

City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 10 , 2024 7:00 PM City Hall
City Council Legislative Meeting

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Ms. Predeoux, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Quinn, City Manager's Office; Ms. McLean, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Police Chief McGuire; Ms. Fleming, Director, Office of Communications and Community Engagement; Ms. Brown, Deputy City Attorney; Mr. Lassiter, Assistant City Attorney; Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Castenada, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Thompson, Comptroller, Finance; Ms. Gates, Deputy Director, Finance; Ms. Gilbert, DCHS; Ms. Demeke, ITS; Mr. Smith, ITS, and Police Lt. May.

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

I. OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of Council were present, with Councilman Chapman and Councilmember Bagley attending the meeting via Zoom webinar and with Councilman McPike arriving at 7:09 p.m.

2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution.

Approval of the Electronic Participation Resolution (Councilman Chapman and Councilmember Bagley)[Roll-Call Vote]

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried 6-0, 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, and Councilwoman Gaskins; Opposed, none. Absent, Councilman McPike.

The resolution reads as follows:

Resolution No. 3266

Resolution Regarding Electronic Participation by a Member of City Council

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.3 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 John Taylor Chapman has notified the Mayor and the Clerk that he is unavailable to be physically present for the December 10, 2024 City Council Meeting due to a personal matter, specifically travel for work; and

WHEREAS, City Council Member Sarah R. Bagley has notified the Mayor and the Clerk that she is unavailable to be physically present for the December 10, 2024 City Council meeting due to a personal matter, specifically travel for work; and

WHEREAS, the Council Members have not participated in more than two or 25% of City Council Meetings by electronic means during this calendar year; and

WHEREAS, City Council Member John Taylor Chapman will participate in the City Council Meeting by video conference call from Stuttgart, Germany and arrangements have been made to ensure the member shall be heard by all participants at the City Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS, City Council Member Sarah Bagley will participate in the City Council Meeting by video conference call from Atlanta, Georgia 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 2.2-3708.3 and the City Council's Electronic Meeting Policy Resolution 3011, City Council member John Taylor Chapman and City Council member Sarah R. Bagley will participate remotely in this meeting by video conference call.

3. Closed Session (if needed).

Not needed.

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

5. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2024; and
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2024.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried 6-0, City Council adopted the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of November 12, 2024 and the public hearing meeting minutes of November 16, 2024. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, and Councilwoman Gaskins; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman McPike.

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing December 31, 2024 as a Fair Weather Night for First Night Alexandria.

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

7. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Alexandria Historical Society.

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.

At this time, City Council presented proclamations to Mayor Wilson and Vice Mayor Jackson, recognizing their service on the Alexandria City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation recognizing Vice Mayor Jackson. 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.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation recognizing Mayor CoWilson. 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 Council on Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) (Councilman Aguirre and

Councilmember Bagley)

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Commission recognized Libby Garvey, as she departed public service. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was progress on the request for proposals for the Route 7 BRT project. Councilman Aguirre reported that the Better Bus system was approved by the WMATA board. Councilman Aguirre noted that NVTC received a clean audit. Councilman Aguirre reported that there received updates on SJ28 and DMV Moves and discussion future funding for WMATA.

Councilmember Bagley reported that the new director of DRPT, Tiffany Robinson, was introduced to the Commission and she would be joining DRPT. Councilmember Bagley reported on the increased efforts to reduce fare evasion on the rail system and on the bus. Councilmember Bagley highlighted the fare subsidy program for low income riders.

Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)(Councilman Chapman)

Councilman Chapman reported that the was in Germany with the Commission to celebrate the partnership of NVRC with the Stuttgart region in Germany and the work and ideas they have been doing over the years.

IV. Oral Report from the City Manager

8. Introduction of the New Police Chief Tarrick McGuire.

City Manager Parajon introduced the newly appointed Police Chief Tarrick McGuire and noted that he was officially sworn into office this evening.

9. City Council Work Session with the Alexandria Delegation to the General Assembly.

City Council held a work session with the state delegation to the Virginia General Assembly and reviewed its legislative priorities with them. The following members of the delegation were present: Delegate Charniele Herring, Delegate Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Senator Adam Ebbin, and Delegate Alfonso Lopez.

10. Introduction of the Proposed Alexandria Legislative Package for the 2025 General Assembly Session.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received the proposals for the City's 2025 Legislative Package; and (2) scheduled the draft Legislative Package for public hearing and final adoption on Saturday, December 14, 2024. In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

V. ACTION DOCKET

Regular Consent Calendar (11-25)

11. Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
 - (a) Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority
Merrick T. Malone
 - (b) Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee
Christine Hoeffner
 - (c) Beautification Commission
Leah Elizabeth Bancheri
 - (d) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission
Katie C. Greenway
 - (e) Industrial Development Authority
Christopher Hartman

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11 (a-e); 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Uncontested Appointments for Boards and Commissions
 - a) Beautification Commission - 2-year term
1 member with expertise in the field of landscape architecture or landscape design
 - b) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 member designated by Councilman McPike
 - c) Citizen Corps Council - 3-year term
1 representative of the Emergency Medical Services Council, Medical Reverse Corps, or a person with emergency medical response experience
 - d) Commission for the Arts - 3-year term
1 professional in fields relevant to arts and cultural development, including cultural planning, marketing, finance, funding, tourism, promotion, nonprofit, organization development, and real estate development
 - e) Commission on Aging - 3-year term
1 citizen member 60 years of age or older
 - f) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member

- g) Industrial Development Authority - 4-year term
1 citizen member
- h) Public Health Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 health professional and at the time of appointment derive, or within the previous five years derived, their principal income from providing health care, health services or health related activities
- i) Sister Cities Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member
- j) Urban Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 qualified professional skilled in urban design, architecture or landscape Architecture
- (k) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission - 3-year term
1 community member with experiences as a parent, guardian, teachers and/or expertise in early childhood, youth, or general education

(A copy of the material pertaining to the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12 (a-l); 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 13. Receipt of Annual and Attendance Reports for Council Appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.

(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. 13; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 14. Reaffirmation of Council Appointments to the Real Estate Assessment Review Board.

(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. 14; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 15. Creation of two new subcommittees and reactivation of the boards and commissions subcommittee.

(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; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 16. Consideration of a License Agreement between the City of Alexandria and Mai Thai Restaurant for Use of a Portion of City-owned Property Located at 2 King Street for Outdoor Dining.

(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; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Consideration of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2025 First Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

18. Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2024 Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG).

(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. 18; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

19. Consideration of the Appointment of a Representative to the Other Post-Employment Benefit Trust Board.

(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; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

20. Consideration of (1) Appointment of a Police Officer Representative and Firefighter Representative to the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board and (2) Appointment of a General Schedule Representative and Alternate and Medic/Fire Marshal Representative and Alternate to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Board. (3) Consideration of Appointment of Management Representative and Alternate to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Board and Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

21. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2024.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

22. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage of an ordinance to amend and reordain Section 8-1-130 (Vacant Building Registration) by amending subsection (a), all of Chapter 1 (BUILDING CODE), Title 8 (BUILDING CODE REGULATIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by

reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

23. 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 AlexWest Small Area Plan chapter and replacing the Alexandria West and Beauregard Small Area Plan chapters heretofore approved by city council as Master Plan Amendment No. 2024-00003 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment (Implementation Ordinance for Master Plan Amendment No. 2024-00003 associated with AlexWest Small Area Plan approved by City Council on November 16, 2024).

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

24. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend the use limitations in Articles III-VI to include the limitation that retail uses principally selling tobacco products, nicotine vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or hemp products cannot be located within 1,000 linear feet of a day care center, a public school, and a private academic school and Section 2-191 retail shopping establishment, to amend the definition to include uses principally selling tobacco products, nicotine vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or hemp products (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2024-00008 approved by City Council on November 16, 2024).

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of

the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

25. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Establish an Additional Satellite Early Voting Location For Primary Elections.

(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. 25; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular consent calendar, with the exception of docket item #25, which was considered under separate motion. The approvals were as follows:

11. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Merrick T. Malone, Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority; (b) Christine Hoeffner, Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee; (c) Leah Elizabeth Bancheri, Beautification Commission; (d) Katie C. Greenway, Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission; and (e) Christopher Hartman, Industrial Development Authority.

12. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Kevin Fisher as the member with expertise in the field of landscape architecture or landscape design to the Beautification Commission; (b) appointed Lauren O'Brien as the member designated by Councilman McPike to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (c) reappointed Patrick Moran as the representative of the Emergency Medical Services Council, Medical Reserve Corps, or a person with emergency medical response experience to the Citizen Corps Council; (d) reappointed David Pritzker as the profession in fields relevant to arts and cultural development, including cultural planning, marketing, finance, funding, tourism, promotion, nonprofit, organization development, and real estate development to the Commission for the Arts; (e) appointed Kimberly Koch as the citizen member 60 years of age or older to the Commission on Aging; (f) appointed Hunter Huang Dai Ihman as the citizen member to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (g) appointed Amaia Pilar Stecker as the citizen member to the Industrial Development Authority;

(h) appointed Nia Smart as the health professional and at the time of appointment derive, or within the previous five years derived, their principal income from providing health care, health services or health related activities to the Public Health Advisory Commission; (i) appointed Vanessa Claire Simpson as the citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee; and (j) reappointed Abbey Oklak as the qualified professional skilled in urban design, architecture or landscape architecture to the Urban Design Advisory Committee; and (k) appointed Kobie Griffin as the community member with experience as parent, guardian, teacher, and/or with expertise in early childhood, youth, or general education to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission.

13. City Council received the annual reports from the Council-appointed boards, commissions, and committees from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.

14. City Council reaffirmed the appointments to the Real Estate Assessment Review Board in the same manner as the Circuit Court has issued orders reaffirming their appointments to the same body.

15. City Council created the following subcommittees: (1) Subcommittee for the review of Standing Committees; (2) Subcommittee on Personnel; and (3) Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions.

16. City Council: (1) received the report and set the License Agreement between the City and Mai Thai Restaurant to use a portion of City-owned property located at 2 King Street for public hearing on December 14, 2024.

17. City Council received the information from the FY 2025 First Quarter Capital Projects Status Report.

18. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a competitive Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application for funding up to \$382,310; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

19. City Council appointed Greg Useem to a two-year term to the Other Post-Employment Benefit Trust Board (OPEB).

20. City Council: (1) appointed the following employee-elected individuals to the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028: a. Ryan Klein as Police Officer representative; and b. Dylan Kempton as Firefighter Representative; (2) City Council appointed the following individuals to the City Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Pension Board for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028: a. Kimberly Hurley as General Schedule Representative; b. Robert Stackhouse as General Schedule Alternate; c. Elizabeth (Honaker) Fox as Medic/Fire Marshal Representative; and d. Darryl Stanton as Medic/Fire Marshal Alternate; and (3) City Council appointed the following individuals to both the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board and the Supplemental Retirement Board effective January 1, 2025: a. Arthur Wicks as Management Representative and b. Alethea Predeoux as Management Alternate. After appointment, management representatives will remain on both boards until removed by City Council or ending their employment with the City.

21. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

22. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

23. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

24. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

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

25. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Establish an Additional Satellite Early Voting Location For Primary Elections.

(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. 25; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, December 14, 2024. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

VI. ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (26-27)

26. Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the FY 2026 State of Good Repair 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. 26; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

27. Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Bequest from the Diane Marie de Guzman Revocable Living Trust. [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. 27; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the roll-call consent calendar. The approvals were as follows:

26. City Council: (1) adopted a resolution to support an application for up to \$1,046,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) State of Good Repair (SGR) Local Paving Grant Funding Program for the resurfacing of City-maintained primary rout extensions; King Street Eastbound 0.404 miles from Dawes Avenue to approximately 4480 King Street, King Street Westbound 0.771 miles from 30th Street to Dawes Avenue, King Street both directions 0.53 miles from South Peyton Street to Washington Street; and (2) authorized the City Manager to submit this resolution and enter into any agreements with VDOT that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved.

The resolution was reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3264

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) STATE OF GOOD REPAIR LOCAL PAVING
GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit a competitive grant application for funds of up to \$1,046,000 through the VDOT State of Good Repair (SGR), Local Paving Grant Funding Program; and

WHEREAS, up to \$301,000 of these funds are requested to fund the milling and resurfacing of roadway network segments: King Street Eastbound 0.404 miles from Dawes Avenue to approximately 4480 King Street;

WHEREAS, up to \$375,000 of these funds are requested to fund the milling and resurfacing of roadway network segments: King Street Westbound 0.771 miles from 30th Street to Dawes Avenue;

WHEREAS, up to \$370,000 of these funds are requested to fund the milling and resurfacing of roadway network segments: King Street both directions 0.53 miles from South Peyton Street to Washington Street;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation up to \$1,046,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation State of Good Repair Local Paving Grant Funding Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alexandria City Council hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program.

27. City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a bequest from the Diane Marie de Guzman Revocable Living Trust to the Office of Historic Alexandria.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3265

RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to Accept
A BEQUEST FROM the Diane Marie de Guzman Revocable Living Trust
TO THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.02 (e) of the Charter of the City of Alexandria (1950), as amended, City Council has the authority to accept gifts and donations; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Historic Alexandria is a beneficiary of the Diane Marie de Guzman Revocable Living Trust under the terms of the trust dated January 12, 2022;

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

1. Accepts the bequest from the Diane Marie de Guzman Revocable Living Trust; and
2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute if necessary other documents to finalize the bequest from the Diane Marie de Guzman Revocable Living Trust.

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.

VII. ACTION MATTERS

Contested Appointments

28. Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority - 4-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Richard J. Beauchamp
William Bruner

Rizwan Chaudry
Kevin Jackson, Jr.
Reid Mene
Michael O. Snyder

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 28; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Reid Mene as the citizen member to the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Mene
Jackson	-	Mene
Aguirre	-	Chaudry
Bagley	-	Mene
Chapman	-	no vote
Gaskins	-	Mene
McPike	-	Mene

29. Beautification Commission - 2-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Eva Hinton Hartman
Kenneth Krupa
Kelsey Pramik

(Materials pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 29; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Kenneth Krupa as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission. The vote was as follows:

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

30. Board of Zoning Appeals - 4-year term

1 citizen member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the Commission)

NAME:

Kevin Adeshina Adedokun
John Charles Anderson
Coleman Burke
Johnathan Thomas Kalnicki
Carl E. Rohde, III
Eric Teran

(Materials pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 30; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Coleman Burke as the citizen member to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Burke
Jackson	-	Burke
Aguirre	-	Anderson
Bagley	-	Burke
Chapman	-	Burke
Gaskins	-	Burke
McPike	-	Burke

31. Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission - 3-year term

2 community members with expertise in children, youth, and family issues, public safety, medical/health related profession or non-profit

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

NAME:

Deontae Dunkley
Gennet Negussie
Christine Raino

(Materials pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 31; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Gennet Neguissie and reappointed Christine Raino as the two community members with expertise in children, youth, and family issues,

public safety, medical/health related profession or non-profit experience to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission. The vote was as follows:

- Wilson - Negussie, Raino
- Jackson - Negussie, Raino
- Aguirre - Negussie, Raino
- Bagley - Negussie, Raino
- Chapman - Negussie, Raino
- Gaskins - Negussie, Raino
- McPike - Negussie, Raino

- 32. Commission for Women - 3-year term
3 citizen members

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

NAME:

- Tricia Allen
- Jennifer Beatty
- Allison Heiser
- Cecelia Hunter
- Katia Hunt Nilender
- Denise Tennant
- Maxanne R. Witkin

(Materials pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 32; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and City Council appointed Jennifer Beatty, Allison Heiser, and reappointed Maxanne R. Witkin as the three citizen members to the Commission for Women. The vote was as follows:

