

**City of Alexandria
Tuesday June 25, 2019 6:00 PM
City Council Legislative Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

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

Absent: Councilman Mohamed E. Seifeldein.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Mr. Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Mr. Browand, Division Chief, RPCA; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Mr. Taylor, Director, Finance; Mr. Duval, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Orlando, RPCA; Ms. Buttar, DCHS; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Dawson, Director, Libraries; Ms. Durham, RPCA; Ms. Taylor, Legislative Director; Police Captain Andreas; Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

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 except Councilman Seifeldein, who had an excused absence.

2. Closed Meeting.

6:00 p.m. - Consideration of a closed meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 6-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:03 p.m., to discuss a personnel matter; specifically, the performance of the three public appointees of the City Council; pursuant to Section 2.2.3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Absent, Councilman Seifeldein.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried 6-0, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:15 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Absent, Councilman Seifeldein.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session previously circulated to Council. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Absent, Councilman Seifeldein.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2892

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 25th day of June, 2019 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.

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

4. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2019; and the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2019.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council approved the minutes for the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of May 28, 2019 and the regular meeting minutes of June 11, 2019, with a typographical correction on page two. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Absent, Councilman Seifeldein.

PROCLAMATIONS

- 4a. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the 80th Anniversary of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 6-0, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Absent, Councilman Seifeldein.

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

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

Mayor Wilson reported that the Subcommittee discussed early education and there would be more discussion later on the docket and he noted that there also a conversation about the scheduling and substance of the joint meeting with the School Board for the fall, likely September. Mayor Wilson noted that the joint work session will include a discussion about high school and the direction/vision the Board has for high school, noting that Council will have an opportunity to discuss that direction and any partnership opportunities at the joint meeting. Mayor Wilson also noted that the other discussion would be about the targeted facility audit conducted by Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) and how that informs the changes that may come to the Capital Improvement Program. Mayor Wilson reported that there was a continued discussion about the organization of the Subcommittee meetings and there will be some resolution in the future to memorialize any changes to the structure.

Councilman Chapman reported that both City staff and ACPS staff are working to better align budgets and the budgeting process. Councilman Chapman noted that there have been conversations in the pasts about the misalignment and how it affects messaging for both bodies around funding. Councilman Chapman stated that staff will return within the September timeframe with a coordinated schedule that will be presented to the Subcommittee and to Council at that time.

***ARHA Redevelopment Committee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

Mayor Wilson reported that Committee and Council received an update from the Board in Mayor at a joint meeting, with a briefing on ARHA's effort to repositioning the properties and the upcoming application to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to make changes to how the public housing stock is financed by HUD. Mayor Wilson highlighted information from an ARHA memorandum about the refinancing effort and how it will affect redevelopment. Mayor Wilson noted that he would be signing a letter in support of the ARHA application to HUD and there should be a disposition of the application in the October timeframe.

***Virginia Railway Express (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that on-time performance issues related to positive train control has been reduced as it relates to duration and frequency. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that there has been an addition of 1000 to 2000 riders as it relates to the platform improvement project and ticket sales has doubled and mobile ticket sales increased seven folds between Memorial Day and the past week.

***Visit Alexandria (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that there was an advertising campaign to drive summer visitation with a destination advertising campaign targeting visitors 50 miles away, promoting the Love Your Summer hotel packages with many deals for visitors. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker also reported that there was a regional advertising campaign targeting the DC

Metro area to attract visitors. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker noted that Visit Alexandria has been working with the Chamber of Commerce, the City and Small Business Development Center to conduct a business survey to assess the effects of the Metro closure on businesses in the area, noting majority of the businesses had not experienced change, with those in the Upper King Street area experiencing the most effects from the closure. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker stated that there were several events planned to attract visitor to the area including a beer garden hosted by Port City and Tall Ship Providence coming to town in July.

***Library Board (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that she has been working with ACPS schools to get more student enrolled in Connect Ed program and since February all ACPS students have library cards and can use the program. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Board approved a security camera policy, a bulletin board policy and a smoking policy at the last meeting. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker also noted that circulation continues be higher than last year, particularly for e-materials. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker also reported that patrons can now check out thermal cameras from the library.

***Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) (Councilman Aguirre and Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that a joint meeting was held with PRTC about the I-395/95 toll project and she stated that 17 applications have been received totaling about \$30 million and two applications are from Alexandria.

***Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP)(Councilman Aguirre and Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that the committee reviewing the questions that are part of the youth risk behavior survey that is conducted in the school system and how that information would be used for data analysis. Councilman Aguirre also reported that the peer educators will begin their first sessions with their fellow peers.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that the TPB continued reviewing the bus transformation project and he stated that the he offered information to the Board about the City's transportation system and how ridership versus coverage model. Councilman Aguirre also reported that the Board would vote at an upcoming meeting on the bridge project in Charles County, Maryland.

***Naming Committee (Councilwoman Pepper)**

Councilwoman Pepper reported that the Naming Committee met on June 17 to review two presentations about naming two parks in the City, Unity Park located at Reed Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue (Lynhaven) and Kettle Park located at Monroe Avenue and Route 1 exit (Simpson triangle). Councilwoman Pepper stated that the Committee approved the Kettle Park naming and there would be more community outreach for the Unity Park proposal. Councilwoman Pepper reported that there will be a meeting in July to review the draft of a

naming policy from Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Department to establish a consistent approach for the naming of parks, recreation areas and facilities.

***Alexandria Works! Coalition (Councilwoman Pepper)**

Councilwoman Pepper reported that Alexandria Works! Coalition met for the first time with the Director of the Workforce Development Center to discuss the interests and plans for the group. Councilwoman Pepper noted that they are working to identify who is unemployed and the reasons for unemployment, targeting groups young adults (25-35) and older adults (55-65), as well as why many are in poverty. Councilwoman Pepper reported that the director discussed the summer youth program, which had 170 youth participants this year and the senior workforce development, which had 246 participants as of April.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER
(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

5. Consideration of a Grant Renewal to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Food Program for At-Risk After School Snack Program for the FY 2020 School Year Snack Program Sponsored by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 19, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6. Consideration of FY 2020 WasteSmart Initiatives.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 19, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7. Consideration of a One (1) Year Lease Agreement Renewal with Child and Family Network Centers at Leonard Chick Armstrong Recreation Center Located At 25 West Reed Avenue.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 19, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. Consideration of the Release of \$200,000 from Contingent Reserves for the Department of Community and Human Services in order to Increase the Number of Virginia Preschool Initiative Students Served and to Support the Summer Learning of VPI Students.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 19, 2019, is on file in the Office

of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Consideration of the City Council's support on an amicus brief for three cases to be heard by the US Supreme Court involving how Title VII's ban on workplace sex discrimination protects LGBTQ people from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 19, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Consideration of the Release of \$62,600 from Contingent Reserves for the Department of Community and Human Services for the Expansion of Nutrition Assistance Services for Low-Income Residents at Farmers' Markets during FY 2020.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 19, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Ordinances for Introduction)

11. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Soliciting Franchise Proposals to Use the Alexandria City Marina Area to Dock an Historic or a Replica Historic Tall Ship Consistent with the Waterfront Small Area Plan.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 19, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 11; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 3 of Item No. 11; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to authorize the owner of the property located at 901 and 901 A North Fairfax Street to construct and maintain an encroachment for a garage vent on Montgomery Street at that location (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2018-0013 associated with 901 and 901 A North Fairfax Street approved by City Council on January 12, 2019).

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 06/25/19, and is

incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 12; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to delete Section 2-103 (Accessory Building) of Article II (DEFINITIONS) and Section 7-2505; to add Section 2-125.1 (BUILDING WALL, FRONT), Section 2-197.4 (SUBDIVISION), Section 2-197.5 (TITLE LOAN BUSINESS) of Article II (DEFINITIONS), Section 7-2505 (FREE STANDING GARAGES TO THE REAR OF THE MAIN BUILDING), Section 7-2506 (ATTACHED GARAGES), Section 7-2507 (TREE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS) of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS); to amend and reordain Section 2-145 (FLOOR AREA), Section 2-149 (GARAGE, PRIVATE), Section 2-197.1 (STRUCTURE, ACCESSORY), Section 2-197.2 (STRUCTURE, ORNAMENTAL), Section 2-197.3 (STRUCTURE, SUBORDINATE) of Article II (DEFINITIONS), Section 7-103 (USE LIMITATIONS), 7-2200 (TREE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS), 7-2501 (FREESTANDING PRIVATE GARAGES TO THE REAR OF THE MAIN BUILDING) and 7-2502 (ATTACHED PRIVATE GARAGES) of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS), and Section 11-1302 (SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS ESTABLISHED) of Division C (BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS) of Article XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES); of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2019-0003 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2019-0003 approved by City Council on June 22, 2019).

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 13; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 034.04 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 101 East Windsor Avenue, from RB/Residential Townhouse to R-2-5/Residential Single and Two-Family in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2019-0004 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2019-0004 associated with the 101 East Windsor Avenue Residential Rezoning approved by City Council on June 22, 2019).

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 06/25/19, and is

incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 14; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried 6-0, City Council approved the consent calendar, with items #7 and #8 considered under separate motions. The City Manager's approval was as follows:

5. City Council: (1) authorized the City Manager to submit an At-Risk After School grant renewal application to the United States Department of Agriculture for Fiscal Year 2020 (due date September 1, 2019); (2) affirmed that there are no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended; and (3) execute all documents that may be required.

6. City Council approved the staff recommendation for implementation of FY 2020 WasteSmart initiatives.

9. City Council directed the City Attorney to sign on to this local government amicus brief to emphasize the City's commitment to employment nondiscrimination and support of the LGBTQ community.

10. City Council: (1) approved the release of \$62,000 from the FY 2020 Contingent Reserves to DCHS for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach and expansion of the SNAP Double Dollars Program at the Southern Towers Farmer's Market; (2) authorized the increase of the 0.4 FTE to 1.0 FTE (SNAP EBT Coordinator, grade 15) and the addition of a temporary staff (Community Services Specialist, grade 12) to increase capacity for SNAP outreach and to support the expansion of the Double Dollars Program; and (3) authorized the City Manager to take the necessary actions to implement the recommendations.

11. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for second reading, public hearing and final passage on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

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The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Absent, Councilman Seifeldein.

7. Consideration of a One (1) Year Lease Agreement Renewal with Child and Family Network Centers at Leonard Chick Armstrong Recreation Center Located At 25 West Reed Avenue.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 19, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon, motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council authorized the City Manager to: (1) receive the report recommending a one-year lease agreement renewal between Child and Family Network Centers and the City of Alexandria for the use of one (1) classroom to conduct a pre-school program for children from low-income families; and (2) schedule for public hearing on Tuesday, July 9, 2019. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman Seifeldein.

8. Consideration of the Release of \$200,000 from Contingent Reserves for the Department of Community and Human Services in order to Increase the Number of Virginia Preschool Initiative Students Served and to Support the Summer Learning of VPI Students.

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WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council: (1) authorized the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) the use of the approved \$200,000 contingent reserves funding to serve an additional 57 children in the following manner:

(a) \$137,258 to extend the pre-school year for 62 four-year-olds through August 2019 at four Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) sites. This funding helps to lessen the negative impact of the summer learning loss on educational achievement and school readiness for 20 currently enrolled children and 42 additional children eligible for enrollment.

(b) \$41,000 to support the build out costs of adding 2.5 new VPI classrooms in the West End of the City in order to increase enrollment in the area of limited early childhood resources. The funding will allow Child and Family Network Centers Program to serve an additional 15 eligible four-year old in FY 2020.

(c) \$21,742 for DCHS to award one-time capacity building funding for two VPI partners. This funding will sustain the ability of these programs to serve at risk four-year olds in a way that aligns more appropriately with their business models and also aligns more efficiently with the DCHS strategy to leverage increased State funding in order to increase the number VPI students served.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker,

Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman Seifeldein.

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (15)

15. Consideration of a Resolution to Establish the 2019 Personal Property Tax Relief Rates.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 19, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 06/25/19, is part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approval was as follows:

15. City Council adopted a resolution to establish the personal property tax relief rates for calendar year 2019.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Absent, Councilman Seifeldein.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2893

RESOLUTION TO SET THE RELIEF RATES UNDER THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 58.1-3524 of the Code of Virginia and Section 3-2-224 of the City Code, City Council has the authority to establish the relief rates assessed for vehicles; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-2-224(e)(v) of the City Code, the City is required to set the relief rates annually by resolution; and

WHEREAS, City Council has now determined that it is necessary and desirable to set the relief rates as follows.

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

1. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(v)(A) is 52.5%; and
2. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(v)(B) is 42.5%; and
3. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(v)(C) is 32.5%; and

4. That the rates set forth above may vary due to changes related to the vehicles subject to the tax that occur before the tax bills are issued; and
5. That this Resolution shall be effective for Calendar Year 2019.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

16. Department Review (DCHS): Early Childhood Programs.

City Council received the department review for the Department of Community and Human Services on its Early Childhood Programs.

17. Joint Work Session: Child & Family Youth Collaborative Commission.

City Council held a work session with the Children, Youth and Family Collaborative Commission and received the report and thanked the Commission for their service.

18. Consideration of Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Southwest Access Options.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is dated June 19, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18; 06/25/19; and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 6-0, City Council: (1) received staff's recommendation to further advance the design of a Modified Idea #1, including elimination of the escalator in the southwest pavilion; and (2) directed the City Manager to request that WMATA direct its contractor (Potomac Yard Constructors) to further advance the design of a Modified Idea #1 and continue to develop pricing for the ramp option included in the December 2018 approved DSUP. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Absent, Councilman Seifeldein.

19. Consideration and Receipt of the RPCA 2019 Resource Allocation and Cost Recovery Study and Recommendations and Approval of Updated Resource Allocation and Financial Assistance Policies.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 19, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 06/25/19, is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council: (1) received the Resource Allocation Study (2019); (2) adopted the proposed Resource Allocation & Cost Recovery Policy; and (3) adopted the proposed Financial Assistance Policy. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Absent, Councilman Seifeldein.

20. Resolution in Support of Common-Sense Gun Safety Legislation and Expressing

Support for the Upcoming Special Session of the General Assembly to Address the Emergency of Gun Violence in Virginia. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 19, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 06/25/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution expressing support for common sense gun safety laws during the upcoming Special Session of the General Assembly and called for elected State representatives to consider and enact such legislation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Absent, Councilman Seifeldin.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2894

WHEREAS, twelve years since the mass shooting at Virginia Tech, two years since the Congressional baseball shooting at our own Simpson Field, and mere weeks since the mass shooting at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center, we continue to face the ongoing epidemic of gun violence in our state and our nation;

WHEREAS, the most recent gun violence tragedy hit especially close to home, with the mass shooting at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center claiming twelve more innocent lives, including eleven Virginia Beach city employees and one contractor in the building to obtain a permit from city staff;

WHEREAS, in 2017, more than 39,000 Americans – including 1,028 Virginians – died as a result of gun violence;

WHEREAS, Virginia is one of seventeen states where more people are killed annually due to gun violence than die in car accidents;

WHEREAS, in Virginia, women are killed with guns by intimate partners at a higher rate than the national average;

WHEREAS, suicide rates in Virginia are slowly increasing, with handguns the cause of death in suicides in almost 60 percent of cases;

WHEREAS, ongoing political inaction at the state level forces us to confront the limited ability of local governments to enact common sense gun safety measures in our communities, including in our own government buildings, libraries, recreation centers, parks, and public spaces;

WHEREAS, we recognize that our inability to enact common sense gun safety measures in our community has a significant impact on our core responsibility to create a safe and resilient city for every resident, worker and visitor in Alexandria;

WHEREAS, our state and our nation have waited far too long to properly address the preventable devastation of gun violence in our communities and we will wait no longer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, that the City of Alexandria expresses its unwavering support for the upcoming Special Session of the Virginia General Assembly to address gun violence in Virginia and echoes Governor Northam's call for "votes and laws" not just thoughts and prayers to truly address the emergency of gun violence in our state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council urges the members of the General Assembly to support common sense gun safety legislation during the upcoming Special Session, including:

- universal background checks for all gun buyers;
- "red flag" or "extreme risk protective order" legislation to create a legal process for the temporary removal of firearms from individuals deemed to pose an imminent risk of violence to themselves or others;
- bans on assault weapons, high-capacity magazines, armor piercing ammunition, and bump stocks;
- child access prevention laws to limit child access to firearms and reduce suicides and unintentional gun deaths and injuries of children;
- reinstating the "one-gun-a-month" law;
- and legislation granting localities the authority to prohibit or restrict the possession, transportation or carrying of firearms in public buildings or on other property owned by a locality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Council urges the members of the General Assembly to adopt rules and procedures for the upcoming Special Session that provide the entire General Assembly the opportunity to vote on all filed legislation and to consider each proposal on its own merits in an open, transparent process.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried 6-0, City Council made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for introduction and first reading on July 9th and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage in September 2019. The ordinance would implement the municipal facility/property prohibition assuming that the General Assembly adopts legislation at its Special Session on July 9th. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Absent, Councilman Seifeldein.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilman Aguirre reported that he and other members of Council attended the Champions of Children event on June 12 and he congratulated the recipients of the awards and acknowledged the children who did the introduction of each recipient.

2. Councilman Aguirre congratulated all the graduates of the Class of 2019 from T.C. Williams High School on June 15, 2019.

3. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the presentations at the International Academy and he congratulated the students on their progress on their English capacity.

4. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was a groundbreaking ceremony for Fire Station 203 on Saturday, June 22 and was looking forward to the new modern facility at the location.

5. Councilman Aguirre congratulated Elaine Scott, Senior Communication Liaison, on hosting alumni reunion for the various city academies at Glory Days and he noted it was nice to see the amount of civic engagement we have from the community.

6. Councilman Aguirre announced the Community Health Assessment will be unveiled at Beth El Temple at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

7. Councilman Aguirre announced that the Complete Count committee will be having their next meeting at the Durant Center on June 27 at 5:30 p.m.

8. Councilman Chapman reported that he would share more information with the members of Council on the innovations he saw on his trip to Germany with NVRC.

9. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the "Butterfly Effect" would be coming to Alexandria this weekend and she noted that it is a public art and philanthropy project created by Tasha Wahl. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker noted that the exhibit, which is for charity, will be held at Bloomers at 924 King Street on the Patrick Street side from 8 a.m. -2 p.m.

10. Councilman Aguirre stated that he visited Future Haus from Virginia Tech here in the City and he noted that the exhibit is open during the week just south of the Giant at Glebe on Route 1.

OTHER

21. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried 6-0, City Council received and approved the updated July 2019 through June 2020 Council schedule which includes: the Annual Citizenship Day Ceremony, which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 5 p.m. in the Vola Lawson Lobby. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Absent, Councilman Seifeldin.

Closed Meeting (if needed)

22. Consideration of a closed meeting to discuss a personnel matter. (if needed)

This meeting was not needed.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of June 25, 2019 at 9:43 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Absent, Councilwoman Seifeldein.

APPROVED BY:

JUSTIN M. WILSON

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk