

**City of Alexandria**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 5:30 PM - City Hall, Council Chamber**  
**City Council Legislative Meeting**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Alyia Gaskins, Vice Mayor Sarah R. Bagley, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Abdel Elnoubi, Jacinta E. Greene, and R. Kirk McPike.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Ms. Kamara, Acting Independent Police Auditor; Ms. Brown, Deputy City Attorney; Ms. Breen, Archaeologist; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Waters, Deputy City Clerk; Ms. Predeoux, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Barbiere, Emergency Management Coordinator; Mr. Taylor, Director, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Ms. Fleming, Director, Office of Communications and Community Engagement (OCCE); Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Greenlief, Director, Finance; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Wedeles, City Manager's Office; Ms. Key, Office of Performance Accountability; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Mr. Keeler, Deputy Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Valenti, Director, Office of Human Rights; Mr. Tamayo, Chief Labor Relations Officer; Mr. Smith, ITS; Ms. Demeke, ITS; and Police Sgt. Jones.

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

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1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Gaskins called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of City Council were present with Councilman Chapman arriving during the Executive Session.

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

Not needed.

**Closed Session**

3. Consideration of a closed executive session for personnel matters. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Bagley

and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council convened in closed executive session at 5:32 p.m., pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) to discuss the performance of City Council appointees. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:24 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution previously circulated regarding the Executive Session. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 3306**

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council has this 24th day of June, 2025 recessed into executive session pursuant to a motion made and adopted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the city council that such executive session was conducted in accordance with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the city council does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters that were identified in the motion by which the executive session was convened, and that are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act from the Act's open meeting requirements, were heard, discussed or considered by council during the executive session.

#### **Opening Matters**

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#### **Proclamations and Recognitions**

5. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing June as Hurricane Awareness Month.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Greene, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike;

Opposed, none.

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Disability Pride Month.

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

7. Presentation of the Annual Commission of the Year Impact Award.

City Council awarded the Annual Commission of the Year Impact Award to the Archaeological Commission.

## **Oral Reports**

### **City Council on Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

8. Oral Reports from Members of City Council on Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

**\*Library Board (Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that board elected new officers and discussion the evaluation of the Library Director. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was an update on the new development director and there was positive feedback on staff day. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was also elections for the Library Foundation Board.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that there was a special presentation by Brian Hayes for Transportation and Environmental Services, received updates from their partners and there was the swearing-in of the new executive officers.

**\*Council of Governments (COG) Transportation Planning Board (TPB) (Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Board received a presentation on the enhanced mobility program and their application for grant funding to increase the fleet. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was a presentation and analysis update on inland flooding in the region. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was an update on DMV Moves and discussion of some of the potential revenue options.

**\*Waterfront Commission (Vice Mayor Bagley)**

Vice Mayor Bagley reported that the Commission received a presentation on the Open Space Plan for the PRG site, including eleven acres of open space. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that the Commission held their Waterfront walk in Old Town North. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that there was some discussion of the Robinson Terminal North and status of the pump house project.

**\*Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Vice Mayor Bagley)**

Vice Mayor Bagley reported that VRE adopted the 2050 System Plan, the vision plan for the system for the next 25 years. Vice Mayor Bagley noted that the 2030 plan is underway, including improvements to the Alexandria station such as upgrades to the crossing. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that the plan will go before the NVTC in July. Vice Mayor Bagley noted that there was an announcement of the retirement of the CEO at VRE and thanked Rich Dalton for his service.

**\*COG Board of Directors (Vice Mayor Bagley)**

Vice Mayor Bagley reported that Board received a presentation from Senator Mark Warner on impacts to localities from Federal budget cuts and processes. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that there was presentation on a new regional crime data dashboard developed by COG.

**\*Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Mayor Gaskins)**

Mayor Gaskins reported that the Board discussed opportunities for additional alignment between Visit Alexandria and the Council and make sure goals and representation are in sync and marketing all areas and cultures of the City. Mayor Gaskins reported that the Board adopted a new strategic plan and the unveiling a new mission and purpose statement for the Visit Alexandria organization. Mayor Gaskins reported that the Board received an overview of market dynamics and what is impact consumer spending.

**\*City Council/School Board Subcommittee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilman Chapman)**

Mayor Gaskins noted that the meeting was canceled because the ACPS Central office was closed because there was no A/C in the building and the meeting would be rescheduled.

**\* Eisenhower Partnership Board of Directors (Councilwoman Greene)**

Councilwoman Greene reported that the Partnership is in summer events season, holding their second movie night. Councilwoman Greene reported that Partnership will host a night with the Alexandria Aces on July 19. Councilwoman Greene reported there was a discussion on advocacy and how to improve it going forward. Councilwoman Greene reported there was an update from the Sheriff's Department and growing membership for the Partnership.

