

**City of Alexandria
City Council Special Meeting – Installation Ceremony
T.C. Williams High School
Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, and Mohamed Seifeldein.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; and Mr. Semonian, Clerk of Circuit Court.

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

I. Processional with the City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums.

The Mayor-elect and the Councilmembers-elect participated in the processional with the City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums.

II. Introduction of City Council by the Town Crier.

Benjamin Fiore-Walker, Alexandria Town Crier, introduced the City Council.

III. Call to Order of the Meeting by the City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

The meeting was called to order by Gloria Sitton, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

IV. Presentation of the Colors by the Combined Alexandria Police, Fire and Sheriff Joint Honor Guard.

The Combined Alexandria Police, Fire and Sheriff Joint Honor Guard presented the colors.

V. Star Spangled Banner solo by Nijerrell Hillary.

City Employee Nijerrell Hillary led the audience in singing the Star Spangled Banner.

VI. Invocation by Pastor Grace Han, Trinity United Methodist Church.

Pastor Grace Han, Trinity United Methodist Church, gave an invocation for the occasion.

VII. Musical Selection(s) by the Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School Choir.

Two musical selections were offered by the Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School Choir.

VIII. Reading of the Statement of Results of November 6, 2018 Election by the Secretary of the Electoral Board Susan B. Kellom (assisted by Bruce Brown and Jack Powers).

Susan B. Kellom, Secretary of the Electoral Board, read the Statement of Result of the November 6, 2019 election declaring Justin M. Wilson as the Mayor and Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, and Mohamed Seifeldein as members of City Council.

IX. Oath of Office for Mayor Justin M. Wilson to be given by the Clerk of the Circuit Court Edward Semonian.

Edward Semonian, Clerk of the Circuit Court, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Justin M. Wilson.

X. Oath of Office Given to Members of City Council: Canek Aguirre, Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, John Taylor Chapman, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, and Mo Seifeldein by the Clerk of the Court Edward Semonian.

Edward Semonian, Clerk of the Circuit Court, administered the Oaths of Office to members of City Council: Canek Aguirre, Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, John Taylor Chapman, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, and Mohamed Seifeldein.

XI. Ethics Pledge to be taken by the Mayor and Members of City Council.

Edward Semonian, Clerk of Circuit Court, administered the Ethics Pledge to the Mayor and members of City Council.

XII. Consideration of the Election of the Vice Mayor.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council elected Elizabeth Bennett-Parker as the Vice Mayor. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

XIII. Remarks by Outgoing Mayor and Members of City Council.

Remarks of appreciation were offered by outgoing Mayor Allison Silberberg and outgoing members of City Council Timothy Lovain and Paul Smedberg.

XIV. Remarks by Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Members of Council.

Mayor Justin Wilson, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, and members of Council, Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, and Mohamed Seifeldein offered remarks thanking their supporters and outlining their visions for the upcoming legislative term.

- XV. Appointments of Members of City Council to City and Regional Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously, City Council approved the appointments of members of City Council to City and Regional Boards, Commissions, and Committees. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

The appointments were as follows:

HEALTH, SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE

City Manager's Quality of Life Committee
(2 positions)
Mayor Justin Wilson
Councilwoman Amy Jackson

Local Emergency Planning Committee
(2 positions)
Councilman Canek Aguirre
Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker

Citizen Corps Council
(2 positions)
Councilman Mo Seifeldein
Councilwoman Amy Jackson

Waterfront Commission
(1 position)
Councilman Mo Seifeldein

INOVA Alexandria Hospital Task Force
(2 positions)
Councilwoman Amy Jackson
Councilman Mo Seifeldein

Council of Governments: Public Safety and Human Services Committee
(1 position)
Councilman John Taylor Chapman

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Eisenhower Partnership Board of Directors
(2 positions)
Councilwoman Amy Jackson
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper

Visit Alexandria Board of Governors
(1 position)
Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker

Alexandria Economic Development Partnership Board of Directors
(1 position)
Councilman John Taylor Chapman

Council of Governments Region Forward Coalition
(1 position)
Councilman Mo Seifeldein

ENVIRONMENT

Eco-City Alexandria Environmental Action Plan Steering Committee
(2 positions)
Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper

Combined Sewer Outfall Project Review Team Workgroup
(2 positions)
Mayor Justin Wilson
Councilwoman Amy Jackson

Council of Governments: Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee
(1 position)
Councilwoman Amy Jackson
(1 alternate)
William Skrabak

Council of Governments: Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee
(1 position)
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper
(1 alternate)
Councilman Mo Seifeldein

Councilman of Governments: Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee
(1 position)
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper
(1 alternate)
Councilman Mo Seifeldein

Potomac Watershed Roundtable
(1 position)
Councilwoman Amy Jackson

HUMAN SERVICES

Commission on Aging
(1 position)

Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper
Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission
(4 positions)
Councilman Canek Aguirre
Councilman John Taylor Chapman
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper
Councilman Mo Seifeldein

Alexandria Works! Coalition
(2 positons)
Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper

ARHA Redevelopment Workgroup
(2 positions)
Mayor Justin Wilson
Councilman John Taylor Chapman

MANAGEMENT

Sister Cities Committee
(1 position)
Councilman John Taylor Chapman

City Facilities Naming Committee
(2 positions)
Councilman John Taylor Chapman
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper

Commission on Information Technology
(2 positions)
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper
Mayor Justin Wilson

Ad Hoc Fort Ward Management Plan Implementation Advisory Group
(1 position)
Councilman John Taylor Chapman

Census 202 Complete Count Committee
(1 position)
Councilwoman Canek Aguirre

Library Board
(1 position)
Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker

Legislative Subcommittee
(2 positions)
Mayor Justin Wilson
Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker

Council of Governments: Board of Directors
(1 position)
Mayor Justin Wilson
(1 alternate)
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper

Northern Virginia Regional Commission
(2 positions)
Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker
Councilman John Taylor Chapman

Audit Committee
(2 positions)
Mayor Justin Wilson
Councilman Mo Seifeldein

Employee Pension/Compensation Committee
(2 positions)
Mayor Justin Wilson
Councilman Mo Seifeldein

TRANSPORTATION

Alexandria Transportation Commission
(2 positions)
Councilman John Taylor Chapman
Councilman Canek Aguirre

Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Advisory Group
(2 positions)
Mayor Justin Wilson
Councilman Canek Aguirre

Council of Governments: Regional Transportation Planning Board
(1 position)
Councilman Canek Aguirre
(1 alternate)
Councilman Mo Seifeldein

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
(2 positions)
Councilman Canek Aguirre
Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker
(1 alternate)
Councilman Mo Seifeldein

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
(1 position)
Mayor Justin Wilson

(1 alternate)
Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker

VRE Board of Directors
(1 position)
Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker
(1 alternate)
Councilman Mo Seifeldein

Eisenhower East Design Review Board
(1 position)
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper

YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Gang Prevention Community Task Force
(2 positions)
Councilwoman Amy Jackson
Councilman Mo Seifeldein

Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
(2 positions)
Councilman Canek Aguirre
Councilwoman Amy Jackson

City Council/School Board Subcommittee
(2 positions)
Mayor Justin Wilson
Councilman John Taylor Chapman

Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy
(2 positions)
Councilman Canek Aguirre
Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker

XVI. Benediction by Imam Mohamed Magid, Adams Center.

Imam Mohamed Magid, Adams Center, offered the benediction for the occasion.

XVII. Announcement of a Reception with music by the Al Williams Trio.

Mayor Wilson invited those in attendance to join the Council at a reception in the T. C. Williams High School cafeteria following adjournment.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the installation meeting of January 3, 2019 at 9:10 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk