

**City of Alexandria  
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 7:00 PM  
City Council Legislative Meeting  
Council Chamber  
Meeting Minutes**

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Kelleher, Director, Office of Human Rights; Ms. Davis, Director, Black History Museum; Ms. Dawson, Director, Libraries; Dr. Rose, Alexandria Health Department; Ms. Talis, Alexandria Health Department; Ms. Colton, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities; Ms. Taylor, Assistant City Manager/Legislative Director; Mr. Eger, General Services; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS); and Ms. Demeke, ITS.

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

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1. Calling the Roll.

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

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The Special Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2022 (Retreat);  
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2022;  
The Special Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2022 (Budget Presentation);  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2022; and  
The Special Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2022 (Budget Public Hearing).

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of the following

meetings of City Council: the special meeting minutes of January 29, 2022, the public hearing meeting minutes of February 12, 2022, the special meeting minutes of February 15, 2022, the regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2022, and the special meeting minutes of March 7, 2022. 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.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

4. Presentation of a Proclamation to Acknowledge and Remember Lynching Victim Joseph McCoy.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, 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.

5. Presentation of a Proclamation in Appreciation for KaNikki Jakarta, Poet Laureate for the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilman Aguirre 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.

6. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing April 4 -10, 2022 as National Public Health Week.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilmember Bagley 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 April as Autism Awareness Month.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilman Chapman 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.

8. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing George Mason University's 50th Anniversary.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman 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.

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

### **\*City Council/Schools Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

Mayor Wilson reported that the City Council/Schools Subcommittee noted that the groundbreaking was held for the Minnie Howard High School project. Mayor Wilson received a presentation on out of school time and the partnership with ACT and their might be further conversation during budget discussion about how to support the programs. Mayor Wilson reported that there was discussion about crossing guards and the challenges and opportunities to make the positions full time and how to recruit for those vacancies. Mayor Wilson pointed out that there was a conversation Simpson and Hammond and ACPS intentions with the two school sites.

Councilman Chapman noted that there were a discussion about how incidents with ACPS are being communicated to the community.

### **\*Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Group (PYMIG) (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that the station is still on track to open this year and Mayor Wilson noted that there was a discussion about general questions related to Potomac Yard and its relationship to the station.

### **\*Council of Governments (COG) Climate Energy and Environmental Policy Committee (CEEPC)(Councilmember Bagley)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that the Committee received local presentations from Rockville and Prince Georges County on climate change in their communities on transit, equity and sustainability, with Prince Georges using most solar and the use of recycling in the area. Councilmember Bagley also reported that that there was a discussion on housing goals for the region and returning to the pre-pandemic goals that focused on amount of housing available, the accessibility and the affordability of houses in the region.

### **\*Eisenhower Partnership Board of Directors (Vice Mayor Jackson and Councilman McPike)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the Partnership held the City Manager's

breakfast and there was great turnout for the City Manager's introduction to group.

**\*COG - Chesapeake Bay Policy and Water Resources Committee (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that there was a winter salts regional salts update and how the region is investigating the use of other environmentally friendly substances to treat surfaces during winter weather events. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that Karen Pallensch of AlexRenew gave a presentation on about how they collect data and statistics for disease detection in wastewater.

**\*Citizen Corps Council (Vice Mayor Jackson and Councilman McPike)**

Councilman McPike reported that the Council received a report from Resilient Alexandria on meetings that have been having with departments. Councilman McPike noted that the Red Cross will be hosting program to do home fire alarm safety checks and Virginia Health Department reported on its effort to secure funding to continue free vaccinations during the gap in Federal funding.

**ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Parajon introduced Assistant City Manager Sarah Taylor to discuss the community directed funding opportunities and how the City would address those opportunities.

Ms. Taylor stated that the City had success the last round with body worn cameras program and with a spot project related to flood mitigation. Ms. Taylor noted that the City staff has been engaging with the Congressional offices to get a sense of what they are interested in advocating for and putting their political capital behind. Ms. Taylor stated that the body worn cameras program, the flooding mitigation projects and project with faces and that impact people in the community. Ms. Taylor noted that there are specific account that projects applies to and the requirements for securing the funding for the projects that are part of the requests. Ms. Taylor pointed out that the deadline for submitting requests/proposals is April 15.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CONSENT CALENDAR (9-20a)**

**(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

9. Receipt of the following Resignations for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
  - (a) Alexandria Beautification Commission  
Emily Freeland
  - (b) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee

Mimi Joy

- (c) Board of Zoning Appeals  
Erich Chan
- (d) Commission on HIV/AIDS  
Sarah Bueter
- (e) Human Rights Commission  
Kevin Edwards
- (f) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board  
DeShauntra Martin
- (g) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee  
Travis Herret
- (h) Traffic and Parking Board  
William Schuyler

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 9 (a-h); 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Uncontested Appointments for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- (a) Archaeological Commission  
1 Member from the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology
- (b) Beautification Commission  
1 Citizen Member
- (c) Commission of the Arts  
1 Citizen Member
- (d) Commission on Aging  
1 Citizen Member 60 years or older
- (e) Commission on Employment  
2 Representatives from recognized area businesses including minority-owned and small businesses
- (f) Commission on Persons with Disabilities  
1 Citizen Member
- (g) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board

1 Low Income Tenant Representative

- (h) Redevelopment and Housing Authority  
1 Citizen Member

(A copy of the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10 (a-h); 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

- 11. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending February 28, 2022.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 12. Consideration of a Recommendation to City Council for a Resolution to Initiate the Second Five-Year Extended Term of the Comcast Cable Television Franchise Agreement and Five-Year Extended Term of the Fiber Use Agreement.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, and is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 13. Consideration of the Draft City Fiscal Year (CFY) 2023 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development and Draft Amendment to the CFY 2022 to 2026 Consolidated Plan.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 14. Consideration of the Draft Home Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 14; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 15. Request to vacate a position on the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, is on file in

the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**(Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading)**

16. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and Reordain Article C (Street names) of Chapter 2 (Streets and Sidewalks) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 4/5/22, 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. 16; 4/5/22, 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. 16; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2022.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 4/5/22, 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. 17; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 2-4-31 (CREATION, COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION) of Article C (HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA RESOURCES COMMISSION) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) and Section 2-4-80 (CREATION, COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION) of Article I (Alexandria

Archaeological commission) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 18; 4/5/22, 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. 18; 4/5/22, 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; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

19. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to expand the stated purpose of the Stormwater Utility Fee by amending Article C (STORMWATER UTILITY) to Chapter 6 (WATER AND SEWER) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19; 4/5/22, 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. 19; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

20. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain the code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, and the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2022-00001 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2022-00001 associated with Extension of Temporary Program for Business Relief and to Address Public Need Related to COVID-19 approved by City Council on March 12, 2022).

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 4/5/22, 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. 20; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

20a. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Temporary Closure of the Unit Block of King Street and Northern Portion of the Strand to Vehicular Traffic.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 1, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20a; 4/5/22, 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. 20a; 4/5/22, 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. 20a; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar. The City Manager's recommendation were as follows:

9. City Council received the following resignations for boards, commissions, and committees with regret: (a) Emily Freeland, Alexandria Beautification Commission; (b) Mimi Joy, Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (c) Erich Chan, Board of Zoning Appeals; (d) Sarah Bueter, Commission on HIV/AIDS; (e) Kevin Edwards, Human Rights Commission; (f) DeShauntra Martin, Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; (g) Travis Herret, Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; and (h) William Schuyler, Traffic and Parking Board.

10. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) reappointed Richard Owens at the member from the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology to the Archaeological Commission; (b) appointed Laura Norfolk as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (c) appointed Betty Amron as the citizen member to the Commission for the Arts; (d) appointed Joanne Broderick as the citizen member 60 years or older to the Commission on Aging; (e) appointed Lee Burbage and Maura Dunn as the two representatives from recognized area businesses including minority-owned and small businesses to the Commission on Employment; (f)

appointed Justin Beland as the citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (g) appointed Geraldine Baldwin as the low income tenant representative from Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; and (h) reappointed Merrick Malone as the citizen member to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

11. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

12. City Council: (1) consider a resolution that initiates the second five-year extended term of the Comcast Cable Television Franchise Agreement, and schedule the resolution for a public hearing and final passage on April 23, 2022.

13. City Council: (1) received the Draft City Fiscal Year (CFY) Action Plan for Housing and Community Development and the Draft Amendment to the Consolidated Plan; (2) docketed the Draft CFY Action Plan and Draft Amendment to the Consolidated Plan for Public Hearing and consideration on April 23; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute any documents required to facilitate receipt of these and any related federal grant funds.

14. City Council: (1) received the Home Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan; (2) docketed the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for Public Hearing and consideration on April 23; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute any documents required to facilitate receipt of these and any related federal grant funds.

15. City Council vacated a position on the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force for a member from and representing the Alexandria Interfaith Council due to lack of attendance and request that the Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions re-advertise the position as a vacancy.

16. City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

17. City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

18. City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

19. City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

20. City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and

scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

20a. City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

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.

### **ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (21-23)**

21. Resolution to Extend the Ad Hoc Energy and Climate Change Task Force.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

22. Consideration of an Application to the Federal Transit Administration that would Designate the City as a Direct Federal Recipient Eligible to receive Federal Discretionary Funds. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

23. Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the FY 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

### **END ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council approved the Roll-Call Consent Calendar. The approvals were as follows:

21. City Council adopted the resolution to extend the Ad Hoc Energy and Climate Change Task Force.

The resolution reads as follows:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3064**

**WHEREAS**, City Council established the Energy and Climate Change Task Force according to Resolution 2958 adopted by City Council on September 22, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, according to Resolution 2958, the Task Force shall sunset upon the City Council's adoption of the Energy and Climate Change Action Plan update, or 365 days from the date of its initial meeting, or when it submits its final oral or written report to Council, whichever occurs first, and

**WHEREAS**, the City anticipates completion of the Energy and Climate Change Action Plan update to occur in Fall 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force held its initial meeting on May 4, 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force does not anticipate completing its assigned tasks by May 4, 2022, and it has not yet submitted its final oral or written report to Council, and City Council has not adopted an Energy and Climate Change Action Plan update, therefore the Task Force requests an extension beyond May 4, 2022 to complete its mission.

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

1. That the mission and membership of the Task Force, and administrative support will remain as adopted through Resolution 2958.
2. That the Task Force will hold a minimum of (1) one public meeting or meet as needed.
3. Pursuant to City Code Section 2-4-8, the Task Force shall sunset upon the City Council's adoption of the Energy and Climate Change Action Plan update, or 365 days from the original sunset date established in Resolution 2958, or when it submits its final oral or written report to council, whichever occurs first.

22. City Council adopted the resolution the City Manager to apply for federal assistance with the Federal Transit Administration and file annual certifications and assurances; authorized the City Manager to approved the Interlocal Agreement with the Alexandria Transit Company (DASH), which sets out ongoing responsibilities; and adopted the City of Alexandria's FTA Title VI Program with regards to funds obtained from the Federal Transit Administration.

The resolution reads as follows:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3065**

Resolution authorizing the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation, for federal transportation assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53; title 23, United States Code, or other federal statutes administered by the Federal Transit Administration.

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Transit Administrator has been delegated authority to award federal financial assistance for a transportation project;

**WHEREAS**, the grant or cooperative agreement for federal financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, and may require the applicant to provide the local share of the project cost;

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the Federal Transit Administration required for the project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, that the City Manager, is authorized to execute and file an application for federal assistance on behalf of the City of Alexandria with the Federal Transit Administration for federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, title 23, United States Code, or other federal statutes authorizing a project administered by the Federal Transit Administration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Manager, is authorized to execute and file with its applications the annual certifications and assurances and other documents the Federal Transportation Administration requires before awarding a federal assistance grant or cooperative agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Manager, is authorized to execute grant and cooperative agreements with the Federal Transit Administration on behalf of the City of Alexandria.

23. City Council: (1) approved the resolution supporting an infrastructure project application to the U.S. Department of Transportation; (2) approved the submission of up to \$6 million in Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application by April 14, 2022; and (3) authorized the City Manager to apply for this RAISE Grant and enter into any necessary agreements with Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Commonwealth of Virginia to accept this grant.

The resolution reads as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 3066**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT  
APPLICATION FOR THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING (RAISE) FOR FY  
2022**

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) was signed into law, and in 2022, funded \$1.5 billion for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program (formerly known as TIGER grants); and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of RAISE is to fund the small and large infrastructure projects through a prioritization process that evaluates each project's merits using key factors, including: improvements to safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, partnerships and collaboration and innovation. The evaluation focuses on the degree to which a project addresses a problem or need relative to the requested funding for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, projects are scored based on a merit criteria review by the U.S. Department of Transportation evaluation team. RAISE also requires that project benefits be analyzed relative to project cost and demonstrate readiness in terms of environmental risk and permitting, financial completeness to obligate funds by September 30, 2026, and technical assessment of feasibility and capacity to deliver the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds up to \$6 million through the DOT RAISE Program for the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, up to \$11 million is required to fund critical transportation needs for the King Street and Beauregard Street Intersection Improvements 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 supports this application for an allocation of up to \$6 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE Program; 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.

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

**CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS**

24. Alexandria - Gang Prevention Community Task Force  
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSEMENT:

Bryan Kirkes  
Donald Soranno

Rachael Dischner

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 4/5/22, 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 Bryan Kirkes as the citizen member and waived the residency requirement and appointed Rachael Dischner as the Alexandria Elementary School representative to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Kirkes, Dischner
Jackson	-	Kirkes, Dischner
Aguirre	-	abstain, Dischner
Chapman	-	Kirkes, Dischner
Gaskins	-	Kirkes, Dischner
McPike	-	Kirkes, Dischner

25. Birmingham Greens  
1 City Employee

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

NAME: ENDORSEMENT:

Christopher Moore

(Material pertaining to above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 4/5/22, 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 waived the residency requirement and appointed Christopher Moore as the city employee to Birmingham Greens. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Moore
Jackson	-	Moore
Aguirre	-	Moore
Bagley	-	Moore
Chapman	-	Moore
McPike	-	Moore

26. Commission for the Arts

1 Member with Expertise in visual arts either as professional practitioners of visual art, curators of visual art, or as professional arts administrators currently working in the field

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

NAME:	ENDORSEMENT:
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Kelly Richmond	
Tiffany Williams	

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 26; 4/5/22, 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 Tiffany Williams as the member with expertise in visual arts either as professional practitioners of visual art, curators of visual art, or as professional arts administration currently working in the field to the Commission for the Arts. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Williams
Jackson	-	Richmond
Aguirre	-	Williams
Bagley	-	Williams
Chapman	-	Williams
Gaskins	-	Williams
McPike	-	Williams

27. Commission on Employment

1 Representative from such organization as educational agencies, organized labor, rehabilitation agencies, community-based organizations, economic development agencies and the area of public employment service

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor



Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council requested that the vacancy for this position be re-advertised. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayo Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION**

### **28. Update on 2022 Virginia General Assembly (Oral Report).**

City Council received an update on the 2022 Virginia General Assembly from Assistant City Manager/Legislative Director Sarah Taylor.

### **29. Virginia American Water Rate Case (PUE-2021-00255).**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 29; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council received the report outlining staff efforts to: (1) minimize the unreasonable magnitude of water rate increase for Alexandria residents and businesses, including opposing Virginia American Water Company's (VAWC) proposed 28% overall increase in revenue requirement and resulting rate increase, and a proposed 10.9 percent Rate of Return on Common Equity; and (2) opposed any additional unreasonable requests in VAWC's rate increase application. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayo Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

### **30. Consideration of a City Loan of \$700,000 in Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to Wesley Housing for an Elevator Modernization Project at Parcview Apartments.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 30; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved a \$700,000 loan comprised of Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to perform critically needed repairs to the elevator system serving ParcView Apartments; (2) approved the transfer of \$700,000 in CDBG funds from the Home Rehabilitation Loan Program to the Housing Opportunities Fund for this loan; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute any necessary documents to facilitate the loan. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayo Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed,

none.

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

1. Vice Mayor Jackson stated that donations for Ukraine are still being collected at Beatley Library and in the lobby at City Hall and noted that the last day to submit donations is April 15.

2. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that several Council members attended the celebration of former Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and she noted all the well-deserved accolades he received for his retirement. Vice Mayor Jackson thanked Sheriff Lawhorne for his service to the City.

3. Councilwoman Gaskins also thanked Sheriff Lawhorne for his many years of service to the community and she noted that the retirement celebration was very moving.

4. Councilwoman Gaskins thanked the men and women of the Alexandria Police Department for their service to the community, in particular Officer Anderson who took her on her first ride along with the department.

5. Councilman McPike recognized the First Annual Alexandria Dog Walk this past Saturday held in Old Town.

6. Councilmember Bagley recognized the Earl Lloyd Historic Marker presentation that happened this past week along Montgomery Street and encouraged everyone to visit the marker.

7. Councilmember Bagley recognized the Teen Wellness Center at Alexandria City High School and she noted that the center is open to all City teen to receive free, confidential health care at that location.

8. Councilmember Bagley noted that the will be participating the historic sites bike ride being sponsored by the Library this weekend and encouraged the community to join the event and see the City's history.

9. Councilman Aguirre noted that the Department of Community and Human Services are still offering free tax preparation until April 23, by appointment.

10. Councilman Aguirre reported that the new art exhibition on the Waterfront is officially open and he encouraged everyone to stop and enjoy the exhibit.

11. Councilman Aguirre recognized the Alexandria Soccer Association who held their Golden Gala recently and he noted what a great community partner the Association has been over the years.

12. Councilman Aguirre noted that he recently delivered meals to recipients for Meals On Wheels.

13. Councilman Aguirre reported that the groundbreaking for the new Minnie Howard Campus was held recently and attended by all the members of City Council.

14. Councilman Aguirre recognized the women on Council were a part of the West End Business Association's event honoring women, noting that Vice Mayor Jackson and Councilwoman Gaskins were keynote speakers at the event.

15. Councilman Aguirre reported that the high school held an event to celebrate International Trans Day.

16. Councilman Aguirre noted that he also attended the Earl Lloyd Historic Marker dedication on Saturday.

17. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Poetry and Pinwheels event celebrating National Poetry Day and Child Abuse Awareness month. Councilman Aguirre noted that there will be an event on Saturday to introduce the City's new Poet Laureate.

18. Councilman Aguirre congratulated his alma mater on their appearance in the final game for March Madness.

19. Councilman Chapman reported that he joined a delegation from the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) on a visit to Virginia State University to discuss a partnership and presence for HBCUs in Northern Virginia.

20. Mayor Wilson reported on the celebration earlier in the evening for the celebration for the Mr. David Bailey, the oldest survivor of the Battle of the Bulge and City resident, who recently turned 100 years old. Mayor Wilson thanked City staff and all the agencies that were involved in making the celebration a success.

21. Mayor Wilson also mentioned the event to recognize Child Abuse Awareness Month at Charles Hill Park.

## **OTHER**

31. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 29, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 31; 4/5/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council received and approved

the City Council schedule. 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.

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**ADJOURN.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the Tuesday, April 5, 2022 regular meeting at 8:46 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.

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**APPROVED BY:**

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**JUSTIN M. WILSON      MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC   City Clerk

Approved:    May 10, 2022