

**City of Alexandria**  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2022 6:30 PM**  
**City Council Legislative Meeting**  
**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; Fire Chief Smedley; Mr. McPike, Director, General Services; Mr. Coleman, Deputy Director, General Services; Mr. Garbacz, Division Chief, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Teate, Office of Communications and Public Information (OCPI); Mr. Fields, Director, Code Administration; Ms. Wedeles, Special Assistant to the City Manager; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Evans, Deputy Director, Code Administration; Ms. Best, Assistant Director, Code Administration; Ms. Gausman, Code Administration; Mr. Mesinger, Special Projects, Code Administration; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. McLean, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Police Chief Hayes; Ms. Wixson, Director, Clinical and Emergency Services, DCHS; Ms. Hencinski, DCHS; Mr. Evans, DCHS; Mr. Blancas, Department of Project Implementation (DPI); Ms. K. Taylor, Director, Finance; Ms. S. Taylor, Legislative Director/Assistant City Manager; Ms. Demeke, Information Technology Services (ITS); Mr. Smith, ITS, and Police Captain Ballantine.

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

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**I. OPENING**

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, with Councilman Chapman participating virtually from Germany for a work trip.

2. Executive Session.

6:30 p.m. -- Consideration of a Closed Executive session to discuss the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body and the discussion of actual or probable litigation. [ROLL-CALLVOTE]

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council convene in closed executive session at 6:32 p.m., to

consult with Legal Counsel and Staff regarding actual or probable litigation where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body and to discuss the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; specifically, a lawsuit filed by the Potomac Riverkeeper Network against the City and the potential sale of city owned property in the Waterfront area of the City; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(7) and (A)(3) of the Code of Virginia. 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 Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:05 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.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the resolution regarding the Closed Executive Session previously circulated to Council. 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.

The resolution reads as follows:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 3072**

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council has this 10th day of May, 2022 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.

3. **Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022;  
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2022;  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2022; and

The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2022.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of March 8, 2022, the public hearing meeting minutes of March 12, 2022, the regular meeting minutes of March 22, 2022, and the regular meeting minutes of April 5, 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.

**II. PROCLAMATIONS**

5. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing May as Building Safety Month.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, 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

6. Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week.

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

**III. 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 Subcommittee discussed the budget process and a conversation about School Safety (SLEP) committee and how it would be constituted. Mayor Wilson also reported that there was a conversation with Transportation and Environmental Services about the Safe Routes to Schools program, discussing the suggestions from the PTA Council. Vice Mayor Jackson noted that there was a discussion about the COVID-19 updates as it relates to schools and students. Vice Mayor Jackson as noted that she inquired about food service for students during the school year and summer months.

**\*Health and Safety Coordinating Committee (Mayor Wilson and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

Councilwoman Gaskins reported that the Committee received an update from the Mayor's Campaign on Bullying and how to create bully-free zones in not only schools but all City agencies. Councilwoman Gaskins noted the updated from DCHS and APD about the struggle to locate in-patient psychiatric beds and the strain it puts on clients and staff. Councilwoman Gaskins reported that was an update on the spike in overdoses and the push to make sure NARCAN is available to health care providers to treat those suffering from

overdoses. Mayor Wilson noted that there were some statistical updates from the Police Department, including reductions in robberies, aggravated assaults and burglaries with slight increases in larcenies and stolen autos.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that the Authority approved the regional revenue budget, regional distribution fund budget and the operating budget at the last meeting. Mayor Wilson also reported that the Authority approved letters supporting RASE grants for Federal funding related to King and Beauregard Streets. Mayor Wilson noted that there was discussion about the General Assembly and the status of legislation that will affect transportation funding.

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

Councilmember Bagley reported that the Commission received a presentation on the Flood Mitigation Plan and they are considering proposals that would create a more natural waterfront area and one with a more traditional bulkhead build out. Councilmember Bagley reported that there was an updated on the power plant property and there was a lot of enthusiasm about the amount of open space in the plan. Councilmember Bagley pointed out that there was presentation from the Tall Ship Providence, which has relocated to the Wharf for a little while and will return for Alexandria's Birthday Celebration. Councilmember Bagley reported that there was conversation about buskers and noise along the Waterfront and the Police are working on the details about how to enforce the noise ordinance in that area.

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

Councilman Aguirre welcomed a new youth engagement specialist, Phylicia Parks. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was a discussion about the Sex Ed for All month and proclamation will be issued for their upcoming event. Councilman Aguirre noted that the Board was still in the process of reviewing their bylaws.

**\*Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (Councilmember Bagley)**

Councilmember Bagley noted that there is a public comment period occurring now on all the projects that NVTA is considering for funding and the period continues through the month of May.

**\*Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) (Councilmember Bagley and Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that Commission welcomed the new director and issued letters from the Commission in support of RASE grants for Federal funding. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was discussion about the proposed BRT from Tysons to Alexandria and there is Congressional support for the project. Councilman Aguirre noted that there was the announcement for the new CEO of WMATA, Randy Clarke. Councilmember Bagley noted that VRE is now allowing bicycles on all train at all times.

**\*Northern Virginia Regional Commission(NVRC) (Councilwoman Gaskins)**

Councilwoman Gaskins reported that the Commission received an update from GoVirginia, a nonpartisan business led initiative focused on creating high tech sectors and their presentation focused on their work related to talented, cluster development, entrepreneurial activities and infrastructure development. Councilwoman Gaskins noted that NVRC has been coordinated regional response for Ukraine relief and have collected over 78,000 lbs. of donations to assist refugees.

**\*Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force (Councilman Aguirre and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

Councilwoman Gaskins reported that the Task Force is working with departments and analyzing the data to decide what the next steps for the Task Force should be and creating a new mission statement, new vision statement. Councilwoman Gaskins also noted that the Task Force would be identifying new goals and metrics to track the work that is occurring and impacting the community.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Commission received a presentation from the Office of Emergency Management and the Commission welcomed new members to the body. Councilman Aguirre noted that the Commission On Aging Excellence Awards that were presented today.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Board reviewed the climate change mitigation study and the air quality conformity analysis.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Board discussed dispensing of COVID testing kits at the Library. Councilman Aguirre noted that there has not been a compensation study in at least six years and possibly using ARPA funds to look at the compensation for the employees at the Library. Councilman Aguirre noted that the Board discussed the hiring of a Development Officer for fundraising the Library.

**\*Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP) (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman noted that he was on trip with NVRC in Germany to look at environmental programs and initiatives and other governmental programs, including energy programs and flood mitigation projects.

Councilman Chapman reported that AEDP discussed with the CEO about what they have been doing since the pandemic and she reviewed the accomplishments and what challenges that AEDP will face as business come back online. Councilman Chapman noted that AEDP is developing an economic recovery department to address challenges for businesses coming out of the pandemic. Councilman Chapman noted that AEDP has an

upcoming meeting with City Manager Parajon to hear his vision as it relates to economic development.

**\*Sister Cities Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman reported that Sister Cities would be hosting the 78<sup>th</sup> D-Day Celebration on June 4 on Market Square.

**IV. ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

7. Alexandria Co-Response Pilot Program Update.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated May 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 7; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received the Alexandria Co-Response Pilot Program's (ACORP) Initial Evaluation Report.

8. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program and Projects Update.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated May 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 8; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received the quarterly report.

**V. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CONSENT CALENDAR (9-21)**

**(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

9. Receipt of the following Resignations for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- (a) Board of Zoning Appeals  
Mark Yoo
- (b) Commission on Aging  
Lynette Foster
- (c) Commission on HIV/AIDS  
Robert Whitman
- (d) Community Criminal Justice Board  
Pegah Vakili
- (e) Human Rights Commission  
Lynette Foster

(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-e); 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Uncontested Appointments for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
  - (a) Beautification Commission  
1 Citizen Member
  - (b) Community Services Board  
1 Citizen Member
  - (c) Emergency Medical Services Council  
1 Representative of the Federation of Civic Associations
  - (d) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
1 Representative of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association
  - (e) Waterfront Commission  
1 Parks and Recreation Commission representative

(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-e); 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

11. Consideration of a License Agreement Between the City and Virtue Feed & Grain, LLC for Use of City Right of Way for Outdoor Dining Space Located at 106 South Union Street.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated May 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of the Submission of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Litter Prevention and Recycling Program for Funding of the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated May 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Education for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program for Children.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated May 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration for Grant Applications to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), for Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program and for Funding Provided Through Congressional Consolidated Appropriations for the Purchase of Body Worn Cameras.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 2, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 14; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Consideration of a Grant application for Visit Alexandria from Virginia Tourism Corporation to Provide Support for Tourism Recovery.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2022.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Request for removal of City Board, Commission, and Committee members for missing Oaths of Office.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain the allocation of State funds from the Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) of 1998, Section 3-2-224 (Levied on Automobiles, Trucks, Trailers, Semi-Trailers, Antique Motor Vehicles, Taxicabs, Motorcycles, Campers and Other Recreational Vehicles, Boats and Trailers; Amount), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 18; 5/10/22, 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; 5/10/22, 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; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of



this record by reference.)

19. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Article C (Disposition of Abandoned, Unattended and Immobile Motor Vehicles) of Chapter 8 (Parking and Traffic Regulations) 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 May 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19; 5/10/22, 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; 5/10/22, 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; 5/10/22, 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 Sheet No. 055.01 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 901 North Pitt Street from, OC/Office commercial to CRMU-X/Commercial residential mixed use (Old Town North) in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2022-00001 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2022-00001 associated with 901 North Pitt Street approved by City Council on April 23, 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; 5/10/22, 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; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

21. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on first reading of an ordinance to amend Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 5/10/22, 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. 21; 5/10/22, 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. 21; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of items 15 and 17, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

9. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Mark Yoo, Board of Zoning Appeals; (b) Lynette Foster, Commission on Aging; (c) Robert Whitman, Commission on HIV/AIDS; (d) Pegah Vakili, Community Criminal Justice Board; and (e) Lynette Foster, Human Rights Commission.

10. City Council appointed the following persons to boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Alexander McElya a citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (b) appointed Michele Walz as the citizen member to the Community Services Board; (c) appointed Rebecca Hierholzer as the representative of the Federation of Civic Associations to the Emergency Medical Services Council; (d) appointed Christopher Brownlowe as the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; and (e) appointed Stuart Fox as the Parks and Recreation Commission representative to the Waterfront Commission.

11. City Council: (1) received the report and set the agreement to license Wales Alley for outdoor dining for public hearing on May 14, 2022.

12. City Council: (1) approved a noncompetitive grant application, due June 30, 2022 to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Litter Prevention and Recycling Program, for funding in the approximate amount of \$10,932 for the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program (the exact amount to be determined by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality by September 30, 2022); (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required; and (3) thanked all the organizations participating in this program for their support and efforts to improve the appearance of the City parks and, thereby, experience of the citizens visiting these parks.

13. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of the grant application (due June 15) to the Virginia Department of Education for United States Department of Agriculture for continued funding and an estimated reimbursement amount of \$100,000 for program expenses; (2) affirmed that there are no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

14. City Council: (1) approved the grant applications (due May 25, 2022) to the

United States Department of Justice which provides funding to deploy body-worn cameras to the Police Officers at the Alexandria Police Department; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

16. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

18. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

19. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

20. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

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

15. Consideration of a Grant application for Visit Alexandria from Virginia Tourism Corporation to Provide Support for Tourism Recovery.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. \*Councilman Chapman issued the following disclosure statement to the City Clerk: "Due to my ownership of a small business in Alexandria and its membership in Visit Alexandria, I have a potential personal interest in the approval of this item because it includes funding for Visit Alexandria. After discussing with the City Attorney, I have determined that I am able to participate in this item under the law and I am able to participate in the transaction fairly and objectively. And in the public interest, I have made the proper disclosure to the Clerk."

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application for grant funds which are part of the Virginia Tourism Corporation ARPA Tourism Recovery Program for \$990,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required. 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.

17. Request for removal of City Board, Commission, and Committee members for missing Oaths of Office.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as

part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council deferred the consideration of the request to allow the members to submit the oaths to the Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions until June. 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 (22)**

22. Consideration of a Resolution for the American Alliance of Museums Accreditation Process of the Office of Historic Alexandria. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council: (1) approved the resolution supporting the Office of Historic Alexandria's Strategic Plan, Code of Ethics, Collections Management Policy, and Archaeology Collections Management Policy; and (2) authorized the Director of the Office of Historic Alexandria to submit the application for reaccreditation to the American Alliance of Museums and executed all necessary documents that may be required. 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.

The resolution reads as follows:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 3073**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with requirements for the American Alliance of Museum's accreditation process, it is necessary that a statement of support by resolution for the Office of Historic Alexandria be received from the parent organization, the Alexandria City Council, expressing a commitment to support the City-owned museums and historic sites, Alexandria Archaeology program, and Archives and Records Management program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Historic Alexandria was established July 1, 1982 as a department within the City of Alexandria to oversee the City-owned museums, assist with the City Archives, develop interpretive programs, and establish a storage facility for artifacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the department showcases the City's centuries of history through its museums and institutions including Alexandria Archaeology Museum, Alexandria Black History Museum, Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum, Archives and Records Management Center, Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, Freedom House Museum, Friendship Firehouse Museum, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, and Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum; and

**WHEREAS**, the department also oversees and manages a variety of other historic sites including the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial, Murry-Dick-Fawcett House, Alexandria Union Station, the African American Heritage Park, Watson Reading Room, the Lloyd House, and the historic cemeteries of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Historic Alexandria engages residents and visitors alike at the museums, in the community, and digitally through tours, public programming, social media, exhibits, special events, product development, and outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria relies heavily on its historic qualities to attract tourists, businesses, and residents as well as maintain its quality neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the department is the lead agency managing the Alexandria Community Remembrance Project, a City-wide initiative dedicated to helping Alexandria understand and acknowledge its history of racial terror and work toward creating a more welcoming community bound by equity and inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Historic Alexandria directly contributes to all these efforts, in turn supporting the economic vitality and sustainability of our community through heritage tourism programs, interdepartmental planning assistance, cultural resource management, records management, historic preservation planning activities, restorative justice work; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will continue to invest in its history and encourage preservation to ensure Alexandria’s tax base, economic viability, livable neighborhoods, and community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Alexandria, hereby expresses its commitment of support for the City-owned museums and institutions operated by the Office of Historic Alexandria, and requests that the American Association of Museums fully support the application of the Office of Historic Alexandria for accreditation of its museum system.

**VII. CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS**

- 23. Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee  
1 Citizen Member

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

| NAME:              | ENDORSEMENT:                    |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Antoine Dula Lopez | Angelique Moss, Chairman, ACSCC |
| Eric Letzgus       |                                 |
| Miguel Serrano     |                                 |
| Brenen Tidwell     |                                 |
| Eric Trimble       |                                 |

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 5/10/22, 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 Antoine Dula Lopez as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee. The vote was as follows:

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|---------|---|-------|
| Wilson  | - | Lopez |
| Jackson | - | Lopez |
| Aguirre | - | Lopez |
| Bagley  | - | Lopez |
| Chapman | - | Lopez |
| Gaskins | - | Lopez |
| McPike  | - | Lopez |

- 24. Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force  
1 Middle School Representative

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

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| NAME: | ENDORSEMENT: |
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Timothy Brannon

(Materials pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 5/10/22, 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 Timothy Brannon as the middle school representative to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force. The vote was as follows:

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| Wilson  | - | Brannon |
| Jackson | - | Brannon |
| Aguirre | - | Brannon |
| Bagley  | - | Brannon |
| Chapman | - | Brannon |
| Gaskins | - | Brannon |
| McPike  | - | Brannon |

- 25. Board of Zoning Appeals  
2 Citizen Members

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

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| NAME: | ENDORSEMENT: |
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Dawn Bauman  
Melissa Hodge  
Raj Patel  
Jared Underberg

(Materials pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 5/10/22, 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 Dawn Bauman and Raj Patel as the two members to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The vote was as follows:

- Wilson - Bauman, Patel
- Jackson - Bauman, Patel
- Aguirre - Patel, Underberg
- Bagley - Bauman, Patel
- Chapman - Bauman, Patel
- Gaskins - Bauman, Patel
- McPike - Bauman, Patel

26. Industrial Development Authority  
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSEMENT:

- Peter Horst
- Thomas Hyde
- Scott Wilbur

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 26; 5/10/22, 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 Thomas Hyde as the citizen member to the Industrial Development Authority. The vote was a follows:

- Wilson - Hyde
- Jackson - Hyde
- Aguirre - Hyde
- Bagley - Hyde
- Chapman - Horst
- Gaskins - Hyde
- McPike - Hyde

**VIII. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION**

None.

**IX. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

27. Consideration of a Resolution Identifying City of Alexandria Priorities for Federal Funding Opportunities and Requesting Congressional Delegation Support. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 3, 2022, is on file in Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 27; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman McPike issued the following disclosure statement regarding this item:

"Due to my obligations under the Congressional House Ethics Rules, I need to recuse myself from this discussion and be shown as abstaining from any vote."

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Jackson, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried 6-0-1 by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution identifying City of Alexandria Priorities for Federal Funding Opportunities and requesting Congressional Delegation support for local priorities and funding proposals. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Gaskins; Opposed, none; Abstain, Councilman McPike.

The resolution reads as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 3074**

#### **Identifying City of Alexandria Priorities for Federal Funding Opportunities and Requesting Congressional Delegation Support**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress and Executive Branch have identified numerous avenues for significant, direct investment in communities as opportunities to create jobs, invest in both people and infrastructure, and work to address the ongoing needs of families, businesses, neighborhoods and communities across our country; and

**WHEREAS**, in Fiscal Year 2022, the City of Alexandria received Community Project Funding, requested by Congressman Donald S. Beyer, Jr. in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, for the piloting of body worn cameras in the Alexandria Police Department and storm sewer improvements to mitigate recurrent flooding at Clifford Ave., Fulton St. and Manning St., totaling \$1,020,000 in funding; and

**WHEREAS**, current additional Federal funding opportunities available to the City of Alexandria include Community Project Funding in the House appropriations bill and Congressionally Directed Funding in the Senate Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2023, the U.S. Department of Justice FY 2022 Body-worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies, the U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program, and the U.S. Department of Transportation Low or No Emission Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, these potential funding sources present a significant opportunity for local governments to propose and request support from our Congressional delegation for critical projects in specific funding areas to benefit our residents, businesses and workers; and



**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria has identified five projects appropriate for funding through the Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending process, including:

- Funding for the Alexandria City AHDC Arlandria Housing+ Project (request submitted to Congressman Don Beyer, Senator Mark Warner and Senator Tim Kaine);
- Full deployment of body worn cameras in the Alexandria Police Department (request submitted to Congressman Beyer);
- Acceleration of the Notabene Drive, Four Mile Rd., and Old Dominion Blvd. Flood Mitigation Project (Request submitted to Congressman Beyer);
- Technology upgrades and facility enhancements at the Alexandria Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court and Court Service Unit (request submitted to Senator Warner and Senator Kaine); and
- Support for the Alexandria Youth Entrepreneurship Project (request submitted to Senator Warner and Senator Kaine); and

**WHEREAS**, these projects are clear priorities for the City and address significant inequalities and recognized needs in the City of Alexandria in the areas of human services, community development, public safety and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria has identified additional opportunities for federal funding for projects and priorities in our community, including:

- RAISE grant funding to complete the intersection redesign project at King and Beauregard Streets, including multimodal intersection improvements to increase vehicle capacity, improve pedestrian crossing experiences, and provide access to transit and bicycle facilities;
- LOW NO/Bus-Bus Facilities grant funding to upgrade the DASH bus fleet to electric vehicles and provide the infrastructure necessary to support the shift to a fully electric fleet; and;
- An application to the Safe Streets for All grant program to advance the City's Vision Zero Action Plan initiatives focusing on high crash corridors and intersections.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria supports these local priorities and endorses them for consideration for federal funding opportunities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria calls upon our Congressional delegation to support these local priorities and funding proposals in the areas of human services, community development, public safety and infrastructure and work to secure federal funding for these projects and programs.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Alexandria Congressional delegation – the Honorable Mark R. Warner, the Honorable Timothy M. Kaine, and the Honorable Donald S. Beyer, Jr.

28. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing and Empowering the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds through a Direct Bank Loan.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 28; 5/10/22, 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. 28; 5/10/22, 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. 28; 5/10/22, 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 passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 14, 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.

29. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain the deadline for applying for Personal Property Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled for first time filers and in cases of hardship, Section 3-2-224.2 (Alternative Tax Rate for Elderly and Handicapped), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated May 3, 2022, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 29; 5/10/22, 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. 29; 5/10/22, 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. 29; 5/10/22, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 14, 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.

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

1. Councilwoman Gaskins reported that she and Councilmember Bagley attended a meeting of the Eviction Prevention Task Force and she reported on the data on evictions that was presented at the meeting, noting an increase in the number of summons filed and the number of writs issued. Councilwoman Gaskins noted that advocates were working on a plan

about what types of new safety nets might be used as the programs prepare to expire on May 15 in the Commonwealth.

2. Councilwoman Gaskins inquired about the proper venue to discuss the numerous emails received about safe places to play and soccer fields in the City and she wanted to know when would be a good time to have the discussion with ACPS. In response to Councilwoman Gaskins, Mayor Wilson noted that there would be a joint work session with City Council and the School Board on June 13 and this topic could be included on the agenda and the two bodies could discuss properties they each possess and how they might be utilized in the future.

Vice Mayor Jackson requested that list of properties and land owned by both the City and ACPS be provided prior to the work session for Council to review.

3. Councilman McPike thanked City staff for coordinating the Joseph McCoy Memorial Service and wreath-laying ceremony and the annual Days of Remembrance service honoring the victims of the Holocaust.

4. Councilman McPike read a statement about the recent proclamation Council removed from the docket regarding abortion a few weeks ago and he spoke about the leaked Supreme Court draft decision regarding Roe v. Wade and how it could change the constitutionality of abortion rights in this country. Councilman McPike noted that he has requested that the City Attorney provide guidance for the Council on what is above under the Dillon Rule in order to support women in need of abortion healthcare in this community.

5. Councilmember Bagley reiterated the importance of those in need of eviction assistance getting in the pipeline before the May 15 deadline and noted that there was assistance available for Rent Relief until the deadline.

6. Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Bagley and Councilman Aguirre expressed their support of Councilman McPike's statement regarding abortion rights.

**X. ADJOURN.**

City Manager Parajon noted that the City Council Schedule would return to the next legislative docket with updates.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of May 10, 2022 at 9:41 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:    June 14, 2022