

City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 6:00 PM
City Council Legislative Meeting

PRESENT: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Amy B. Jackson, Members of City 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. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Fire Chief Smedley; Ms. Pledger, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Fleming, Director, Office of Communications and Public Information (OCPI); Ms. Teate, OCPI; Mr. Stokes, Assistant City Manager; Dr. Rose, Director, Alexandria Health Department; Ms. Bulova, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA); Mr. DeSalvatore, OHA; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Tucker, City Manager's Office; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Ms. Roberts, Deputy City Attorney; Ms. Kelleher, Director, Office of Human Rights; Ms. Taylor, Assistant City Manager/Legislative Director; Mr. Gonsalves, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Ms. Beach, Division Chief, P&Z; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Mr. Browand, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Ms. Ruggiero, Deputy Director, RPCA; Mr. McRae, Assistant City Attorney; Mr. Gutierrez, Deputy Director, DCHS; Ms. McLean, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office; Mr. Smith, ITS; Ms. Demeke, ITS; and Police Captain Ballantine.

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

I. OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of City Council were present., with Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Chapman and Councilman McPike arriving during the closed executive session.

2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution by Members of City Council (if needed).

This resolution was not needed.

Closed Session

3. 6:00 p.m. - Consideration of a closed session to discuss the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected and consultation with legal counsel and staff pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried 4-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected and consultation with legal counsel staff pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, specifically, the public investment of funds for a large scale redevelopment in the City's west end neighborhood, the City's portion of a grant for a business in the City west end neighborhood, and litigation involving the City's BIPOC Small Business Grant Program; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(6) and (A)(7) of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley and Councilwoman Gaskins; Opposed, none; Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Chapman, and Councilman McPike.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:07 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.

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. ORAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

***Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman deferred this report until their upcoming meeting.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that the subcommittee received updates on the Minnie Howard and Douglass MacArthur projects. Mayor Wilson reported that there was discussion on the budget process and conversation on the CIP coordination and there are plans to schedule three joint work sessions with the School Board over the next few month to discuss budget, to discuss the report from the SLEP committee, and the end of year annual joint work session.

***Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) Councilmember Bagley and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that the mental health roundtable was held recently and discussion with the students about mental issues they are facing.

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

Councilmember Bagley reported that ACAP gave an overview of abortions issues, both locally and nationally, noting that access has become limited in Virginia because of influx of people coming here to access the service. Councilmember Bagley also noted that there was a discussion about people's perception of the rights that are available because of all of the changes to abortion access around the country.

***Waterfront Commission (Councilmember Bagley)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that Commission received a presentation for Director of Planning and Zoning, Karl Moritz, on the Waterfront/Olin Plan and history of the plan and goals for the Waterfront. Councilmember Bagley reported that Eleanor Breen, Archaeology, also gave a presentation about backyard bottle digging and how it damages historical areas.

***Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Councilmember Bagley)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that VRE installed its new leadership and she will be serving as treasurer. Councilmember Bagley reported that the Board will be focusing on upcoming projects that VRE will be undertaking in the future.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Commission had an informational session on how to appropriately advocate to legislators and policy makers. Councilman Aguirre reported that the Commission will be sending a letter to Council regarding the upcoming budget.

***Alexandria Workforce Development Center (Vice Mayor Jackson and Councilman McPike)**

Councilman McPike reported that Center has expended about half of their ARPA funds. Councilman McPike reported that 170 applicants were placed for the summer youth employment program. Councilman McPike reported that 66 people completed the Work-Based Learning program and 38 people have been placed in full-time jobs. Councilman McPike noted that 57 people participated in the Digital Literacy program and there be an digital literacy bootcamp for elderly residents seeking to reenter the workforce. Councilman McPike reported that the Center will be moving to the Mark Center soon.

***Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that annual What's New meeting will be held this week.

Vice Mayor Jackson reported on the success of the holiday season in the City and other statistics from the hospitality industry, highlighting pandemic recovery for hotels, restaurants, and retailers. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that Alexandria has been named by Leisure and Travel as one of the 50 places in the world to travel in 2023.

***Commission on Information Technology (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the Commission reviewing and editing digital surveys about internet usage in the City.

***Potomac Watershed Roundtable (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported Roundtable met at the Prince William County Service Authority and received a presentation from the Fairfax Water Authority staff and overview from the Prince William County Service Authority and toured the facility.

***Council of Governments (COG) - Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson deferred this report.

***COG - Food and Agriculture Regional Member (FARM) Policy Committee (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson deferred this report.

***MacArthur Advisory Committee Update (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Jackson reported that there two week updates issued on the progress of the construction of the school in order to meet the proposed opening date.

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

Councilman McPike reported that the Council received updates from Emergency Management, Alexandria CERT, and the Alexandria HAM Radio Club. Councilman McPike reported that CERT is planning to launch a teen CERT program later this year and there will be a full scale emergency training exercise in April. Councilman McPike reported that the Radio Club will hold a demonstration at Firehouse 210 over the weekend. Councilman McPike noted that the Volunteer Alexandria Graduation will be held in May here at City Hall and there was discussion of the Resilient Alexandria final report during the meeting. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the Citizen Corps Council will celebrate its 20th Anniversary in October of this year.

***Alexandria Renew CSO Monitoring Committee (Mayor Wilson and Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Mayor Wilson reported that there will significant pile driving at the Pendleton outfall from February until June, 9am – 6pm, Monday through Friday and there will be communications to surrounding neighbors about noise mitigation and other aspects of the project. Mayor Wilson also reported that the Committee honored Karen Pallansch, who will be retiring from

Alexandria Renew soon.

***COG Board of Directors (Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson reported that the Board of Directors elected new officers for the upcoming year and the Board announced the new executive director of COG, Clark Mercer, will begin working in couple of days.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that the Group held its last meeting yesterday in anticipation of the completion and opening of the new station later this year.

III. ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR (5-8a)
(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

5. Consideration of a Lease Agreement Between the City and Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of General Services (for the Virginia Department of Health), for 44,461 Square Feet of Rentable Space in 4850 Mark Center Drive.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 5; 01/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6. Consideration of a Grant Application to Virginia Humanities for the Alexandria Oral History Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 6; 01/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7. Consideration of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2023 First Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 7; 01/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. Consideration of Approval for the Department of Community and Human Services to Receive Ready Regions Funding to Support the Implementation of Virginia Quality Birth to Five and carry out required functions.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 8; 01/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 8a. Consideration of Plan for Utilization of \$300,000 in Additional Rental Assistance Funding to Address Evictions.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 19, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 8a; 01/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of item #6, which was considered under separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

5. City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a lease agreement consistent with the general terms of the Lease Agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia.

7. City Council received as information the FY 2023 First Quarter Capital Projects Status Report.

8. City Council: (1) authorized the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) to enter into an agreement with Fairfax County beginning in FY 2024 to serve as the grant recipient for the City of Alexandria; (2) approved DCHS's annual receipt of \$290,000 to implement the requirements of Virginia Quality Birth to Five (VQB5); (3) authorized an increase of 1.0 FTE for a Coordinated Enrollment position within DCHS and designate funding to Kids First Years to carry out the Family Engagement requirements; and (4) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

- 8a. City Council approved funding from the General Fund Reserve in the amount of \$300,000 to assist residents at risk of eviction through the remainder of FY 2023 or until funds are exhausted.

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. Consideration of a Grant Application to Virginia Humanities for the Alexandria Oral History Program.

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WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the grant application, due January 31, 2023; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all 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.

V. ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (9-11)

9. Consideration of a Resolution Approving Sunrise Medical Trans, LLC to Provide Private Medical Transports in the City of Alexandria. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 9; 01/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record.)

10. Consideration of a Resolution to Support Grant Applications to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for the FY 2024 State Aid Grant Programs for Capital and Operating Assistance, MERIT and Commuter Assistance Program grants. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10; 01/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record.)

11. Consideration of a Grant Application from DASH and the City of Alexandria for the FY 2024 to FY 2025 I-395/95 Commuter Choice Grant Program. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 01/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record.)

END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

WHERUEPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Bagley and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approvals were as follows:

9. City Council adopted the resolution that approved the Sunrise Medical Trans, LLC to provide non-emergency medical transportation, either through a non-emergency ambulance, wheelchair van or sedan to their clients in the City of Alexandria.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3131

WHEREAS, Sunrise Medical Trans LLC, seeks to operate as a licensed EMS agency in the Commonwealth of Virginia for non-emergent medical transportation; and

WHEREAS, Sunrise Medical Trans LLC wishes to incorporate non-emergent basic life support transportation; and

WHEREAS, Sunrise Medical Trans LLC intends to provide inter-facility basic life

support, wheelchair van, or sedan medical transport services in the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Sunrise Medical Trans LLC has requested licenser as an EMS agency in the Commonwealth of Virginia to allow them to operate in the Commonwealth, to include the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Sunrise Medical Trans LLC will not interfere with the mission of the Alexandria Fire Department or respond to medical emergencies within the City of Alexandria.

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

On this date of January 24, 2023, the Alexandria City Council does hereby approve Sunrise Medical Trans LLC to operate within the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

10. City Council: (1) approved the resolution to support application and submission to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) by February 1, 2023 for the following grants: up to \$34,000,000 in eligible expenses for State Aide Transit Operating Assistance; up to \$20,000,000 for State Aid Capital Assistance for DASH replacement buses; up to \$331,300 for the Commuter Assistance Program (CAP); up to \$315,000 for the Demonstration Project Assistance Program; up to \$55,000 for the Public Transportation Workforce Development Program; and (2) authorized the City Manager to apply for State Aid Grants through the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and enter into any necessary agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia and/or NVTC to accept and implement the grants. (RES. NO. 3132)

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3132

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS
FOR THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION STATE
AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY 2024**

WHEREAS, in 2018, the General Assembly passed HB 1539, which required the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to update the State Aid Grant Programs for operating and capital assistance based on performance metrics beginning in FY 2020; and

WHEREAS, HB 1539 establishes separate prioritization processes for the Board's Six Year-Improvement Program, state of good repair projects, and major expansion projects and makes numerous changes to the administration of revenues for mass transit in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for Operating Assistance State Aid for the City of Alexandria to include up to \$34,000,000 in eligible expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for Capital Assistance State Aid of up to \$20,000,000 to acquire replacement buses and batteries to replace buses and equipment at the end of their useful lives; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Commuter Assistance Program up to \$331,300 to increase the percentage of commuters using alternative transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Public Transportation Workforce Development Program for \$55,000 to continue funding one planning intern position to gain valuable experience in the public transportation industry; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Demonstration Project Assistance Program for \$315,000 is to fund pilot project to support the conversion to electric vehicles, to improve bus speed and reliability.

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

1. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports the application for State Aid up to \$20,701,300 and eligible expenses up to \$34,000,000 through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission for the State Aid Grant Program; and

2. The City Council hereby commits to include funds for its local match of agency funds of \$140,260 for state aided grants, if awarded, in its Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget; and

3. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to enter into any necessary agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia and/or NVTC and to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program to accept and implement the grants.

11. City Council: (1) approved the resolution to support the three (3) I-395/95 Commuter Choice Grant application requests for up to \$26.5 million over two years; and (2) authorized the City Manager to apply for these grant funds and enter into any necessary agreements to accept this grant. (RES. NO. 3133)

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3133

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE I-395/95 COMMUTER CHOICE PROGRAM FOR FY 2024-FY 2025

WHEREAS, As part of the agreement for the High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes on I-395/95, the toll operator (Transurban) is required to provide grant funding for the I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program; and

WHEREAS, The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), OmniRide/Potomac/Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC), the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Commonwealth signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that will provide a minimum of \$15 million annually to fund transit related improvements in the I-395/95 corridor beginning in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program is to support projects that maximize person throughput and implement multimodal improvements along the I-395/95 corridor; and

WHEREAS, the I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program projects will be scored based on technical merit, cost effectiveness, applicant preference, and toll day one readiness; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for allocation of funds of up to \$7,500,000 over two years for the first priority project for DASH West End-Pentagon Bus Service Enhancements (Line 35), up to \$4,000,000 over two years for the second priority project for DASH West End-Potomac Yard Bus Service Enhancements (Line 36) and up to \$15,000,000 over two years for the third priority project for DASH Bus Purchases for Additional Capacity for West End to Pentagon for a total allocation of up to \$26,500,000 over two years for the City of Alexandria, through the I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program.

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 the applications for an allocation of up to \$26,500,000 through the I-395/95 Commuter Choice 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, Councilmember Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

12. Public Hearing on the Fiscal Impact Study of the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2141 and Consideration of a Resolution indicating City Council's Good Faith Commitment to the Appropriate Funding Necessary to Implement the Agreement. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 19, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 01/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council closed the public hearing and

adopted the resolution which reflects Council's commitment to fund the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighter, Local 2141 (IAFF Local 2141), subject to actual appropriation with the approval of the budget in each fiscal year it is in effect. (RES. NO. 3134)

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3134

RESOLUTION REGARDING FUNDING OF THE TENANTIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 2141

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2021, the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, adopted Ordinance No. 5336, amending the City Code to add a new Article E to Title 2, Chapter 5 providing for specific bargaining units of City employees to engage in collective bargaining with the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Code, a vote was held among bargaining unit employees of the Alexandria Fire Department, resulting in the election of the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 2141 (the "IAFF Local 2141") as the exclusive bargaining representative for fire and emergency medical services employees' bargaining unit employees in the Alexandria Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the City of Alexandria and the IAFF Local 2141 met in good faith and negotiated a tentative collective bargaining agreement (the "Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement"), to be effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the IAFF Local 2141 submitted the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement to its membership, and in January 2023, the membership voted to ratify the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement provides wage increases and other benefits for the uniformed employees of the Alexandria Fire Department that have fiscal consequences for the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the Office of City Management and Budget has conducted a fiscal impact study of the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-5-79 of the City Code, the City Council has received the fiscal impact study and held a public hearing on the fiscal impact study on January 24, 2023;

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

1) it hereby makes a good faith commitment to appropriate funding necessary for the City to meet its obligations under the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement with the understanding that it remains subject to accrual appropriation with the approval of the budget

in each fiscal year it is effective.

This resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

13. Update on the 2023 Virginia General Assembly Session.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 23, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 01/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the legislative positions included in the Recommended Positions on Bills of Impact to the City, as recommended by Council's Legislative Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman McPike) at their January 13 and January 20, 2023 meetings. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

14. Consideration of the Transmittal of the Alexandria Fund for Human Services Reform Committee Recommendations.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 14; 01/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Gaskins and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received the recommendation from the Alexandria Fund for Human Services (AFHS) Reform Committee; and (2) requested that the City Manager direct staff to implement the recommendations as accepted by City Council. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

15. Consideration of the FY 2024 DRAFT Long-Range Planning Interdepartmental Work Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 01/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council reviewed and provided guidance to staff on the DRAFT FY 2024 Long-Range Planning Interdepartmental Work Program.

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

VII. ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that she and other Council members attended the first Lunar New Celebration held in the City on Saturday.

2. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that she attended the General Assembly session in Richmond and she recognized Dr. Tammy Mann, CEO, Campagna Center and Glenn Hopkins, President, Hopkins House, who were present advocating for the City's children and families. Vice Mayor Jackson also noted that the National Organization for Women (NOW) introduced their law audit to the General Assembly and there was other reproductive rights legislation being introduced as well.

3. Councilman McPike thanked Rosa Byrd and the Martin Luther King Jr. Planning Committee for the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Celebration program held last week at the Masonic Temple.

4. Councilman Aguirre recognized the Departmental Progressive Club on the installation of their new officers for the upcoming year.

5. Councilman Aguirre noted that there was an article in the Washington Post about the 50th Anniversary of the City's MLK Celebration and how it has been on the forefront of honoring Dr. King's legacy.

6. Councilman Aguirre reported that he traveled to Richmond on MLK to assist as an interpreter for advocacy groups at the General Assembly.

7. Councilman Aguirre attended an open house of the Mobile Art Lab at the Lee Center on January 20.

8. Councilman Aguirre reported that Rose Dawson, Executive Director of the Libraries, gave a lecture on the Alexandria Sit-In, which was a precursor to later civil rights protests in this country.

9. Councilman Aguirre attended Transit Lobby Day in Richmond on January 23.

10. Councilman Aguirre recognized the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership Open House held earlier today in an effort to recruit new mentors.

VIII. OTHER

16. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 01/24/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council received and approved the City Council Schedule, with the remove of the gala event on January 28, 2023. 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 Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in closed session at 10:26 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 reconvened in open session at 11:24 p.m. 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 Councilman McPike and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session previously circulated to Council. 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. 3130

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 24th day of January, 2023, 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.

IX. ADJOURN.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of January 24, 2023 at 11:25 p.m. In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY :

JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: February 14, 2023