

**City of Alexandria**  
**Tuesday, May 24, 2022 6:45 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; Ms. Bulova, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA); Assistant Police Chief Andreas; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Teate, Office of Communications and Public Information (OCPI); Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Znidersic, Principal Planner, Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Ms. Suehr, Director, Department of Project Implementation (DPI); Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Demeke, ITS; and Police Captain Ballantine.

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

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**WS.** 6:45 p.m. - Alexandria Transit Company Stockholders' Meeting (voting on new members)

The Alexandria Transit Company Stockholders' meeting was held prior to the City Council meeting to vote on new members to the Board of Directors.

**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.

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

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

**II. PROCLAMATIONS**

**3. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the 78th Anniversary of D-Day Commemoration Month.**

Councilmember Bagley reported that the Commission discussed an update on the Torpedo Factory and the task force is in process of selecting its membership and members of the Commission were encouraged to apply. Councilmember Bagley noted that the Commission discussed the upcoming closure of the Strand and the impact it would have on the area.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Board held their data presentation at the last meeting and Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation for Sex Ed for All month. Councilman Aguirre noted that the city is trending in the right direction as it relates to teen pregnancy, with some needed improvements in the Latino community.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Board discussed what the range for review CO2 emissions in the area should be used reporting targets. Councilman Aguirre reported that the Board reviewed the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that the station is still on track for opening later this year and there will be continued construction into the Spring of 2023.

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

Councilman Chapman reported that AEDP was introduced to the new staff member who will be an ARPA funded recovery manager working business associations and different business groups in the City. Councilman Chapman reported that City Manager Parajon attended to meeting to speak with Board to discuss business development strategies. Councilman Chapman reported that the Board received a presentation from staff on business development strategies and strategies for filling commercial spaces.

**\*Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)(Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman reported that the Commission he would share information from his trip with Commission to Germany that focused on economic development, affordable housing, and environmental sustainability.

**\*COG Board of Directors (Councilman McPike)**

Councilman McPike reported that the Board discussed the proposed work program for the Board and the all organizational budget, noting that 63% of the budget was geared toward transportation related programs. Councilman McPike reported that the Board is working to finalize a regional housing equity plan to HUD and working on finalizing a revision to the regional public safety operational agreement. Councilman McPike also reported that the Board received a report on the homelessness count for the region, noting that the numbers were the lowest ever for the region.

7. Consideration of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2022 Third Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.

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8. Consideration of the Release of \$490,575 in FY 2022 Contingent Reserve Funding to Fund the INOVA Hospital Contribution.

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## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

City Council approved the items on the consent calendar under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

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**WHEREUPON**, upon motion Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council received as information the FY 2022 Third Quarter Capital Projects Status 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.

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**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council released \$490,575 in FY 2022 Contingent Reserve funding for the INOVA Hospital contribution. 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 (9)**

9. Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the FY 2022 Low or No Emission Grant Program (Low-No) and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. [ROLL CALL VOTE]

**WHEREAS**, up to \$50 million is required to fund critical transportation and sustainability needs in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia:

1. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of up to \$50 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation Low-No and Buses and Bus Facilities 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.

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

None.

**VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None.

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

1. Councilman Aguirre reported on the following events that he and other members of Council attended over the past few weeks:

- 44th Annual Archaeology Volunteer Appreciation Event in April;
- Virginia Young Democrats event, where Councilman Chapman received an award;
- Event to introduce the City's new poet laureate, Zeina Azzam;
- attended the DASH Bus Rodeo at the DASH facility;
- Graduation of the 52nd Fire Recruit Class held at the Masonic Temple;
- attended tours of City schools hosted by Alexandria City Public Schools for Council;
- attended the Iftar hosted by Islamic Relief USA;
- attended the Health Department celebration of the Medical Reserve Corps and the CERT team;
- attended a site tour with Meter Research and Development with VML;
- Attended the Bike Rodeo with Police Captain Ballantine hosted by the Police Department on Eisenhower Avenue, with the money raised going to support the Alexandria Police Youth Camp;
- attend Solar Panel Christening event at church on Seminary Road;

- attended the Speed and Style Festival in Old Town;
- attended the flag raising at the Old Dominion Boat Club;
- attended the Sheriff's Office Annual Awards and Promotional ceremony; and
- attended the Community Cookouts held throughout the community.

2. Councilwoman Gaskins reported that she hosted a local Girls Scout troop here in City Hall to talk to them about women in local government.

3. Councilwoman Gaskins offered condolences to the family of the student who was killed at Bradlee Shopping Center. Councilwoman Gaskins noted that the Council has a responsibility to look at violence from a more comprehensive and holistic approach centered in prevention on behalf of the community.

4. Councilman Chapman would like to have discussion with School Board colleagues to talk about overall safety for students in schools and in the community at the upcoming joint meeting.

5. Councilman Chapman reported that Freedom House museum will be reopening with a ribbon cutting on June 20.

6. Councilman Chapman reported that he attended a barbershop talk sponsored by the Future Wellness Foundation focusing on the mental health of black men and the challenges of getting them to seek care for their mental health. Councilman Chapman noted that the event was hosted at the All American Barbershop on Queen Street.

7. Councilmember Bagley noted that she has been circulating a resolution to work on Gun Violence Prevention for her colleagues to review and to be considered at the next legislative meeting.

8. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that she and Mayor Wilson participated in the unveiling of the plaque for the Apothecary Museum, receiving a historic landmark designation.

9. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that she meet the new Virginia Tech football coach at the Innovation Campus in Potomac Yard.

10. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that she attended a cabaret hosted by MetroStage at the Lyceum on May 17.

11. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that she attended the Canine Yappy Hour held at the Alexandrian to benefit the Alexandria Police Foundation.

10. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the City hosted Bike To Work Day and there were over 15,000 registrants for the event.

11. Vice Mayor Jackson recognized the many sports foundation hosting fundraisers, noting that she and Mayor Wilson were guest bartenders at the Alexandria Little League Gala event.

Approved: September 13, 2022

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

