

**City of Alexandria
City Council Legislative Meeting
Tuesday, September 24, 2019 6:00 p.m.
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 E. Seifeldin.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Mr. Skrabak, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental (T&ES); Mr. Duval, Deputy Director, T&ES; Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES; Ms. Suehr, Director, Department of Project Implementation (DPI); Ms. Kott, DPI, Mr. Ziemann, T&ES; Ms. Slesinger, T&ES; Mr. McPike, Director, General Services; Mr. Coleman, Deputy Director, General Services; Mr. Wise, General Services; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Sindiong, Division Chief, T&ES; Mr. LaColla, Division Chief, P&Z; Police Chief Brown; Mr. Wise, General Services; Ms. Kelleher, Director, Office of Human Rights; Mr. Mackey, Court Services Unit; Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services; Police Captain Fard; and Mr. Lloyd.

Recorded by: Gloria 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 with Councilwoman Jackson arriving during the Executive Session.

2. Closed Meeting.

6:00 p.m. - Consideration of a closed meeting to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding actual or probable litigation.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried 6-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:05 p.m. to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding 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, potential litigation to be filed by the City regarding the use of the City's right-of-way; pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of the Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldin; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilwoman Jackson.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:00 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.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously 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 Wilson, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2900

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 24th day of September, 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 Special Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2019 (reconsideration)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the reconsideration of the special public hearing meeting minutes of July 9, 2019. 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

5. **Presentation of a Proclamation to honor Clerk of the Circuit Court Edward Semonian, Jr.**

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

6. Presentation of Proclamation recognizing Latino Heritage Month.

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

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

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

Mayor Wilson reported that the Committee is still waiting on action from HUD on the Section 18 application and ARHA has been responding to questions from HUD and a decision is expected in the next several weeks on the application. Mayor Wilson also reported that the Committee reviewed an operational example of the financials on how the change would impact a property. Mayor Wilson noted that the Committee discussed a draft work program for FY2020. Mayor Wilson reported that they received an update on the status of Ramsey Homes. Councilman Chapman noted that ARHA will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary at the Torpedo Factory Arts Center.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that the Subcommittee developed a standard schedule for meetings of the group. Mayor Wilson also reported that they discussed the afterschool assignments and the challenges the programs are facing due to rising enrollment and they discussed the transportation challenges that this causes. Mayor Wilson noted that the Subcommittee will discuss the enrollment process, the equity of the process and how to solve some of the challenges. Mayor Wilson pointed out that the group discussed the scheduling of the stadium work at T.C. Williams High School. Mayor Wilson also noted that they received an update on the facility audits that were conducted and what issues will need to be addressed.

Councilman Chapman noted that City Council and the School Board would be conducting a joint work session on October 23 at 7 p.m. at the ACPS Central Office building. Councilman Chapman pointed out that they would likely discuss the upcoming high school vote during that meeting.

***Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) (Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson reported that the Authority received project updates, including on the toll lanes revenues and he noted that at the Finance committee there was an approval of a revised

lease for NVRTA with NVRC. Mayor Wilson reported that there was some discussion on projects not making progress in line with NVRTA policy that would allow revocation of funds for projects that not making steady progress.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that the COG Board discussed the regional housing issues and he noted that he served on the housing initiatives groups that developed three targets for the region and those targets were adopted by the group. Mayor Wilson noted that the commitment is voluntary for each jurisdiction, but it is important for each jurisdiction to work toward achieve the targets.

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Board referred their budget on NVRTA and the Potomac/Rappahannock Transportation Commission with a 3% increase in jurisdiction subsidy. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker also reported that Board changed he fare types in order to increase flexibility for customers. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that there was presentation from Jennifer Mitchell from DRPT about the Long Bridge project, with plans to increase capacity for trains. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker also pointed at that they reviewed the results of a customer survey, noting that there is now opportunity for comments to be submitted online.

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported there has been a continuous increase in the circulation of e-books and an increase in website visits. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Library participated in Citizenship Day and encourage the use of the passport services offered by the Library. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Library participated in Constitution Week activities. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Board received an updated on the Beatley Envelope project and the Burke Art project.

***Alexandria Works! Coalition (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilwoman Pepper)**

Councilwoman Pepper reported that Coalition received a review of the FY2019 activities and received statistics on the services and job placement that occurred through the center. Councilwoman Pepper noted that the report highlighted the Summer Youth Program and the Vocational English as Second Language program.

***Waterfront Commission (Councilman Seifeldein)**

Councilman Seifeldein reported that Waterfront Commission held a discussion on relocating the Arts Festival and an update on the Waterfront public art and he noted that the last day for the Mirror Mirror art installation would be November 3. Councilman Seifeldein reported that on November 7, there would be a meeting at City Hall in the Sister Cities Conference room to discuss the next art installation. Councilman Seifeldein noted that the Commission would be submitting a letter with their recommendations for budget priorities. Councilman Seifeldein also reported that the Commission discussed the undergrounding of utilities in the area. Councilman Seifeldein stated that the Commission received an update from the Police Department and he noted that crime is down 17% in the area as well as an update on scooters.

***Council of Governments (COG) Human Services Policy Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman reported that the Committee received an update from Prince William County Department of Social Services program called No Wrong Door Human Services Solution, where individuals can go to any department and be directed to the area that can service their need. Councilman Chapman reported that the committee has been looking at address regional fragmentation as it relates to human services delivery and ensure that those moving between the jurisdictions receive the needed services.

***Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman reported that there would be the annual reunion soiree at the end of October for present and past members to network to support the programs of the Committee and he highlighted the exchange programs. Councilman Chapman noted that the Committee is in the process of expanding the exchange program. Councilman Chapman noted that November 15 -24 will be Cider Week.

***Census 2020 Complete Count Committee (Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre noted that Committee has been attending the back-to-school nights to recruit volunteers for the Census Count. Councilman Aguirre reported that Committee are making lists with trusted messengers, identifying Census champions in schools and other key community partners.

***Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilwoman Jackson reported that the Children and Youth Master Plan was discussed at length and there was discussion on gather information for the update for the Master Plan for 2025. Councilwoman Jackson noted that high school student would like present before the School Board and the City Council on the vaping crisis. Councilwoman Jackson noted that the Committee would like to work with other groups on issues important to the Commission.

***Council of Governments (COG) Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committee (Councilwoman Jackson)**

Councilwoman Jackson distributed information from the Committee meeting and she noted that they received a presentation on pesticides and how they are entering the regional water sources and their effects on the food sources and marine life. Councilwoman Jackson also reported that Potomac River Basin would be the next step in priorities for preservation and the Committee is in the process of drafting a letter setting goals. Councilwoman Jackson also reported that there was a discussion on the benefits of health soil to improve the food and other healthy resources in the area.

***Citizen Corps Council (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Seifeldein)**

Councilman Seifeldein reported that there has been some research on the Resilient Alexandria and there will be a memorandum forthcoming from the Council to outline their goals and priorities for the charter. Councilman Seifeldein noted that Arlington County has already established a charter and the memorandum will coming to Council shortly for consideration.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jinks reported that the City was notified by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that the Fire Department would receive \$2.6 million in grants to complete the four person staffing on all of the fire vehicles and to pay for backfill overtime to allow firefighters to attend additional paramedic training.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER CONSENT CALENDAR (7-10)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

7. Consideration of a Request to Approve the "Phase 2 Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Action Plan for 40% Compliance" for Submittal to Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this reference by reference.)

8. Consideration of the Appointment of the Chief Animal Control Officer.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this reference by reference.)

9. Consideration of the release of \$83,595 in FY 2020 Contingent Reserve Funding to Hire a Department of Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Night/Weekend Zoning Inspector.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this reference by reference.)

10. Consideration of Approval of a One-Year Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Capital Funding Agreement.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this reference by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman

Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of docket item #9, which was considered under a separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

7. City Council: (1) approved the submission of the Phase 2 Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) 40% Action Plan; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

8. City Council approved the appointment of Mr. Kevin D. Hearst, Sr., as Chief Animal Control Officer pursuant to City Code Section 5-7-44, which includes the requirement that Council appoint the City's Chief Animal Control Officer.

10. City Council: (1) approved a one year Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Capital Funding Agreement (CFA) for FY2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020); and (2) authorized the City Manager to sign and execute the FY 2020 WMATA CFA.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman Aguirre.

9. Consideration of the release of \$83,595 in FY 2020 Contingent Reserve Funding to Hire a Department of Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Night/Weekend Zoning Inspector.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this reference by reference.)

City Council requested that staff respond to questions about the nature of work for the proposed position and what types of activities the proposed inspector may respond to and how their work will intersect with other departments, including Police and Code Administration.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council tabled the consideration of this item and give staff time for further review. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (11-14)

11. Consideration of a Resolution to Establish a \$1 Per Hour Metered Rate in Appropriate Locations.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this reference by reference.)

12. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Competitive Grant Application Under the Virginia Department of Transportation for Transportation Projects Eligible Under the Transportation Alternatives Program.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this reference by reference.)

13. Consideration of a Resolution to Establish an All-Day Meter Rate. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this reference by reference.)

14. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Competitive Grant Application(s) to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Biennial Revenue Sharing Program Funding. [ROLL-CALL VOTE].

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this reference by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council approved the Roll-Call Consent calendar, with the exception on docket item #14, which was considered under separate motion. The approval was as follows:

11. City Council adopted a resolution to establish a \$1 per hour metered rate in appropriate locations.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2901

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A \$1.00 PER HOUR METER RATE IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, Virginia desires to establish a \$1.00 per hour parking meter rate at metered locations that have demonstrated underutilized parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City is empowered by Charter Section 2.03(x) to charge for parking on its streets and is further empowered by City Code Section 5-8-93(a)(1) to set the parking rates by resolution of City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the setting of such rates for parking meters is necessary and proper at this time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to authorize the City Manager to proceed with all steps necessary to implement the parking meter rates set forth herein;

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

1. That a \$1.00 per hour meter rate shall be allowed at metered parking locations as determined appropriate by the City Manager and after hearing and recommendation by the Traffic and Parking Board.
2. That the City Manager be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to take such additional actions as may be necessary or convenient to set the parking meter rates as set forth by this Resolution; and
3. That the City Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to affix the seal of the City to such documents as may be necessary or convenient implement this Resolution; and
4. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

12. City Council adopted a resolution authorizing a competitive grant application under the Virginia Department of Transportation for transportation projects eligible under the Transportation Alternatives Program.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2902

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FY 2021 – FY 2022 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM SET-ASIDE FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES, AFFIRMING
COMMITMENT TO FUND THE LOCALITY SHARE OF THE PROJECT, AND PROVIDING
SIGNATURE AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is a recipient of Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”) funds under various grant programs for transportation-related projects; and

WHEREAS, VDOT requires each locality, by resolution, to provide assurance of its commitment to funding its local share; and

WHEREAS, VDOT requires each locality, by resolution, to document local officials’ authority to execute project agreements with VDOT; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia (“Council”) desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds of up to \$1,000,000 through the VDOT Fiscal Year 2021 to 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program set-aside funding for Transportation Alternatives; and

WHEREAS, \$1,000,000 of these funds are requested to fund the design and construction of a sidewalk on the north side of the 3600 to 3800 block of Seminary Road; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby supports this application for an allocation of \$1,000,000 through the VDOT Fiscal Year 2021 to 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program set-aside funding for Transportation Alternatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Alexandria hereby commits to fund its local share of preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction (as applicable) of the project(s) under agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation in accordance with the project financial document(s).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Manager is authorized to execute all agreements and/or addendums for any approved projects with VDOT.

13. City Council adopted a resolution to establish an all-day meter rate.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2903

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN ALL-DAY METER RATE IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, Virginia desires to establish a parking meter rate to allow for all day parking; and

WHEREAS, the City is empowered by Charter Section 2.03(x) to charge for parking on its streets and is further empowered by City Code Section 5-8-93(a)(1) to set the parking rates by resolution of City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the setting of such rates for parking meters is necessary and proper at this time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to authorize the City Manager to proceed with all steps necessary to implement the parking meter rates set forth herein;

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

1. That a \$1.00 per hour meter rate with a maximum all-day rate of \$5.00 shall be allowed at metered parking locations as determined appropriate by the City Manager and after hearing and recommendation by the Traffic and Parking Board; and
2. That the City Manager be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to take such additional actions as may be necessary or convenient to set the parking meter rates as set forth by this Resolution; and
3. That the City Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to affix the seal of the City to such documents as may be necessary or convenient implement this Resolution; and
4. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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.

14. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Competitive Grant Application(s) to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Biennial Revenue Sharing Program Funding. [ROLL-CALL VOTE].

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this reference by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted a resolution authorizing competitive grant application(s) to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Biennial Revenue Sharing Program Funding, with a correction to the resolution under number 1, stating "up to \$10,000,000." under item 1. 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 resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2905

TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATION FOR THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY 70% REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS FOR THE FY 2024 to FY 2025 SIX YEAR PROGRAM UPDATE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO ACCEPT THE FUNDS.

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 City's Transportation Master Plan has prioritized the development of three Transitways, including the Metroway service, which is operational, the West End Transitway, which is fully funded for Phase I, and the Duke Street Transitway; and

WHEREAS, the City received \$12 million from NVTA as part of NVTA's FY 2018 to FY 2023 Six Year Program toward the environmental, planning and preliminary design for the Alexandria Duke Street Transitway (TansAction ID #41), due to a high project rating; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application to the NVTa for an allocation of \$75 million for the construction of a first phase for the Alexandria Duke Street Transitway (TransActionID#41).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to apply for these grant funds and enter into any necessary agreements with the NVTa to accept this grant.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

15. Policy Update: Racial and Social Equity Initiative

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received the policy update.

16. Transportation Funding Work Session

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council held the transportation funding work session.

17. Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project Update

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received the update on the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project.

18. Future Use of City-Owned Real Estate Located at 2 King Street.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council directed staff to seek public input and design and analyze public sector and private sector future use options to utilize the 1,825 square feet at 2 King Street. The vote was follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein.

19. Proposed Perimeter and Building Security Improvements at City Hall.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chaman, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the improvements to the perimeter security of City Hall including: (1) limiting building access to the Cameron Street entrance and the Market Square center door; (2) the addition of uniformed daytime security guards to City Hall; and (3) the approval of arming of City Hall security guards. 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.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

20. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Sale of Real Property Owned by the City of Alexandria, Located at 912, 916, 920 King Street and 116 South Henry Street in the City of Alexandria, Virginia 22314, to Galena Capital Partners, LLC.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 09/24/19, 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. 20; 09/24/19, 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. 20; 09/10/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-1, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading, and scheduled it for second reading, public hearing and final passage at City Council's hearing on Saturday, October 19, 2019. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, Councilman Seifeldein.

****Please note: Councilwoman Pepper left the meeting at 10:57 p.m.****

21. Consideration of a Resolution for Submission to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for Regional Transportation Funding in FY 2024 to FY 2025.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor

Bennett-Parker and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council: (1) adopted the resolution to approve an application to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) for 70% regional funding of up to \$75 million; and (2) authorized the City Manager to submit the proposal to the NVTa and enter into any necessary agreements with NVTa to accept the funds. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilwoman Pepper

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2904

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds of up to \$5,000,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2021 Revenue Sharing Program; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds of up to \$5,000,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2022 Revenue Sharing Program; and,

WHEREAS, \$10,000,000 of these funds are requested to fund the reconstruction and rehabilitation of streets and bridges Citywide; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of up to \$10,000,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Years 2021 & FY 2022 Revenue Sharing Program.

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

That the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia:

1. Endorses this application for an allocation of up to \$10,000,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program.
2. Grants authority for the City Manager to execute project administration agreements for any approved revenue sharing projects.
3. Commits to fund its local share of preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction (as applicable) of the projects(s) under agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation in accordance with the project financial document(s).
4. Concurs with the Arlington County application for an allocation of funds through the VDOT Fiscal Year 2021 to 2022 Revenue Sharing Program to fund the Arlington Ridge Road Bridge Replacement and the W. Glebe Road Bridge Replacement.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Wilson reported that the City has been invited to participate in an amicus curae

brief filed by the City of Los Angeles related to the DACA program and City Attorney Anderson gave an overview of the brief. City Council moved to direct the City Attorney to file the brief on behalf of the City.

OTHER

22. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 18, 2019, is on file in the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 22; 09/24/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried 6-0, City Council received and approved the updated September 2019 through June 2020 Council Schedule which includes: the recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day on Monday, October 14, 2019; and the City Council Budget and 2020 Work Program Retreat on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. The retreat will be held at AlexRenew (1800 Limerick Street). There was also the addition of the location for the Joint Meeting with the Arlington County Board at the Gunston Community Center, 2700 South Lang Street in Arlington. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilwoman Pepper.

Closed meeting (if needed).

23. Consideration of a closed meeting to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding actual or probable litigation.

This meeting was not needed.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried 6-0, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of September 24, 2019 at 11:06 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilwoman Pepper.

APPROVED BY:

JUSTIN M. WILSON **MAYOR**

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk