakers-Form>

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**Public Comment will be received at this meeting.**

**All persons wishing to speak before City Council must complete a Speaker's form (see link above). If you have a prepared statement or written comments for the record, you may email it to the City Clerk at [gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov](mailto:gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov). Speakers are encouraged to submit their written comments to the City Clerk.**

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## **1. Calling the Roll.**

*Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present, with Councilman Chapman arriving during the executive session. All members were present via Zoom webinar.*

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*Mayor Wilson stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the March 23 Legislative Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 and Section 4.0-00(g) in HB29 an HB30 to undertake essential business. All members of the City Council and staff are*

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## 2. 5:00 p.m. - Closed Meeting

[21-0870](#)

Closed Meeting - Consideration of a closed meeting for the discussion of a personnel matter.

*City Council convened in closed executive session at 5:03 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter concerning candidates for appointment by the City Council pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia.*

*City Council reconvened in open session at 7:03 p.m.*

*City Council adopted the resolution regarding the Closed Executive Session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 2980)*

## 3. Public Discussion Period.

**[This period is a public comment period. The first 15 speakers will be heard under item #3 at the beginning of the meeting. Any remaining speakers will be heard at the conclusion of the docketed items.]**

*The following persons participated in the public discussion period:*

*1. Chris O'Donnell, Alexandria, spoke about the American Rescue Plan Funds and the need for the City to fix the infrastructure and stormwater system.*

*2. Allison Ricketts, Alexandria, spoke about damage to her property from construction on the new Sunrise development on Washington Street.*

*3. Greg Ricketts, Alexandria, spoke about damage to his property from construction on the new Sunrise development on Washington Street.*

*4. Thomas Harper, Alexandria, requested that Council allocate funding from the American Rescue Plan for broadband infrastructure and for the fixing the stormwater problems in City neighborhoods.*

*5. Katie Waynick, Alexandria, spoke about the ongoing stormwater problems in the City and requested that the City use the American Rescue Plan funds to address the issues in City neighborhoods.*

*\*\*\*Please note: Councilman Seifeldein left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.\*\*\**

## **ORAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

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

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

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

**\*COG Transportation Planning Board (TPB) (Councilman Aguirre)**

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

**\*Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

*City Council gave the reports.*

## **ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

*City Manager Jinks congratulate Assistant Police Chief Don Hayes on celebrating 40 years of service with the Alexandria Police Department.*

### **(a) Report by Dr. Stephen Haering, MD, MPH, FACPM, on COVID-19 Mitigation and Vaccination Progress.**

*Dr. Haering, Director, Alexandria Health Department and Ms. Talis, Population Health Manager, Health Department, gave an update on the vaccination distribution in the City and COVID-19 status, including number of cases, hospitalizations, and next steps. Dr. Haering and Ms. Talis responded to questions from Council.*

### **(b) Discussion of Safe Options for Council Meetings.**

#### **[21-0836](#)**

Discussion of Safe Options for Council Meetings

*Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager, gave an update on the options for Council to safely holding in-person meetings. Dr. Haering also reviewed the recommendation standards from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for in-person gatherings. Ms. Triggs reviewed the options and stated that once Council made the decision to meet, staff would move forward with plans for setting up the meeting environment.*

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (4-5)**

#### **(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

4. **[21-0787](#)** Authorization to Temporarily Waive City Loan Residual Receipt Payments to Mitigate COVID-19 Operating Deficits.
5. **[21-0872](#)** Approval of a Grant Application to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) Regional Safety Program.

## END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

*City Council considered each item on the consent calendar under separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:*

*4. City Council: (1) allowed residual receipt payments, otherwise due based on property revenues, to be waived on City affordable housing loans, if requested by nonprofit borrowers, to help mitigate operating deficits related to COVID-19; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute waiver agreements with borrowers, as appropriate, based on staff's review and recommendation of requests. (separate motion)*

*5. City Council approved the City sponsoring the Alexandria Families for Safe Streets (AFSS) grant application of up to \$60,000 to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) Regional Safety Pilot grant program. (separate motion)*

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION (60 min.)

6. [21-0744](#) Introduction of the Alexandria Children and Youth Master Plan 2025.
- City Council received the Children and Youth Master Plan and set it for Alexandria School Board endorsement, public hearing and adoption on April 17, 2021.*
7. [21-0867](#) Discussion of the American Rescue Plan Funding and a Proposed Process Timetable for Decision Making.
- City Council: (1) received the report regarding the proposed process for developing an American Rescue Plan (ARP) spending plan; (2) directed the City Manager to consult with community stakeholders and then develop a proposed final stimulus funding allocation plan for future Council consideration; and (3) utilized \$450,000 in ARP funding, from April 1 to July 6 to serve as interim bridge funding for security, eviction prevention, and other emergency programs to keep safety net programs operating, until July 6 City Council first year ARP allocation decisions are approved.*
8. [21-0605](#) Consideration of a Two-Way to One-Way (southbound) Conversion of the Access Street in Front of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.
- [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council approved the resolution for conversion of the access street from two-way operation to one-way (southbound) operation. (RES. NO. 2983)*

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

9. [21-0821](#) City Council Confirmation of Extending Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-19. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council: (1) adopted the amendment to Resolution 2928, Declaration of Local Emergency to extend the emergency through September 30, 2021; and (2) authorized the Director of Emergency Management to enter into contracts and incur obligations as enumerated in section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia. (RES. NO. 2981)*

- 10. [21-0869](#) Resolution Condemning Anti-Asian American Hate. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

*City Council adopted the resolution condemning anti-Asian American scapegoating and hate violence, and affirming the City's commitment to actively combating racism and protecting its vulnerable residents. (RES. NO. 2982)*

**ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

- [21-0875](#) Responsible Contractor Authority - Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilman Chapman

*1. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilman Chapman presented a memorandum related to responsible contractor authority, noting the passage of bills by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor that increased the authority of localities as it relates to contracting. The memo address the need for the City to modify its processed to include additional criteria in determining whether a bidder is responsible, provide preference for contracts who employ persons with disabilities, require contractors and subcontractors to pay prevailing wages, and to enhance micro-SWam participation in our procurement practices. City Manager Jinks responded to questions from Council and offered a memorandum with responses to the topics raised in the memo from Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilman Chapman.*

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*2. Councilman Chapman requested input from the community about their concerns and ideas for reopening of City schools, particularly in the fall. Councilman Chapman requested that citizens reach out to him with their concerns and he and Mayor Wilson would share their input with the City/Schools Subcommittee.*

**OTHER**

- 11. [21-0844](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

*City Council received and adopted the FY2021 City Council Schedule for March 2021 through July 2021.*

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*The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.*

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*NOTE: The action docket is a summary of the Council's meeting deliberation 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.*

