

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 26, 2023 - 6:00 PM
City Council Legislative Meeting**

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. McGrane, Deputy City Attorney; Mr. Gonsalves, Assistant City Manager; Ms. Taylor, Interim Deputy City Manager; Mr. Page, Assistant Director of Finance; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Wedeles, Strategic Initiative Officer; Sheriff Casey; Police Chief Hayes; Mr. Porter, Commonwealth Attorney; Dr. Kay-Wyatt, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Mackey, Director of Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Services Unit; Mr. Taylor, Legislative Director; Ms. Orr, Deputy Director of Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community Human Services; Mr. Gutierrez, Deputy Director, Department of Community Human Services Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Demeke, ITS; and Mr. Lloyd.

Recorded by: Keia Waters, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

6:00 p.m. - Landmark Community Development Authority Board Meeting

City Council held the Landmark CDA Board Meeting.

I. OPENING MATTERS

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the city council meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and the Deputy City Clerk called the roll. All members of City Council were present.

2. Electronic Participation Resolution (if needed)

3. Closed Session

Executive Session - Consideration of a Closed Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, and 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, specifically, the recruitment for the City Attorney position and a corporate headquarters, and associated uses, considering relocating to the City, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), (A)(5), and (A)(6) of the Code of

Virginia. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried 7-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:07 p.m., to discuss a personnel matter, a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, and 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, specifically, the recruitment for the City Attorney position and a corporate headquarters, and associated uses, considering relocating to the City, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), (A)(5), and (A)(6) 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 Councilmember 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.

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. ORAL REPORTS

City Council on Boards, Commissions and Committees

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

Councilmember Bagley highlighted this week is Rail Safety Week and encouraged citizens to visit the VRE website for more on how to help prevent rail situations. Councilmember Bagley reported that the board discussed the FY 2025 budget and Saturday services and encouraged citizens to reach out to VRE with thoughts.

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

Councilmember Bagley reported on a visit from Deputy City Manager, Sarah Taylor, where she gave a presentation sharing how Council priorities are crafted and received input on what those priorities should be. Councilmember Bagley noted members spoke at length about learning loss, mental health, and out-of-school time.

***Waterfront Commission (Councilmember Bagley)**

Councilmember Bagley reported that the board reviewed the waterfront flood mitigation plan and is in contract. Councilmember Bagley announced this is the phase to start making decisions and design choices, and also noted this will not impact the City's 275th birthday celebration. Councilmember Bagley also noted Mount Vernon trail modifications and

recognized the City's new Noise Coordinator, Norris Goins.

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

Councilmember Bagley reported on the new peer advocates and the new activities. Councilmember Bagley reported the board went over the strategic plan on how to communicate and deliver the message and received feedback from the teens.

Councilman Aguirre also noted the departure of Rachel Mendelson and thanked her for her service to the city.

***Library Board (Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre noted the board received an update on finances and the board is meeting benchmarks. Councilman Aguirre reported that the board is looking for a branch manager for Burke. Councilman Aguirre noted the board elected new officers.

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

Councilman Aguirre noted the board reviewed the draft freight plan.

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

Councilwoman Gaskins reported that the board's strategic plan has been completed and updates to key components of the plan. Councilwoman Gaskins noted the board received an update on the anonymous reporting line from ACPS. Councilwoman Gaskins reported on the creation of the Bradley Shopping Center subcommittee, to provide a space where members of the community and business owners can come together to discuss the changes and possibilities for improvement.

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

Vice Mayor Amy Jackson informed the public of the Annual Meeting on October 3, 223 at the Westin. Vice Mayor noted a visit from Climate Control Officer, Ryan Freed, and received a presentation on the Sustainable Business Recognition program launching in October.

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

Vice Mayor Amy Jackson highlighted October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

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

Vice Mayor Jackson reported the inaugural program, Teen CERT, has been implemented with ACPS. Vice Mayor Jackson noted the 20th Anniversary at the Del Pepper Center.

Councilman McPike reported on a presentation from the Virginia Department of Health, which

informed them of the 900 volunteers, including 400 medical volunteers, available to support should we have an emergency arise. Councilman McPike reported that Teen CERT has 20 students in the program and needs volunteers to play casualties in a mock emergency on October 28, 2023. Councilman McPike noted the CERT team responded to a water main break in the city and provided 21 hours of support. Councilman McPike also noted Volunteer Alexandria held a preparedness fair on September 22, 2023, in preparation of potential storms.

Councilman Aguirre acknowledged Marjorie Windleberg for the work that she does with CERT for the city and region.

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

Vice Mayor Amy Jackson announced that Oyster Week is coming up in October and highlighted Oyster Fest at Vola's for October 17-21, 2023. Vice Mayor Jackson noted on October 27, 2023, the board will tour AlexRenew and participate in a boat tour on the Potomac. Vice Mayor Jackson noted the retirement of Penny Gross, one of the founders of the board.

***AlexRenew Enterprises Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Amy Jackson noted the official name change from AlexRenew Enterprises to Alex Renew.

***Douglas MacArthur Elementary School Advisory Committee (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

Vice Mayor Amy Jackson reported on the ribbon cutting at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School in August.

***City Schools Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson highlighted a meeting with the City Schools Subcommittee discussing a response to a joint letter from the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee and Budget Advisory Committee. Mayor Wilson noted the committee discussed the issues of budget timing for schools and city. Mayor Wilson also noted the School Board provided an update regarding staggered terms and their decision to slow that process down and collaborate with the community.

***ARHA Redevelopment Work Group (Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson reported on the ARHA Redevelopment Work Group meeting and noted that he signed a disposition letter for Madden and Atkins which facilitates the HUD financing changes to Section 18. Mayor Wilson noted to status of Ladrey and is still tracking for approval early next year. Mayor Wilson reported that ARHA informed him they would be requesting a similar disposition letter for Camron Valley and it is still a financial transaction with Hud and not yet a redevelopment project. Mayor Wilson noted an ARHA request to develop an affiliated nonprofit that would allow them to unlock some financing possibilities for redevelopment. The board is working with the City Attorney's Office on this request and will be brought before council at a later date.

Oral Report from the City Manager

5. Update on Citywide Crime Reduction Strategy.

Police Chief Don Hayes, Commonwealth Attorney Bryan Porter, and Sheriff Sean Casey provided an update and presentation on Citywide Crime Reduction Strategy. Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Superintendent of School and Mike, Mackey, Director of Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Services Unit also provided updates.

Sarah Taylor, Legislative Director, gave a report on the possibility of a Federal Government Shutdown.

6. Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program in Alexandria Discussion.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council (1) Receive information regarding the current state of the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program in Alexandria; and (2) Provide direction to the City Manager on the proposed plan for the Alexandria Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP). 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. ACTION DOCKET

Regular Consent Calendar (7-11)

7. Consideration of Draft Citizen Participation Plan for Housing and Community Development Activities.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 19, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 7; 9/26/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. Consideration of a Request to Release FY 2024 Contingent Reserve Funds of \$250,000 Allocated for a Local Housing Voucher Program Study.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 19, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 8; 9/26/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Review of the Alexandria Fund for Human Services FY 2024 to FY 2026 Grantmaking Process and Recommendations for Improvements.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 19, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 9; 9/26/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Consideration of Authorization to the City Manager to Enter into a Support Agreement in Connection with a Bond to be obtained by the Industrial Development Authority for Certain Economic Development Activities.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 19, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10; 9/26/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Consideration of Receipt of City Council Closed Meetings Report for FY 2022 to FY 2023.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 19, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 9/26/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar items 7-8 and 10-11, item 9, was acted upon on a separate vote. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

7. City Council received the Draft Citizen Participation Plan for Housing and Community Development Activities; and approved the plan.

8. City Council approve the release of contingent funds allocated in the FY 2024 budget process for a local housing voucher program study and to potentially support other consultant work related to the upcoming Housing Master Plan Update.

10. City Council 1.) authorized the City Manager to execute a Support Agreement, in substantial conformance with the attachment to this memorandum (Attachment 1), in connection with a bond to be obtained by the IDA for the purpose of financing a portion of the build out cost to relocate and retain the Art League headquarters within the City of Alexandria. 2.) Directed the City Manager to include for City Council consideration the FY 2024 amortization backstop amount in the Fall Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance, which will be presented to City Council in December 2023 for approval; and 3.) Directed the City Manager to include for City Council consideration an appropriation equal to the amortization schedule as a part of annual budget and appropriation authorization process during the loan repayment period.

11. City Council received the Fiscal Year 2022 to Fiscal Year 2023 Report on City Council Closed Executive Sessions.

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

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Gaskins, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar item 9. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

9. City Council accepted the review of the AFHS FY 2024 to FY 2026 grant making process; and accept staff review and recommendations for improvements for ensuing grant cycle.

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

Roll-Call Consent Calendar (12-14)

12. Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration for the FY 2023 Transit-Oriented Development Planning Pilot Grant Program. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 12, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 9/26/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of a Resolution for an Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 12, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 9/26/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of a Resolution to Support Arlington County's Northern Virginia Transportation Authority 70% Application for the Shirlington Transit Center. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 12, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 14; 9/26/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar items 12 and 14, item 13, was acted upon on a separate vote. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

12. Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration for the FY 2023 Transit-Oriented Development Planning Pilot Grant Program. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

RESOLUTION NO. 3182

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED APPLICATIONS FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR TRANSIT -ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING FOR FY 2023

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) was signed into law, and in 2023 the Federal Transit Administration announced approximately \$13.4 million in competitive grants for the fiscal year 2023 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning created by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to strategically provide funding to communities to integrate land use and transportation planning in new methods for guideway

and the core capacity of transit project corridors. The U.S. Department of Transportation will prioritize projects that will (1) renew our transit systems, (2) reduce greenhouse gas emissions from public transportation, (3) advance racial equity by removing transportation related disparities to all populations within a project area and increase equitable access to project benefits, and (4) maintain and create good paying jobs with a free and fair choice to join a union, and (5) connect communities by increasing access to affordable transportation options; and

WHEREAS, Grant applications are evaluated by the Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration with considerations including enhancing economic development and ridership facilitating multimodal connectivity and accessibility, increasing access to transit hubs for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, enabling mixed-use development, and encouraging affordable housing particularly in areas with high incidence rates of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria commits to supporting the City's Duke Street Corridor Plan, which will incorporate recommendations from the City's transit capital project, *Duke Street in Motion*, in the form of a comprehensive land use plan for the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning to support the implementation of the Duke Street Corridor Plan through community-based land use planning that will address the community's need for increased affordable housing, access to reliable, frequent public transportation, and community amenities and infrastructure, and consistency with existing City policy; and

WHEREAS, up to \$750,000 is required to publicly fund the Duke Street planning process through the integration of land use and transportation planning 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 \$750,000 through the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration; and
2. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby commits to include funds for its local match of agency funds of up to \$150,000, if awarded, as already allocated in the Capital Improvement Program "Development Studies" project in the Community Development section; and
3. 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.

14. Consideration of a Resolution to Support Arlington County's Northern Virginia Transportation Authority 70% Application for the Shirlington Transit Center. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

RESOLUTION NO. 3184

TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FROM ARLINGTON COUNTY FOR THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY 70% REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS FOR THE FY 2028 to FY 2029 SIX YEAR

PROGRAM UPDATE.

WHEREAS, in April 2013, the General Assembly and Governor approved a new transportation funding bill (HB2313) with all taxes and fees imposed by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, 70% of HB2313 revenues will be allocated by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for capital projects that increase capacity, and are included in the regional long-range transportation plan (TransAction), and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Mobility Plan (AMP) has prioritized the development of the West End Transitway, which is fully funded for Phase I; and

WHEREAS, a major stop along the West End Transitway will be at the Shirlington Bus Station because of the number of destinations and the number of transit connections this stop serves; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County's application for the Shirlington Bus Station will provide additional bus bays for the West End Transitway service;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports the application from Arlington County to the FY 2028 to FY 2029 Six-Year Program update for an allocation of \$11,600,000 for the Shirlington Bus Station Expansion.

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 McPike, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council approved the roll call consent calendar item 13. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

13. Consideration of a Resolution for an Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

RESOLUTION NO. 3183

A RESOLUTION FOR THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL AS AN ENDORSEMENT OF APPLICATIONS OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND THE SLATERS LANE SIDEWALK AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a resolution be received from the sponsoring local jurisdiction or agency requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to establish a project in the City of Alexandria.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program is administered at the State level by the Virginia Department of Transportation and is funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, the T A Set-Aside Program is intended to fund infrastructure projects that improve mobility and safety for people walking and/or biking; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council adopted the Alexandria Mobility Plan in 2021, which aims to improve mobility, access, safety, and convenience for people walking and biking and calls for building out a continuous, connected, and accessible pedestrian network that enables people of all ages and ability to move safely and comfortably; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council adopted the Vision Zero Action Plan in 2017, which includes goals to build safer streets for everyone and accelerate safety improvements as part of the City's Safe Routes to School Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has identified recommended infrastructure projects to improve safety near the City's elementary and K-8 schools through the City's Safe Routes to School Program; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council desires to submit two applications totaling up to \$4,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2025 to 2026 of the TA Set-Aside Program; and

WHEREAS, up to \$2,500,000 of these funds will be requested to fund the design and construction of crossing improvements that were identified in Safe Routes to School (SRTS) walk audits; and

WHEREAS, up to \$1,500,000 of these funds will be requested to fund the design and construction of improvements on Slaters Lane between the intersection of Richmond Highway (Route 1) and Powhatan Street; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a project for the construction of the Safe Routes to School Crossing Improvements Project and the Slaters Lane Sidewalk and Intersection Improvements Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria hereby agrees to provide its share of the total cost for preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction of these projects in accordance with the project financial documents subject to appropriation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria hereby agrees to enter into a project administration agreement with VDOT and provide the necessary oversight to ensure the project is developed in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local requirements for design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria will be responsible for maintenance and operating costs of the facility as constructed unless other arrangements have been made with VDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the City of Alexandria subsequently elects to cancel the project, the City of Alexandria hereby agrees to reimburse VDOT for the total amount of costs expended by VDOT through the date VDOT is notified of such cancellation. The City of Alexandria also agrees to repay any funds previously reimbursed that are later deemed ineligible by the Federal Highway Administration or VDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alexandria City Council hereby grants authority for the City Manager to apply for funds and execute project administration agreements, as well as other documents necessary for approved projects.

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.

IV. ACTION MATTERS

Action Recommendations from the City Manager

None.

Resolutions

None.

Ordinances

None.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

15. Oral Reports and Presentations by Members of Council

None.

16. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 26, 2023, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 9/26/23, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by n McPike and carried unanimously, City Council to approve FY 2024 City Council Schedule. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

17. Closed Session (if needed)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 7-0, City Council reconvened in closed executive session at 11:00 p.m., to discuss a personnel matter, a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an

existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, and 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, specifically, the recruitment for the City Attorney position and a corporate headquarters, and associated uses, considering relocating to the City, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), (A)(5), and (A)(6) 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 Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried 5-0, City Council reconvened in open session at 11:44 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; and Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson and Councilman Chapman.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried 5-0, City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session previously circulated to Council.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION N0.3181

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 26 day of September 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.

VI. ADJOURN.

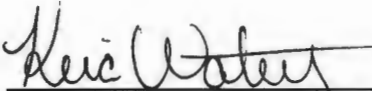
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried 5-0, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of September 26, 2023 at 11:47 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Gaskins, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none; and Absent, Vice Mayor Jackson and Councilman Chapman.

APPROVED BY:



JUSTIN M. WILSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Keia Waters

Keia Waters, CMC, Deputy City Clerk