**\*Transportation Commission (Councilman McPike and Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman McPike reported that the Commission approved an endorsement letter for the City's application for federal I-495 program funding to address state of repair at the DASH repair deck and bus replacement. Councilman McPike reported that the Commission endorsed a letter to NVTA in support of submission Eisenhower/South Van Dorn Corridor improvements and the Van Dorn/Duke Street roadway improvements. Councilman McPike reported that there

was discussion about a grant the City would be receiving to pilot a program for fare free Metro buses in Alexandria.

### **City Council General Member Updates**

Councilman McPike thanked the Office of Emergency Response and Dominion Energy for working to restore power for residents during the most recent storms.

Vice Mayor Bagley thanked public safety for creating safe environments during many public events and she noted that they are identifiable by their uniforms so everyone know who they are.

Councilman Aguirre reported that Fairu Restaurant in Van Dorn Station hosted a mixer for the West End Business Association.

Councilman Aguirre congratulated the Champion of Children Awardees.

Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the VDOT meeting held at the Lee Center to discuss the potential Express lanes on 495.

Councilman Aguirre reported that the annual ACAP Community was held and new officers were installed and the yearly data teen pregnancy was presented.

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Council held its town hall at Charles Houston Recreation Center.

Councilman Aguirre thanked that staff at Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities for hosting the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Festival.

Councilman Aguirre reported that the attend Medicare 101 seminar at Queen Street library hosted by VICAP counselors.

Councilman Aguirre and Mayor Gaskins attended the groundbreaking for the Heritage development.

Councilman Aguirre reported that he and other Council members attended the groundbreaking at Eugene Simpson Field.

Councilman Aguirre reported that a Juneteenth Celebration was held at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

Councilman Aguirre reported that ACT-SO Alexandria held a gathering for those who provides services for the vulnerable members of our community.

### **City Manager Oral Reports**

#### **9. NOVA Parks Update**

City Council received an update from Paul Gilbert, Executive Director of NOVA Parks

and he responded to questions from members of City Council.

10. Update on ACPS/DASH Coordination and Recommendations.

(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. 10; 06/24/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received an update on the ACPS/DASH coordination for bus usage for high school students and discussed the recommendations outlined in the June 20, 2025 memorandum from the City Manager.

**ACTION DOCKET**

**Roll-Call Consent Items (11-18)**

11. Consideration of a Resolution to Establish the 2025 Personal Property Tax Relief Rates. [ROLL-CALL VOTE].

(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. 11; 06/24/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for the Public Safety Answering Point Grant Programs for Call Handling Equipment (CHE) Funding.

(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. 12; 06/24/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Additional Next Generation 9-1-1 Funding through the Public Safety Answering Point Grants Program.

(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; 06/24/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into an Agreement for an Awarded Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Round 1b Resubmission of the FY 2022/FY 2023 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(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; 06/24/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund to Support Improvements at John Ewald Park.

(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; 06/24/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Consideration of a Resolution Adopting an Electronic Participation Policy for Public Meetings. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(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; 06/24/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing State Funded 1.5% Performance-Based Bonuses to Eligible Local Department of Social Services Employees.
18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the owners of the property located at 400 Carlisle Drive to construct and maintain an encroachment for a portion of a retaining wall along King Street near the intersection of Carlisle Drive (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2025-00001 associated with 400 Carlisle Drive approved by City Council on June 14, 2025).

(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; 06/24/25, 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; 06/24/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council approved the roll-call consent items, with the exception on Item #14, which was considered under a separate motion. The approvals were as following:

11. City Council adopted a resolution to establish the 2025 Personal Property Tax Relief Rates.

The resolution reads as follows:

#### **Resolution No. 3307**

#### **RESOLUTION TO SET THE RELIEF RATES UNDER THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 58.1-3524 of the Code of Virginia and Section 3-2-224 of the City Code, City Council has the authority to establish the relief rates assessed for vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-2-224(e)(4) of the City Code, the City already provides 100% relief on personal use vehicles assessed \$5,000 and less; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-2-224(e)(5) of the City Code, the City is required to set the relief rates annually by resolution for personal use vehicles valued more than \$5,000; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council has now determined that it is necessary and desirable to set the relief rates as follows.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:**

1. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(5)(A) is 50%; and
2. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(5)(B) is 25%; and
3. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(5)(C) is 12%; and
4. That the rates set forth above may vary due to changes related to the vehicles subject to the tax that occur before the tax bills are issued; and
5. That this Resolution shall be effective for Calendar Year 2025.

12. City Council: (1) retroactively approved the submission of a grant application (applied on May 13, 2025) for up to \$300,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

13. City Council: (1) retroactively approved the submission of a grant application (applied on May 13, 2025) for up to \$150,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute any necessary documents to accept this grant that may be required.

15. City Council: (1) approved a grant application, due by August 28, 2025, to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, to provide additional funding up to \$2 million for the John Ewald Park Improvements; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute and submit all necessary documents that may be required to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

16. City Council adopted a resolution adopting an Electronic Participation Policy for Public Meetings.

The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 3309**

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Va. Code §§ 2.2-3700, et seq.) (FOIA) generally provides that public bodies, including the Alexandria City Council and the



City's boards, commissions, and advisory groups, cannot conduct meetings through telephonic, video, electronic, or other electronic communication means where the members of the public body are not physically assembled to discuss or transact public business; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3708.3 of FOIA provides that individual members of public bodies may fully participate in meetings electronically if any such member meets the criteria of the code and the City Council has adopted an Electronic Participation Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3708.3 of FOIA requires the public body to adopt the policy at least once annually by recorded vote at a public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 25, 2024, the City Council adopted an Electronic Participation Policy which has been in effect since that time; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council would now like to update its policy to comply with the annual adoption requirement of FOIA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

1. That the attached City of Alexandria Electronic Participation Policy is hereby adopted pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3708.3.
2. That this resolution shall become effective on July 1, 2025.
3. This policy is adopted by the City Council for itself and on behalf of any committee, subcommittee, or other entity, however designated, to perform delegated functions of the City Council or to advise the City Council.
4. This policy supersedes and replaces any prior Electronic Participation Policy adopted by the City Council, and any committee, subcommittee, or other entity, however designated, to perform delegated functions of the City Council or to advise the City Council.
17. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.
18. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

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

14. Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into an Agreement for an Awarded Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Round 1b Resubmission of the FY 2022/FY 2023 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(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; 06/24/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by

reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council adopted a resolution to enter into an agreement for an awarded grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Round 1b resubmission of the FY 2022/FY 2023 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, and Councilwoman Greene; Opposed, none; Recusal, Councilman McPike

The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 3311**

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR AN AWARDED GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ROUND 1B RESUBMISSION OF THE FY 2022/FY 2023 CHARGING AND FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) was signed into law, and in 2023, funded \$2.5 billion over five years for the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) discretionary grant programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the CFI Program is to strategically deploy electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in communities and along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). The DOT will prioritize community projects that expand access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure in (1) rural areas, (2) low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, (3) communities with low ratios of private parking spaces, and (4) communities with high ratios of multi-unit dwellings; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria commits to supporting the City's Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Readiness Strategy (EVRS), which acts as a roadmap for meeting the electric vehicle charging infrastructure and technical needs of City residents, workforce members, and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria is one of seven municipalities that partnered with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) on their FY 2022/FY 2023 CFI Grant Program application that was resubmitted for Round 1b consideration and was awarded by DOT; and

**WHEREAS**, \$285,600 is required to fund publicly accessible electric vehicle infrastructure needs in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby commits to include funds for its local match of agency funds of up to \$57,120, in its Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget; and

2. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program.

### **Individual Action Items**

19. Resolution Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Support Agreement and Performance Agreement for Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(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. 19; 06/24/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted a resolution approving the execution and delivery of a support agreement and performance agreement for Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA). The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 3308**

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SUPPORT AGREEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT FOR ALEXANDRIA REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority ("ARHA" or "the Authority") is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia (the "Commonwealth") created to preserve and provide safe, decent, sanitary, and affordable housing for low-income and low to moderate-income families, through the reorganizing, alteration and reconstruction of housing, and all other purposes outlined in the Housing Authority Law, Chapter I, Title 36 of the Code of Virginia of 1950 (the "Act"), as amended, servicing the needs of residents of the City of Alexandria service area (the "City");

**WHEREAS**, in April of 2025, ARHA entered into a purchase agreement to acquire The Alate, which is a senior housing development located at 1122 North First Street (Real Estate Account No. 10963500) in the City of Alexandria (the "Project Property");

**WHEREAS**, ARHA plans to relocate willing and age-eligible residents currently living at the Ladrey Senior High-Rise development located at 300 Wythe Street (the "Ladrey Property") to the Project Property for permanent housing (the "Project");

**WHEREAS**, to finance the acquisition of the Project Property, ARHA has applied for bond funding from the Virginia Resources Authority ("VRA") and intends to contribute approximately \$6 million of its funds as equity;

**WHEREAS**, ARHA has been advised that Virginia Resources Authority ("VRA") is willing to finance the acquisition of the Project Property through the Virginia Pooled Financing Program (the "VRA Financing") on terms favorable to ARHA in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Local Bond Sale and Financing Agreement between VRA and ARHA (the "Financing Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, VRA has indicated that its agreement to provide the VRA Financing will be conditioned upon the City's execution and delivery of a Support Agreement to evidence the non-binding obligation for the City to appropriate as may be necessary from time to time funds in connection with the debt service payments due from the Authority under its VRA Financing, which appropriated funds will constitute a source of and security for the payment of debt service on the VRA Financing (the "Moral Obligation"), and a substantially final draft of which Support Agreement has been presented to this meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:**

1. It is found and determined that the best interests of the City and its citizens will be served by the agreement by the City Council to enter into the Support Agreement to satisfy certain conditions related to the VRA Financing by providing the Moral Obligation.
2. VRA would not approve the VRA Financing without the security and credit enhancement provided by the Support Agreement. VRA is treating the Support Agreement as a "local obligation" within the meaning of Section 62.1-199 of the Virginia Code, which, in the event of a nonpayment thereunder, authorizes VRA or the trustee for VRA's bonds to file an affidavit with the Governor of the Commonwealth (the "Governor") that such nonpayment has occurred pursuant to Section 62.1-216.1 of the Virginia Code. Section 62.1-216.1 provides that if the Governor is satisfied that such nonpayment has occurred, the Governor will immediately make an order directing the Comptroller of the Commonwealth (the "Comptroller") to withhold all further payment to the City of all funds, or of any part of them, appropriated and payable by the Commonwealth to the City for any and all purposes. The Governor will, while the nonpayment continues, direct in writing the payment of all sums withheld by the Comptroller, or as much of them as is necessary, to VRA, to cure, or cure insofar as is possible, such nonpayment.
3. The City and ARHA are negotiating a performance agreement governing the conditions under which the City will agree to provide the Moral Obligation to VRA (the "Performance Agreement"). The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such Performance Agreement, provided that the terms and conditions thereof are deemed to be in the best interests of the City by the City Manager, after consultation with the City Attorney and City Council.
4. Upon execution of the Performance Agreement, the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Support Agreement, in substantially the same form and content presented at this meeting. The Support Agreement may be updated with completions, omissions, insertions,

and changes not inconsistent with this Resolution, as deemed necessary by the City Manager in consultation with the City Attorney.

5. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to carry out the obligations set forth in the Performance Agreement and Support Agreement, and to take all proper steps on behalf of the City as may be required in connection with ARHA's financing of the Project or with the carrying out of any matter authorized by this Resolution, the Performance Agreement, and Support Agreement.
6. Nothing contained herein or in the Performance Agreement or Support Agreement is or shall be deemed to constitute a "debt" of the City or to be a lending of the credit of the City to the ARHA, VRA or to any holder of the VRA Financing or to any other person, and nothing herein contained is or shall be deemed to be a pledge of the faith and credit or the taxing power of the City, nor shall anything contained herein or in the Support Agreement or Performance Agreement legally bind or obligate the City Council to appropriate funds for the purposes described in the Support Agreement.
7. All other acts of the City Manager or other officers of the City in furtherance of the VRA Financing for the Project and the execution and delivery by the City of the Support Agreement and Performance Agreement are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed.
8. No covenant, condition, agreement, or obligation contained in the Support Agreement or Performance Agreement shall be deemed to be a covenant, condition, agreement, or obligation of any officer, employee, or agent of the City in his or her individual capacity, and no officer of the City executing the Performance Agreement or Support Agreement shall be liable personally on the Performance Agreement or Support Agreement, or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the execution and delivery thereof.
9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### **Other Business**

20. Update and Recommendations from the Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions.

(A copy of the City Clerk's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 06/24/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received the report from the Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions; (2) scheduled a public hearing in the Fall (September 2025) to receive public comment on proposed recommendations on board dissolutions, composition changes, changes to processes and procedures for City boards, commissions, and committees; and (3) following the public hearing, begin implementation and approvals of proposed changes as outlined in this memo, with completion of all changes by June 30, 2026. Council also requested that staff return with a resolution to continue the work of the

subcommittee in the fall. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

21. Update from the Subcommittee on Standing Committees.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried 6-1, City Council moved to continue the work of the subcommittee until the October/November timeframe, reviewing and considering the concerns of Council posed during the discussion and return to Council for further consideration. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, Councilman Chapman.

22. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(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; 06/24/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council approved the schedule and requested an updated calendar for consideration in September including conferences. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

23. **Closed Session (if needed).**

Not needed.

24. **ADJOURNMENT.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilman Elnoubi, seconded by Vice Mayor Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of June 24, 2025 at 12:31 a.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

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**APPROVED BY:**

**ALYIA GASKINS      MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC      City Clerk

Adopted: September 9, 2025

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