- Wilson - Beatty, Heiser, Witkin
- Jackson - Hunter, Tennant, Witkin
- Aguirre - Beatty, Heiser, Witkin
- Bagley - Beatty, Heiser, Witkin
- Chapman - no vote
- Gaskins - Beatty, Hunter, Witkin
- McPike - Heiser, Hunter, Witkin

- 33. Environmental Policy Commission - 2-year term
1 citizen member

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

NAME:

Jennifer Lynn Debias
Erick Michael Fessler

(Materials pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 33; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Jennifer Lynn Debias as the citizen member to the Environmental Policy Commission. The vote was as follows:

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

34. Park and Recreation Commission - 3-year term
1 Planning District III representative

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

NAME:

Asa Linx Orrin-Brown
Thomas Persichetti

(Materials pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 34; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were appointed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Asa Linx Orrin-Brown as the Planning District III representative to the Park and Recreation Commission. The vote was follows:

Wilson	-	Orrin-Brown
Jackson	-	Orrin-Brown
Aguirre	-	Orrin-Brown
Bagley	-	Orrin-Brown
Chapman	-	Orrin-Brown
Gaskins	-	Orrin-Brown
McPike	-	Orrin-Brown

35. Receipt of the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

(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. 35; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by

reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council received the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

36. Consideration of the Release of the \$550,000 from FY 2025 Contingent Reserves for the five-month extension of DCHS' Alexandria Recurring Income for Success and Equity (ARISE) 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. 36; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the release of the \$550, 000 budget allocation to extend the ARISE guaranteed income payments to all participants for an additional five month through the end of FY 2025; and (2) maintained the program's infrastructure for the remainder of the fiscal year. 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.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

37. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend the 5001 Eisenhower Avenue Redevelopment District for the Purposes of Conversion to Residential Use.

(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. 37; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 37; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 37; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried unanimously, City Council approved the resolution on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, December 14, 2024. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

IX. OTHER

38. Oral Reports and Oral Presentations by Members of City Council.

1. Councilman Aguirre congratulated the 151 class of cadets sworn in at the Alexandria Police Department.

2. Councilman Aguirre attended the RELI Luncheon that recognized retirees and welcomed new elected officials to the region.

3. Councilman Aguirre attended VACALAO 15th Immigration Summit and speak with various immigrant advocacy groups.

4. Councilman Aguirre attended Mental Health America's holiday party recently.

5. Councilman Aguirre congratulated all the hosts of the Annual Scottish Walk Parade on December 7.

6. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attend the first cricket tournament at Francis Hammond Middle School hosted by Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities.

7. Councilman Aguirre welcomed the Dugout, a state-of-the-art multisport facility, that recently opened off of Eisenhower Avenue.

8. Councilman Aguirre attended the Men of Courage event.

9. Councilman Aguirre reported that the Annual Holiday Boat Parade was held on the evening of December 7.

10. Councilman Aguirre reported that the City hosted a dinner with Sister City Dundee during the holiday weekend.

11. Councilman Aguirre reported that Del Ray hosted its annual tree lighting and menorah lighting.

12. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the BPAC Holiday party on December 9 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.

13. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Chamber's State of Business event featuring Senator Warner as keynote speaker.

14. Councilman Aguirre welcomed new Police Chief McGuire and noted that a swearing-in ceremony was held at the Masonic Temple.

15. Councilman McPike thanked the City Clerk's Office and the City Attorney's Office for the support given to Council during the term.

39. 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. 39; 12/10/24, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the City Council Look Ahead Schedule that includes: December 7, the 53rd Scottish Walk Parade at 11:00 a.m., December 7, the Holiday Boat Parade at 5:30 p.m., December 9, the Del Ray Holiday Season Kickoff at 6:00 p.m., December 10, the Police Chief Swearing-In Ceremony at 5:00 p.m.; and (2) received the City Council calendar from December 2024 through July 2025. 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.

40. Closed Session (if needed).

Not needed.

X. ADJOURN.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of December 10, 2024 at 10:25 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:

ALIYA GASKINS MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: January 14, 2025

