

**City of Alexandria
Tuesday, February 11, 2020 – 7:00 PM
City Council Regular Meeting
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. Seifeldein.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance; Ms. Page, Assistant Director, Finance, Mr. Browand, Division Chief, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Service (T&ES); Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES; Police Chief Brown; Fire Chief Smedley; Acting Assistant Fire Chief Cross; Ms. Mayeur, Principal Planning, T&ES; Ms. Beach, Division Chief, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Mr. Moritz, Director, P&Z; Ms. Mohan, Principal Planner, P&Z; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Lawrence, Principal Planner, P&Z; Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services, Police Captain Fard, and Mr. Lloyd.

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

6:00 p.m.- Alexandria Transit Company Annual Stockholders Meeting -City Council Work Room

City Council held the annual meeting with the Alexandria Transit Company Stockholders.

7:00 p.m. - City Council Legislative Meeting

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Wilson congratulated Councilman Chapman on the birth of this son, John Taylor Chapman, II, over the weekend.

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

The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2020.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of the following meeting of City Council: the public hearing meeting minutes of January 25, 2020. 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

4. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Al Cox upon his Retirement from the Planning and Zoning Department.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. 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.

5. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing February as Black History Month.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. 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.

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Month of March as Irish-American Heritage Month and March 7, 2020 as St. Patrick's Day Parade Day.

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: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

7. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring February as George Washington Birthday Celebration Month.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. 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.

ORAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

***Eisenhower Partnership (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilwoman Pepper)**

Councilwoman Pepper reported that the Partnership discussed the widening of the roads in the area and there was concern expressed about the cut through traffic that would be going toward the Beltway.

Councilwoman Jackson reported that the annual breakfast will be held on March 11 with a presentation from the City Manager. Councilwoman Jackson also reported that there has been a request to increase the number of scooters in the area and increase bus service in the area.

***Update on the MacArthur Modernization Project (Councilwoman Jackson)**

Councilwoman Jackson reported that the School Board voted on February 6 and chose the forest plan for the school remodel at MacArthur. Councilwoman Jackson also noted that there would be a community meeting on February 18 with the architect.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Committee has moved into the implementation phase and are working to put out Census ads, flyers and other material. Councilman Aguirre invited any in the community to join the Census effort and he noted that there would be an upcoming Census Ambassador Training held at City facilities around the City. Councilman Aguirre reported that material would be sent via mail in mid-March and April 1 is the go-live date. Councilman Aguirre stated that he has requested a brief presentation from staff prior to the commencement of the Census activity at an upcoming Council meeting.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jinks reported that there were some new standards for testing water for lead and other substances released by the Health Department and the Alexandria City Public Schools have been testing the faucets and drinking fountains, particularly in areas where food preparation occurs. Mr. Jinks noted that ACPS has been releasing the results to the community and have been in the process of shutting off the devices and they are in the process of fixing problem areas to make them safe for the students. Mr. Jinks stated that were five devices found at T.C. Williams High School that levels that were above EPA actionable levels and those are being corrected. Mr. Jinks noted that the City conducted testing in 2018, testing 844 fixtures for lead and 21 tested higher than they should and were fixed immediately. Mr. Jinks also reported that the City would move into a once every four year testing cycle starting next year.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (8-21)**(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

8. Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
 - (a) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force
Eugene Diefenbach
 - (b) Beauregard Design Urban Advisory Committee
Blair Davenport
 - (c) Commission on Information Technology
Bridgett Adu Wadler
 - (d) Commission on Persons with Disabilities
Patrick Dennis
 - (e) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
Jeanette Shepherd
 - (f) Public Record Advisory Commission
Barbie Keiser
 - (g) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee
Clarence Reynolds
 - (h) Traffic and Parking Board
Randy Cole

(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. 8 (a-h); 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

9. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
 - (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
3 Citizen Members
 - (b) Beauregard Design Advisory Committee
1 Business Community Representative
 - (c) Emergency Medical Services Council
1 Nursing Home Representative

- (d) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
2 Citizen Members
- (e) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Representative from the Mortar and Pestle Society
- (f) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
1 Tenant Member
- (g) Public Health Advisory Commission
1 Dentist Practicing in the City, nominated by the Northern Virginia Dental Society
- (h) Waterfront Commission
1 Park Planning District I representative
1 Citizen Member who resides East of Washington Street and North of Pendleton Street

(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. 9 (a-h);02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

10. Consideration of a License Amendment to allow the Potomac Riverboat Company to provide Water Taxi Commuter Service for Public Hearing on February 22, 2020.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Consideration of a Lease Amendment with Verizon Wireless to Upgrade Equipment on the Torpedo Factory, the City Owned Building Located at 105 N. Union Street for Public Hearing on February 22.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February, 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of a Lease Amendment with Verizon Wireless to Upgrade Equipment on the Roof of the City Owned Building Located at 4480 King Street for Public Hearing on February 22.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Planning Commission 9.06 Review 1315 Duke Street And 225A South Payne Street.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No.1 of Item No. 13; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of a Purchase and Sales Agreement to Purchase Property at 1315 Duke Street and 225A S. Payne Street.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Consideration of a Grant acceptance of the 2020 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Swift Water and Flood Rescue Teams.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Consideration of a Grant Application for the Commonwealth of Virginia's 2020 Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REPP) through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Consideration of Property Transfer from DC Homeland Security-Securing the Cities to the City of Alexandria.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

18. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2019.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

19. Consideration of ratification of Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Inc., Board of Directors.

(A copy of the City Clerk's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Ordinances for Introduction)

20. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2020.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 02/11/20, 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; 02/11/20, 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; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

21. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 1 (General Provisions) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as Amended.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 02/11/20, 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. 21; 02/11/20, 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. 21; 02/11/20, 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 item #10, which was approved under separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

8. City Council received the following resignations from members of boards, commissions, and committees with regret: (a) Eugene Diefenbach, Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force; (b) Blair Davenport, Beauregard Design Urban Advisory Committee; (c) Bridgette Adu Wadler, Commission on Information Technology; (d) Patrick Dennis, Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (e) Jeanette Shepherd, Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; (f) Barbie Keiser, Public Record Advisory Commission; (g) Clarence Reynolds, Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; and (h) Randy Cole, Traffic and Parking Board.

9. City Council appointed the following persons to boards, commissions, and committees: (a) reappointed Holly Beardow and Herbert Thomas and appointed Alexandru Cirnu as the three citizen members to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) reappointed Bud Jackson as the business community representative to the Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee; (c) appointed Reshman Badvel as the nursing home representative to the Emergency Medical Services Council; (d) appointed Daniel Beard and Margaret Moore as the two citizen members to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (e) reappointed Linda Lovell as the representative from the Mortar and Pestle Society to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (f) appointed Bonnie Naugle as the tenant member to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; (g) appointed Jessica Hill as the dentist practicing in the City, nominated by the Northern Virginia Dental Society to the Public Health Advisory Commission; and (h) appointed Louise Roseman as the Park Planning District I member and reappointed Christa Watters as the citizen member who resides east of Washington Street and north of Pendleton Street to the Waterfront Commission.

11. City Council: (1) scheduled for public hearing on February 22, 2020 the proposed lease amendment between the City of Alexandria and Verizon Wireless to modify and install updated antennas and equipment located on the roof of the Torpedo Factory Art Center located at 105 N. Union Street and (2) after the public hearing approve the proposed lease amendment.

12. City Council: (1) scheduled for public hearing on February 22, 2020 the proposed lease amendment between the City of Alexandria and Verizon Wireless to modify and install updated antennas and equipment located on the roof of 4480 King Street, and (2) after the public hearing approve the proposed license amendment.

13. City Council received the report as information.

14. City Council: (1) ratified the purchase and sales agreement with the Northern Virginia Urban League (NVUL) to purchase property located at 1315 Duke Street and 225A S. Payne Street for \$1,800,000 and (2) authorized the City Manager to establish a fundraising account at the ACT for Alexandria Community Foundation.

15. City Council: (1) authorized the acceptance of a grant for \$25,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute any necessary documents that may be required.

16. City Council: (1) authorized the application of a grant for \$3,500; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

17. City Council: (1) approved the conveying the Securing the Cities (STC) funded property to the City of Alexandria, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$63,214; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

18. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

19. City Council: (1) ratified the appointment of the following Directors for the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Inc for three year terms through June 30, 2022: Mignon Anthony, Alexandria City Public Schools; Nishita Henry, Deloitte; Mark Jinks City of Alexandria; and Jeff Kovah, Beacon Capital Partners; (2) ratified the appointment of the following Director for the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Inc for a two and a half year term from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022: Alexandra Nee, Partner at MCF; and (3) ratified the continued appointment of the following members serve on the board. These members have staggered expiration dates: Marcy Anderson, Federal Professional Solutions; Ross Baird, Village Capital (Executive Committee Member-at-Large); Gabriela Canamar Clark, Land Design (Executive Committee Member-at-Large); John Taylor Chapman, Alexandria City Council (Council Appointee); Kerry Donley, John Marshall Bank (Vice Chair); A.J. Jackson, JBG Smith; Scott Shaw, Alexandria Restaurants Partners (Chair); and Melissa Webb, Rappoport Companies.

20. City Council passed the proposed ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on February 22, 2020.

21. City Council passed the proposed ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on February 22, 2020.

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.

10. Consideration of a License Amendment to allow the Potomac Riverboat Company to provide Water Taxi Commuter Service for Public Hearing on February 22, 2020.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon Councilman Seifeldein, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) scheduled the proposed License Amendment to allow the Potomac Riverboat Company to provide Water Taxi Commuter for public hearing on February 22, 2020, and (2) after the public hearing approved the proposed license amendment. City Council requested that staff bring back some options for hours of operation during the public hearing meeting for Council consideration. 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.

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (22)

22. Resolution to Approve Designees of Members to the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(The City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 22; 02/11/20, 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 the resolution to approve designees of members to the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board. 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. 2922**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DESIGNEES OF MEMBERS TO THE ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD**

WHEREAS, the City has formed the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of City Code 2-4-100 and Virginia Code 9.2-178, any officer of the court appointed to the board may designate a member of his staff approved by City Council to represent him or her at meetings of the board; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals appointed to the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board seek for the below named individuals to be approved as individuals that may be designated to represent him or her at meetings of the board:

1. Office of the Commonwealth Attorney, Bryan Porter
Proposed Designee: Deputy Commonwealth Attorney, Cathryn Evans
2. Alexandria Police Department, Chief Michael Brown
Proposed Designee: Designee Assistant Chief Don Hayes
3. Alexandria Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne
Proposed Designee: Chief Deputy Shelbert Williams

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia:

1. That the above proposed designees are approved by City Council and may represent the above-appointed members at meetings of the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board.
2. That this Resolution shall be effective on the date and at the time of its Adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11th day of February 2020.

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

23. Alexandria Renew Enterprises
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME:

ENDORSEMENTS:

Craig Berry
William Dickinson
James Good
Michael Pease
Charles Weber

(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. 23; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed William Dickinson as the citizen member to the Alexandria Renew Enterprises. The vote was as follows:

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

24. Commission on Aging
1 Citizen Member
1 Citizen Member who shall be 60 years of age or older

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

NAME:

ENDORSEMENT:

Barbara D'Agostino
Michael Schuster
Michael Kamin
Ellen Nelson

(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. 24; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots were City Council appointed Michael Schuster as the citizen member and appointed Ellen Nelson as the citizen member who shall be 60 years of age or older to the Commission on Aging. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Schuster, Nelson
Bennett-Parker	-	Schuster, Nelson
Aguirre	-	Schuster, Nelson
Chapman	-	D'Agostino, Nelson
Jackson	-	D'Agostino, Nelson
Pepper	-	Schuster, Nelson
Seifeldein	-	Schuster, Nelson

25. Emergency Medical Services Council
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME:	ENDORSEMENTS
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Katherine Eltzroth
Sylvia Jones
Joan Schindel

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 25; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Sylvia Jones as the citizen member to the Emergency Medical Services Council. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Eltzroth
Bennett-Parker	-	Jones
Aguirre	-	Eltzroth
Chapman	-	Jones
Jackson	-	Jones

Pepper	-	Eltzroth
Seifeldein	-	Jones

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

26. Update on the 2020 Virginia General Assembly Session.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 10, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 26; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mayor Wilson noted that members of Council attended the Virginia Municipal League Legislative Day to meet with legislators about items that are before the General Assembly for consideration. Mayor Wilson also reported that the City will be participating in an exchange program with Norton and Wise counties here in the Commonwealth to exchanges of business partnerships, educational partnerships and opportunities to learn about exchange communities.

Mayor Wilson stated that Council would receive an update from Legislative Director Sarah Taylor at the next Legislative meeting.

27. Consideration of the Calendar Year 2020 Real Property Assessments.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, and is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 27; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Taylor, Director of Finance, gave a presentation on the Calendar Year 2020 Real Property Assessments and the amount of growth in real estate property in the City. Mr. Page, Assistant Director, Real Estate Assessment reviewed sales and growth in real estate property throughout the City, including commercial property assessments. Ms. Taylor and Mr. Page responded to questions from Council about the newly released assessment information.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council received the report on the Calendar Year 2020 Real Property Assessments. 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. Update on Seminary Road Traffic Calming Project.

(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. 28; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, gave a brief statement about the project and he introduced staff working on the project. Ms. Orr, Deputy

Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, gave update on the activities on Seminary Road since the decision was made in September. Police Chief Brown explained crash data information and how it is used. Police Chief Brown explained the crash data and calls for service related to Seminary Road and how it is used to assess the project's effectiveness. Police Chief Brown also gave an update of enforcement activity in the Seminary Road area.

Mr. Lambert noted that information on cut through traffic would be included in the full evaluation of the project. Staff responded to questions about emergency vehicle access and their ability to navigate the changed road safely. Staff also responded to inquiries about travel times and changes to that time with the reconstruction of the road. Staff addressed the impact of the remodeling of MacArthur Elementary School and the use of Patrick Henry as swing space and how the traffic will be affected with this project and the number of vehicles trips that will occur.

There was a discussion about the funding for the sidewalk along Seminary Road and how the money has been spent. There was also a discussion about when Holmes Run Trail would be repaired and funded. Council also inquired about working with community partners to fund infrastructure improvements (such as sidewalks) and empowering staff to initiate those conversations with those partners.

City staff responded to a list of questions from Councilwoman Jackson including questions about the reconfiguration of the Seminary Road as it relates to traffic safety, traffic delays, interaction and communication between departments about the project, responding to emergency calls, medians along Seminary Road and safety vehicles navigating the reconfigured portion of Seminary Road.

Councilwoman Jackson noted that she bring a motion in the next few weeks concerning the project after further investigation of the material on the project.

City Council had a discussion and received the update on Seminary Road Traffic Calming Project.

29. Update on the Planning Process for Arlandria and Del Ray.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 29; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Mohan, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning, gave a presentation on the planning process for Arlandria and Del Ray neighborhoods and she and Ms. Beach, Division Chief, Planning and Zoning responded to questions from Council.

City Council received the updated on the planning process for Arlandria and Del Ray and received feedback on the fall engagement activities and guidance on the planning process.

30. Consideration of the City Council Work Program for Calendar Year 2020.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 30; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) adopt the proposed 2020 Work Program as detailed in Attachment 3 and 4; and (2) directed the City Manager to docket these items generally within the timeframes noted, acknowledging that some scheduling changes may occur throughout the course of 2020. 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.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilman Aguirre reported that the Commission on HIV/AIDS and the Alexandria Health Department staff, particularly Nechelle Terrell, held a symposium at Robinson Memorial United Methodist Church in recognition of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

2. Councilman Aguirre congratulated Ms. Chambers, who celebrated her quinceañero this past weekend.

OTHER

31. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 5, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 31; 02/11/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received the updated Council Schedule which includes a public hearing on Tuesday, July 7, 2020; and (2) approved the City Council schedule for January 2020 through July 2020. 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.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of February 11, 2020 at 11:45 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 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