

City of Alexandria
Tuesday, October 22, 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 and Mohamed E. Seifeldein.

Absent: None

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 Fard; Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

Recorded by: Jackie Henderson, Former 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 Aguirre and Councilwoman Jackson, who arrived during the closed executive session.

2. Closed meeting.

6:00 p.m. - Consideration of a closed meeting to consult with Legal Counsel and Staff regarding the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried 6-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:00 p.m., to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, which if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected and to discuss reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure and any other safety information subject to the exclusion for public safety records where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure, information technology system, or software program; specifically, incentives for redevelopment of a parcel on the west end of the city, and discussion about the safety of a planned additional use in government facility on the west end of the city,

pursuant to Sections 2.2 3711(A)(6) and (19) of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Seifeldein; Absent, Councilman Aguirre.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried 6-0, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:20 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, and Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Seifeldein; Absent, Councilwoman Jackson.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper 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, and Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Seifeldein; Absent, Councilwoman Jackson.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2906

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 22th day of October 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.
4. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2019; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2019.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting of September 10, 2019 and the regular meeting of September 24, 2019. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

PROCLAMATIONS

5. Presentation of Proclamation recognizing Disability Employment Awareness Month.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, 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.

6. Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing Pedestrian Safety Week.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilman Chapman 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.

7. Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing Neighborhood Health and City residents for the 5th Annual Health Fair.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper 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.

8. Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing World Polio Day.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Seifeldein, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson 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 FROM MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

***Update on Alexandria Healthcare System Partners (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Seifeldein)**

Councilwoman Jackson reported that there was a concern for the lack of psychiatric beds and the use of out of state beds. The legislative director with the City will be advocating for more beds.

Councilman Seifeldein reported on the Medicaid expansion, which has reached \$300,000, with the possibility for more, but the eligibility work requirement is proving to be a hindrance, as well as the life expectancy gap in Northern Virginia. CTAC program expansion is on hold due to eligibility. Deputy City Manager Debra Collins noted that the city is going to explore moving forward with a MOU with the Police or Sheriff's department for the program.

***Legislative Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

Mayor Wilson reported that the Committee reviewed over 50 pages of suggested legislation. The plan is to develop a general statement of principles, narrow down/refine, and list

specific legislative request that pertain to city functions and city services. Dependent upon the control question, the Committee plans to develop a versatile package. The Committee wants to have significant influence for funding opportunities and policy changes on P-12, state funded service, housing, and public safety. Legislative packet first reading on November 12, 2019, Public Hearing November 16 ,2019, Public Work Session on November 26, 2019 and Final Adoption on December 10, 2019.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that the Committee finalized the work program for the upcoming year and aligned the schedule of the zoning work with the HUD processes. Update for the ARHA application for the repositioning of several properties' forthcoming by the middle of November. Mayor Wilson will provide Council with a copy of the presentation given at the meeting regarding the financing of public housing today and if the repositioning is approved.

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Commission sent a letter to the Long Bridge project endorsing Alternative "A" presented in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Commission also sent a letter to the Bus Transformation Project supporting the recommendation, however had concerns about the composition of a proposed task force that excludes transit technical expertise and local funders voices in the development of implementation actions. The Commission approved the inaugural I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program of Projects to forward them on to the CTB which included two major projects for Alexandria.

Councilman Aguirre noted the Long Bridge was a big step and kudos to staff for putting together two great projects that scored very high. Also reported that ridership was still high despite the Metro shutdown.

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the VRE "on- time performance" is back up, and the roll out of communication surveys to passengers and updating ticket vending machines. Alexandria Station is one of two stations that will receive a variable message board as part of a pilot project. VRE is also looking for a new C.E.O. and they recommended Deputy C.E.O./C.O.O. Rich Dalton to serve as Acting C.E.O. while the search is underway. Santa Train is back and will be held on December 14, 2019, tickets go on sell November 25, 2019 and more information can be found on the VRE website.

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that over 200 people attended a presentation to the panel of descendants of the 1939 sit-in with copies of the judge's order dismissing all charges. The Library Board also hosted Fall Festival, Bike Tour and Band Book Week, which were all well attended. Vice Mayor noted that they are still working on the Petitioning Policy which is being reviewed by the City Attorney's Office. She reported that the Burke Art Project is down to the last three finalists, who will tour the library and have a couple months to submit their proposal

and the Task Force will make their selection. She also reported on the discussion regarding the decision by Macmillan to limit the purchase to one copy of an eBook within the first eight weeks of release, and the American Library Association has denounced this decision and created a petition for citizens at ebooksforall.org.

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported on the Library Foundation Boards first fundraising gala to be held on April 18, 2020.

***Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that Alexandria was voted number three Top Small City and had a press hit from Southern Living, comparing the holiday experience to a Hallmark Christmas movie. Also reported that the advertising campaign shot in September will air in 2020 and noted that despite Metro closures the city led regional competitors in hotel performance and Visit Alexandria released an annual report on the website.

***Waterfront Commission (Councilman Seifeldein)**

Councilman Seifeldein reported that the Robinson Landing Pier restaurants, Barca will be opening on June 2020, ARP Café on September 2020, and The Mill on October 2020. Also noted that he will follow up on the dockless mobility update as the concerns and recommendations are considered by staff.

***Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) (Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that EOC will be contacting councilmembers for the Community Needs Assessment to seek input and advice. Also noted that they met with Legislative Director Sarah Taylor to see about putting things into the legislative packet.

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

Councilwoman Jackson reported on the concerns of vaping at T. C. Williams and a youth on the commission wants to present to School Board and City Council.

Councilman Aguirre reported on the awareness of vaping in adults. He noted a brainstorming session to address issues regarding youth in the city and will report back upon completion.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that the group continued to work on putting together a presentation and one of the major things was outreach concepts for specific populations within the city.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that Jennifer Mitchell, Director of Rail and Public Transit

presented a request submitted for 2024-25 NVTa funding for rail infrastructure improvements. Also noted that the finance committee is discussing the application of some policies regarding when money is revoked, and monitoring delays to ensure NVTa is using the money.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (9-13)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

9. Receipt of the following resignations from Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- (a) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
Michelle-Smith Howard
- (b) Commission for Women
Human Rights Commission
Kendra Martello
- (c) Environmental Policy Commission
James Kapsis

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

10. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee
1 person designated by, but who need not be a member of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities
1 representative of the City's small business community, including the retail, restaurant, or hospitality sectors
- (b) Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee
1 professional member skilled in architecture, planning, landscape architecture and/or urban design
- (c) Building Code Board of Appeals
1 citizen member
1 alternate member
- (d) Commission on Aging

- 1 citizen member who is 60 years of age or older
- (e) Community Policy and Management Team
1 designee for Superintendent of Schools
- (f) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
1 citizen member
- (g) Human Rights Commission
1 citizen member
- (h) Public Health Advisory Commission
1 representative of the Fire Department
- (i) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee
1 member representing the Potomac Yard Civic Associations
- (j) Sister Cities Committee
2 citizen members
- (k) Economic Opportunities Commission
Representative of business industry, labor, religious, welfare or other private groups and interests certified by the Commission

(A copy of the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10 (a-k); 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

- 11.** Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2019.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 16, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 12.** Consideration to Join the U.S. Department of Energy Better Buildings Challenge Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 16, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 13.** Consideration of Support Letter for the Long Bridge Project Environmental Impact Statement

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 16, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 10/22/19, 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 unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of docket items #10 and 13, which was considered under separate motions. The City Manager's approval was as follows:

9. City Council accepted the following resignations with regret: (a) Michelle Smith Howard, Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (b) Kendra Martello, Commission for Women, and Human Rights Commission, (c) James Kapsis, Environmental Policy Commission.

11. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2019.

12. City Council supported the City Manager's signing of the U.S. Department of Energy Better Buildings Challenge Partnership Agreement for the City of Alexandria to join as a Better Buildings Challenge Partner.

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.

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Seifeldein, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously, City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions, and committees, with the exception of docket item #10(b): (a) appointed Toni Popkin as a member designated by, but who need not be a member of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities and appointed Felicia Brewster as a representative of the City's small business community, including the retail, restaurant, or hospitality sectors to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; (c) appointed Aaron West as a citizen member and Douglas Salik as an alternate member to the Building Code Board of Appeals; (d) appointed Asfaha Beyene as a citizen member who is 60 years of age or older to the Commission on Aging; (e) reappointed Dr. Theresa Werner as designee for Superintendent of Schools to the Community Policy and Management Team; (f) appointed Casey Clark as a citizen member to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (g) appointed Kevin Edwards II as a citizen member to the Human Rights Commission; (h) reappointed Brian Hricik as a representative of the Fire Department to the Public Health Advisory Commission; (i) appointed Amol Vaidya as a member representing the Potomac Yard Civic Associations to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; (j) appointed Nicolle Bradford and Michelle Chase as citizen members to the Sister Cities Committee; (k) reappointed Jeffrey Swedarsky as a representative of business industry, labor, religious, welfare or other private groups and interests certified by the Commission to the Economic Opportunities Commission. The vote was as follows: Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

WHEREUPON, upon by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously, City Council moved to re-advertise the vacant position on the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Aguirre, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

13. Consideration of Support Letter for the Long Bridge Project Environmental Impact Statement

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WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 6-0-1, City Council approved Support Letter for the Long Bridge Project Environmental Impact Statement. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Abstained, Mayor Wilson.

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

14. Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
4 Citizen members

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Committee)

NAME:	ENDORSEMENT:
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Franz Bauerlein	
Judy Davis	
Joseph Grieboski	
Elodie Gullion	
Katherine Karau	

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Elodie Gullion, and Katherine Karau as the two citizen member to the Commission on Aging. There was a revote for the final two vacancies. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Bauerlein, Grieboski, Gullion, Karau
Bennett-Parker	-	Bauerlein, Davis, Gullion, Karau
Aguirre	-	Davis, Grieboski, Gullion, Karau
Chapman	-	Davis, Grieboski, Gullion, Karau
Jackson	-	Bauerlein, Davis, Gullion, Karau
Pepper	-	Bauerlein, Davis, Grieboski, Karau

Seifeldein - Bauerlein, Grieboski, Gullion, Karau

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed again, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Franz Bauerlein and Joseph Grieboski as the final two citizen members to the Commission on Aging. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Bauerlein, Grieboski
Bennett-Parker	-	Bauerlein, Davis
Aguirre	-	Davis, Grieboski
Chapman	-	Davis, Grieboski
Jackson	-	Bauerlein, Davis
Pepper	-	Bauerlein, Grieboski
Seifeldein	-	Bauerlein, Grieboski

15. Board of Zoning Appeals
2 Citizen Members

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Board)

NAME:	ENDORSEMENT:
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Laurence Altenburg
Brittany Baron
Quynn Nguyen
Kendall Wangsgard

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Laurence Altenburg and appointed Quynn Nguyen as two citizen members to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Altenburg, Baron
Bennett-Parker	-	Altenburg, Nguyen
Aguirre	-	Altenburg, Nguyen
Chapman	-	Altenburg, Nguyen
Jackson	-	Altenburg, Nguyen
Pepper	-	Altenburg, Baron
Seifeldein	-	Altenburg, Nguyen

16. Citizen Corps Council
1 Citizen Member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Council)

NAME:	ENDORSEMENT:
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Robin McWilliams
Maribel Torres

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Robin McWilliams as a citizen member to the Citizen Corps Council. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Torres
Bennett-Parker	-	McWilliams
Aguirre	-	Torres
Chapman	-	Torres
Jackson	-	McWilliams
Pepper	-	McWilliams
Seifeldein	-	McWilliams

17. Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
1 young adult who is a community member with expertise in children, youth and family issues, public safety, medical/health related profession or non-profit experience

City Council requested the City Clerk re-advertise this vacancy.

18. Commission for Women
2 Citizen Members

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:	ENDORSEMENT:
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City Council appointed the following persons:

Shelley Brown
Winoka Clements
Michelle Dirst
Tiffani Harris
Marie Muscella
Christina Nelson
Uzma Quraishi

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Shelly Brown and Uzma Quraishi as two citizen members to the Commission for Women. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Dirst, Muscella
Bennett-Parker	-	Brown, Dirst
Aguirre	-	Brown, Quraishi
Chapman	-	Brown, Muscella
Jackson	-	Brown, Quraishi
Pepper	-	Dirst, Quraishi
Seifeldein	-	Brown, Quraishi

19. Commission on Employment
1 business representative from recognized area businesses including minority-owned and small businesses

City Council requested the City Clerk re-advertise this vacancy.

20. Environmental Policy Commission
1 citizen member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:	ENDORSEMENT:
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Edith Cecchini	
Alexander Michael Clark	

1 member from the field of environmental sciences (e.g. environmental/sanitary engineering, ecology, geology, botany, hydrology, chemistry) or who have Alexandria waterfront expertise, provided that at least for members shall have scientific expertise

NAME:	ENDORSEMENT:
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Kathie Hoekstra	
Jennifer Wade	

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Kathie Hoekstra as citizen member and Edith Cecchini as a member from the field of environmental sciences (e.g. environmental/sanitary engineering, ecology, geology, botany, hydrology, chemistry) or who have Alexandria waterfront expertise, provided that at least for members shall have scientific expertise to the Environmental Policy Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Cecchini, Hoekstra
Bennett-Parker	-	Clark, Hoekstra
Aguirre	-	Cecchini, Hoekstra
Chapman	-	Cecchini, Hoekstra

Jackson	-	Cecchini, Hoekstra
Pepper	-	Clark, Wade
Seifeldein	-	Cecchini, Hoekstra

21. Public Records Advisory Commission
1 Citizen Member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:	ENDORSEMENT:
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Sean Ferguson
Suzanne Gould

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Sean Ferguson as a citizen member to the Public Records Advisory Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Ferguson
Bennett-Parker	-	Ferguson
Aguirre	-	Ferguson
Chapman	-	Gould
Jackson	-	Gould
Pepper	-	Gould
Seifeldein	-	Ferguson

22. Redevelopment and Housing Authority
1 citizen member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Authority)

NAME:	ENDORSEMENT:
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Chyrell Bucksell
Karl Sandberg

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 22; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Karl Sandberg as a citizen member to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Sandberg
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Bennett-Parker	-	Sandberg
Aguirre	-	Sandberg
Chapman	-	Sandberg
Jackson	-	Sandberg
Pepper	-	Sandberg
Seifeldein	-	Sandberg

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION (60 min.)

23. Consideration of Recommendations for Shared Expectations for Open Space in New Development.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 16, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 23; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Karl Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning, Mr. Nathan Imm, Principal Planner, Ms. Anna Franco, Urban Planner, Development, Ms. Dana Wedeles, Mr. Jack Browand, and Ms. Ella Eggerton, Parks and Cultural Activities and Transportation and Environmental Services, gave a presentation on the Shared Expectations for Open Space in New Development.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council accepted the report and directed staff to improve regulatory policy by addressing inconsistencies and identify improvements, to create design guidance based on shared expectations and utilize the expectations for future small area planning. The vote was follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

24. Consideration of Reinstatement of the Ad Hoc Open Space Steering Committee.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 16, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 24; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council accepted the recommendation to reinstate the Ad Hoc Open Space Steering Committee and authorize the City Manager to appoint members to the committee. The vote was follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

25. Consideration of an Increase of \$1.4 Million in the City Loan to ARHA for Redevelopment of Ramsey Homes.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 16, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 24; 10/22/19, and

is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Helen McIlvaine, Alexander Housing Director, Mr. Eric Keeler, Deputy Housing Director, gave a presentation on the City Loan to ARHA for Redevelopment of Ramsey Homes.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the recommendation of the additional allocation on \$1.4 million for a total loan of up to \$5 million dollars to ARHA for the redevelopment of Ramsey Homes to be funded from the proceeds of ARHA repayment to the City's 2008 loan. The vote was 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

- 26.** Resolution in Response to Presidential Executive Order #1388 related to Restricting Refugee Resettlement in States and Localities. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 16, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 26; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record 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 in response to Presidential Executive Order #1388 related to restricting refugee resettlement in states and localities. 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. 2907

WHEREAS, we are witnessing an unprecedented level of human mobility and displacement; and

WHEREAS, there are more refugees in the world today than at any time since World War II and more than half of the world's refugees are children; and

WHEREAS, refugees are fleeing armed conflict and human rights abuses in Africa, the Middle East, Central/Southeast Asia, Central America and other regions; and

WHEREAS, refugees are the most vetted individuals to enter the United States, are not permitted to travel to the United States until all security screenings have been successfully completed and the individual is found admissible under United States immigration law; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alexandria has a long history of partnership with non-profit agencies, public-sector partners, and welcoming residents to resettle refugees in our community; and

WHEREAS, although their treatment is governed by separate legal frameworks, refugees have the same universal human rights and fundamental freedoms as all peoples; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is a welcoming, inclusive and diverse community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is committed to combating xenophobia, racism and discrimination against refugees; and

WHEREAS, resettled refugees have a positive social and economic impact on the communities where they settle, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States recently promulgated Executive Order 13888 “Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Refugee Resettlement”; and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order instructs the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to seek consent from local and state authorities prior to continuing ongoing refugee resettlement activities; and

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

1. Affirms our support for the resettlement of refugees no matter their religion, race, nationality or country of origin, in the City of Alexandria.
2. Reaffirms the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and commits to protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all refugees.
3. Encourages other Virginia and Washington Metropolitan Area communities to join with the City in supporting a stronger national effort to resettle the most vulnerable refugees.

This resolution shall be effective on the date and at the time of adoption.

27. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the City Code to Amend the Composition of the Commission for Women.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated September 25, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 10/02/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the 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. 8; 10/02/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each item Member of Council received 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. 8; 10/02/19, and is incorporated

as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously, 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, November 16, 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.

28. Consideration of a Resolution from the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board regarding Voluntary Rent Increase Guidelines. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 16, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 28; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

There was a discussion by City Council and a motion made by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Seifeldein to amend the motion to a 1% increase. The motion failed 1-5-1. The vote was as follows: In favor, Councilman Aguirre; Opposed, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Abstained: Councilman Seifeldein.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried by roll-call vote of 6-0-1, City Council adopted a resolution from the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board regarding voluntary rent increase guidelines. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none; Abstained: Councilman Seifeldein.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2908

WHEREAS, more than half of the dwelling units in the City of Alexandria are renter occupied; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has expressed its concern for the well-being of the City's tenants and landlords through proposed charter changes, legislation, and establishment of the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Landlord-Tenant Relations Board has previously expressed its concern to the City Council regarding excessive rent increases;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Alexandria, recommends a maximum annual rent increase for current tenants of no more than 5%, and calls upon the Alexandria Landlord-Tenant Relations Board to monitor and investigate complaints of rent increases in excess of the following guidelines and to conduct a review of the guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board will report to City

Council on the adequacy of the guidelines if there is a compelling reason for changing the recommended percentage.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

Council Orals (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilwoman Pepper): Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency. 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. 2908

WHEREAS global warming over the past century of approximately 1°C has triggered devastating changes to the earth, such as accelerating the collapse of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet, the thawing of the Arctic permafrost, an increase in droughts, heatwaves, forest fires, super storms, flash flooding, the migration of insect-borne diseases, the melting of glaciers, coral bleaching, the mass extinction of species, ocean oxygen loss, and sea level rise; and also is contributing to human migration; and

WHEREAS global warming is caused by our emissions of carbon dioxide, methane, and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, primarily from burning fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere reached 415 ppm on March 13th of this year, a level last reached roughly 3 million years ago, when global average temperatures and sea levels were significantly higher; today's carbon emissions rates are likely unprecedented over the last 50 million years; and any amount of carbon over 350 ppm causes the earth's temperature to rise; and

WHEREAS the acceleration of carbon into the atmosphere has increased at a faster rate in the last 100 years than prior centuries; and

WHEREAS 18 of the 19 warmest years on record for the planet have occurred since 2000, with extreme highs occurring around the world, including temperatures in the arctic ocean reaching 84°F; and

WHEREAS there is a consensus among scientists, as described in the recent United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, that we must reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 45% from 2010 levels by no later than 2030—in just eleven years—and reach net zero around 2050, in order to stabilize a 1.5° C (2.4° F) temperature increase to have a chance at avoiding profound and disastrous impacts on global climate, ecosystems, and human societies; and

WHEREAS meeting these goals will require annual emissions reductions of roughly 4-5% each year and Alexandria's greenhouse gas emissions declined by 1.4% between 2012 and 2015; and

WHEREAS the Environmental Action Plan 2040 passed by Council in July 2019 commits us to cut in half all city-wide emissions by 2030, with reductions of 80-100 percent by 2050; and

WHEREAS the city government's emissions account for 4 percent of our community's emissions and residents and businesses account for 96 percent and thus community education and engagement is critical; and

WHEREAS the costs of addressing this climate emergency are far less than the costs of not addressing the climate crisis; and solving the crisis will take significant public investment, education, commitment and resolve; and

WHEREAS the recent Global Climate Strike, led by Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, American activist Isra Hirsi, and other youth, may be the largest mass protest for action on global warming in history with an estimated four million participants in 2,500 events across 163 countries on all seven continents demanding climate action and climate justice for all; and

WHEREAS marginalized populations in Alexandria and worldwide, including people of color, immigrants, indigenous communities, low-income individuals, and people with disabilities, and the unhoused are already disproportionately affected by the effects of climate change, and will continue to bear an excess burden as temperatures increase, oceans rise, and disasters worsen; and

WHEREAS justice calls for climate resilience that addresses the specific experiences, vulnerabilities, and needs of marginalized communities within Alexandria, who must be included and supported in actively engaging in climate resilience planning, policy, and actions; and

WHEREAS Alexandria's location along the Potomac River makes it particularly susceptible to rising sea levels and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission estimates that between \$100 million to \$250 Million of Alexandria property will be affected by a rise in sea level of one to five feet, respectively, with many residents displaced; and

WHEREAS each of us has a moral duty to safeguard the planet for future generations and we need to take strong and unprecedented action to lead and enable community-wide greenhouse gas emissions reductions and prepare Alexandria for the effects of climate change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the city council of Alexandria, Virginia declares that a climate emergency threatens our city, region, Commonwealth, nation, civilization, humanity and the natural world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council commits to a citywide just transition and climate emergency mobilization effort to reverse global warming, which, with appropriate financial and regulatory assistance from the Commonwealth of Virginia and Federal authorities, reaffirms our commitment to the goals, targets, and actions set forth in the City's Environmental

Action Plan 2040, ends citywide greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible, immediately initiates an effort to safely draw down carbon from the atmosphere, and accelerates adaptation and resilience strategies in preparation for intensifying climate impacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Alexandria commits to educating our residents and businesses about the climate emergency and underscores the need for full community participation, inclusion, and support, and recognizes that the residents and businesses of Alexandria, along with community organizations dedicated to faith, youth, labor, academic institutions, civic participation, and the rights of marginalized populations, along with other such allies will be integral to and in the leadership of the mobilization effort; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Alexandria will pursue a reduction in the communitywide greenhouse gas emissions from our energy use by advocating for the Commonwealth of Virginia to adopt policies and/or regulations that will decarbonize the statewide electricity supply, or that will allow for community choice over electricity supply purchasing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Alexandria calls on the Federal Government, Congress, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and other local governments to declare a Climate Emergency; and to initiate a just transition and climate emergency mobilization effort to restore a safe climate and build a sustainable economy; and to convey the urgency to citizens.

(b) Compensation of Council Aides

Council Orals (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilman Aguirre): Council Aide Compensation.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council moved to have City Manager and staff to report back on Council Aide Compensation. 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.

Council Orals:

(c) Other orals

Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Tech on Tap at Port City on last Thursday. Councilman Aguirre reported on the following Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) events: Monday, November 4, 2019 at The Garden on Eisenhower Avenue regarding Mental Health; Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at Chick Armstrong Recreation Center regarding Affordable Housing; Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at Charles Houston Recreation Center regarding Poverty.

29. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 16, 2019, is on file in the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 22; 10/22/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council received and approved the updated November 2019 through June 2020 Council Schedule. 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.

Closed Meeting (if needed).

- 30.** Consideration of a closed meeting to consult with Legal Counsel and Staff regarding the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved.

This meeting was not needed.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of October 22, 2019 at 9:32 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