

**City of Alexandria  
City Council Work Session  
City Council Retreat  
Patrick Henry Recreation Center  
Saturday, January 26, 2019 9:00 AM  
Meeting Minutes**

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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.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Lawrence, Special Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services.

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

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## **CITY COUNCIL RETREAT**

### **1. Welcome & Introductions/Ice-breaker**

Mayor Justin Wilson welcomed the community to the City Council retreat.

Mayor Wilson explained that the goal of the retreat was to build consensus around on what to focus on as City of the next year and to develop a work plan for City Council. Mayor Wilson introduced the facilitator, Rae Parks, and her colleague Naomi, who would guide the activities for the retreat.

Each member of City Council introduced themselves and defined success and what they hoped to gain from participating in the retreat.

### **2. Purpose & Goals**

City Council identified purpose and goals for their work plan during a facilitator guided exercise.

### **3. Multi-Departmental Work Program**

- a. Staff Presentation
- b. Council Discussion

City Council received a presentation from departments participating in the multi-departmental work program, including Planning and Zoning, Transportation and Environmental Services, Office of Housing and Department of Community and Human Services and the department heads responded to questions from members of Council about the timeline and execution of work program.

#### **4. Departmental Strategic Reviews**

City Council prioritized which departments they would like to review their programs and activities.

- a. Council Discussion

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\*\*\*City Council take lunch break at 12:34 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 12:54 p.m.\*\*\*

#### **5. Council Work Program**

- a. Goals & Priorities
- b. Schedule
- c. Discussion and Prioritization

City Council prioritized the items to include in their work plan program by ranking and identifying Council priorities for the upcoming year.

#### **6. Next Steps & Closing Remarks**

City Council directed the City Manager and his staff to review the priorities identified by Council and bring a schedule for executing the work plan for Council consideration.

The City Council Retreat was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

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**APPROVED BY:**

**JUSTIN M. WILSON   MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC   City Clerk