

**City of Alexandria**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – 7:00 PM**  
**City Council Legislative Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, and Mohamed E. Seifeldein (via conference telephone).

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Fire Chief Smedley; Mr. Whatley, Assistant Office of Emergency Coordinator; Ms. Middough, Division Chief, General Services; Ms. S. Taylor, Legislative Director; Dr. Haering, Director, Alexandria Health Department, Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Mr. Browand, Division Chief, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities; Mr. Farner, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Mr. Lambert, Director, T&ES; Mr. Ziemann, Division Chief, T&ES; Ms. K. Taylor, Director, Finance; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Henty, Assistant Director, OMB; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Police Captain Fard; Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

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1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present. Councilman Seifeldein participated in the meeting by telephone from his home due to an excused absence.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020; and  
The Special Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2020 (budget presentation)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of February 11, 2020 and the special meeting minutes of February 18, 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 for Meals for March.

**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 Proclamation recognizing March 31, 2020 as Equal Pay Day.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, 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.

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

### **\*CSO Workgroup (Mayor Wilson and Councilwoman Jackson)**

Mayor Wilson reported that the Workgroup met and were anticipating the awarding of a design-build contract at the end of the year by selecting a contracting team that will be performing the combined sewer work for the City. Mayor Wilson reported that the group had a conversation about the financing for the work to be performed on the combined sewer project and discussed the three primary area for financing tools for the work including cash, the Virginia Clean Water Loan Fund, and the Federal Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act funding. Mayor Wilson noted that the all these tools will be used together to fund the approximately \$500 million effort to repair the combined sewer system to meet the General Assembly's timeline of 2025.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that NVTC passed resolutions for members who would be departing from the Commission. Councilman Aguirre reported that he would be the Chair of the WMATA subcommittee for NVTC and would be the alternate for Mr. Smedberg on the WMATA board. Councilman Aguirre also reported that there was a lengthy discussion about WMATA's bus transformation project and a resolution was sent to WMATA endorsing the project but noting that transportation staff should be heavily involved in the decision-making process for this newly created regional entity. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was also a discussion about the some of the legislation being considered by the General Assembly.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that the Committee received news that ARHA has issued an

RFQ for development partners for five of their public housing sites and they are continuing to work with HUD to change the way public housing is financed, which should facilitate many more options for redevelopment in the future. Councilman Chapman noted which properties throughout the City were part of the RFQ.

## **ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Jinks reported that Alex 311 is up and running and he highlighted that the downloadable mobile app has been popular with the users. City Manager Jinks noted that within the first month of usage, staff has been able to successfully respond to 90% of the requests received through the system. City Manager Jinks also reported that the City of Alexandria has been ranked #7 by Southern Living Magazine as the one of the best cities in the South and he recognized Visit Alexandria for working to get Alexandria on the list.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER CONSENT CALENDAR (7-16)**

### **(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

7. Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
  - (a) Beautification Commission  
Geoff Montross
  - (b) Board of Architectural Review  
William Conkey
  - (c) Redevelopment and Housing Authority  
Karl Sandberg

(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. 7 (a-c); 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. 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
  - (b) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force  
1 Citizen Member
  - (c) Board of Architectural Review  
1 Parker-Gray District Representative
  - (d) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission  
1 High School Student Representative

- (e) Commission on Employment  
1 Citizen Member
- (f) Commission on Persons with Disabilities  
2 Citizen Members  
1 Representative for the Commission on Aging  
1 At-Large Representative of the Business Community
- (g) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
1 Representative of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association  
1 Planning District II Representative  
1 Representative of the Alexandria Public Records Advisory Commission  
1 Business Representative
- (h) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board  
1 Low Income Tenant Member
- (i) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee  
1 Representative of the Potomac Yard Area
- (j) Public Health Advisory Commission  
1 Citizen member who shall not be a health professional
- (k) Sister Cities Committee  
2 Citizen Members
- (l) Waterfront Commission  
1 Commission for the Arts Representative

(A copy of the above appointments are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8 (a-l); 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

- 9. Consideration of a License Agreement with ARP Waterfront, LLC for the use of a Portion of the City Marina Plaza for Outdoor Dining associated with Special Use Permit #2017-0002 for Public Hearing on March 14, 2020.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated March 4, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 10. Consideration of a Lease Agreement between the City of Alexandria's Workforce Development Center and Upwardly Global for Office Space at 1900 N. Beauregard Street.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated March 4, 2020, is on file in the Office

of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Consideration of a Fiscal Year 2021 Grant Application to the Virginia Commission for the Arts for a Creative Community Partnership Grant for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 4, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item 11; 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of a Grant Application to the FY 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Firefighter Training, Equipment, and Health Screenings.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 4, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2020.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 4, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

### **(Ordinances for Introduction)**

14. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the owner of the property located at 2200 and 2200A Mill Road to construct and maintain encroachments for residential balcony overhangs into the public right-of ways on Dock Lane (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2017-0004 associated with 2200 Mill Road - Eisenhower East Block 20 approve by City Council on December 16, 2017).

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 03/10/20, 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. 2 of Item No. 14; 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 6-403 (GENERAL REGULATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS) of Article VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES) and Section 7-1201 (PERMITTED UTILITIES), Section 7-1202 (SPECIAL USE UTILITIES), Section 7-1205 (Radio and television reception or transmission structures), and Section 7-1206 (General provisions pertaining to installation of wireless facilities) of Article VII

(SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) and add Section 7-1207 (Installation of Small Cell Facilities on Existing Structures), Section 7-1208 (Installation of standard facilities on existing structures), Section 7-1209 (Installation of new structures to support small cell facilities), Section 7-1210 (Installation of a new structure to support standard facilities), Section 7-1211 (Modification, replacement, or installation of additional wireless facilities on an existing structure), and Section 7-1212 (Aesthetic standards governing wireless facility installations) of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2019-00008 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2019-00008 relating to telecommunications and wireless facility regulations approved by City Council on February 22, 2020).

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 03/10/20, 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. 2 of Item No. 15; 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2019-00004 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment (Implementation Ordinance for Master Plan Amendment No. 2019-00004 the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan approved by City Council on February 22, 2020).

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 03/10/20, 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. 2 of Item No. 16; 03/10/20, 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. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

7. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Geoff Montross, Beautification Commission; (b) William Conkey, Board of Architectural Review; and (c) Karl Sandberg, Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

8. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Merle Cuthrell as the person designated by, but who need not be a member of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; (b) reappointed Thomas Walczykowski as the citizen member to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force; (c) appointed Christine Sennott as the Parker-Gray District representative to the Board of Architectural Review; (d) appointed Annabelle O'Keefe as the high school student representative to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (e) reappointed Lenwood Roberts to the Commission on Employment; (f) appointed Elizabeth Adams and reappointed Mark Benedict as the two citizen members, appointed Amanda Hayes as the representative for the Commission on Aging, and appointed Fredrick Lopez at-large representative of the business community to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities (g) appointed Christopher Brownlowe as the representative of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association, appointed Martha Raymond as the Planning District II representative, reappointed Monica St. Dennis as the representative of the Alexandria Public Records Advisory Commission, and reappointed Danny Smith as the business representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (h) appointed Geraldine Baldwin as the low-income tenant to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; (i) appointed Nancy Appleby as the representative of the Potomac Yard Area to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; (j) appointed Kathleen Hicks as the citizen member who shall not be a health professional to the Public Health Advisory Commission; (k) reappointed Stacie Andersen and appointed Linda Reda as the two citizen members to the Sister Cities Committee; and (l) reappointed Susan Cohen as the Commission for the Arts representative to the Waterfront Commission.

9. City Council: (1) scheduled the proposed License Agreement to authorize the City Manager to execute the 3-year License Agreement with ARP Waterfront, LLC for public hearing on March 14, 2020, and (2) after the public hearing approve the proposed License Agreement.

10. City Council approved the agreement between the City of Alexandria and Upwardly Global to sublease office space at the Department of Community and Human Services located at 1900 N. Beauregard Street.

11. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$4,500 to the Virginia Commission from the Art's Creative Community Partnership Grant Program; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council: (1) approved the submission of a grant application for \$1,754,485 (\$1,579,037 of which comes from federal funding) for paramedic training and firefighter training classes; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

13. City Council received the monthly financial report.

14. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on March 14, 2020.

15. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on March 14, 2020.

16. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on March 14, 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.

**CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS**

17. Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee  
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

James Howard  
Joanie Stewart

(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. 17; 03/10/20, 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 James Howard as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Howard
Bennett-Parker	-	Howard
Aguirre	-	Howard
Chapman	-	Howard
Jackson	-	Howard
Pepper	-	Stewart
Seifeldein	-	Howard

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

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Raymond Biegun  
Michael Kamin

(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; 03/10/20, 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 appointed Raymond Biegun as the citizen member who shall be 60+ years of age or older to the Commission on Aging. The vote was as follows:

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

19. Commission on Information Technology  
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Timothy Casey  
 Sara Crifasi  
 Patrick Doherty  
 Faizon Farooq  
 James Gentile  
 Skyler Gregory  
 Hillary Lewis  
 Donald Rubin  
 Matthew Self  
 Natina Talbert  
 Edward Ward

(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. 19; 03/10/20, 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 Sara Crifasi as the citizen member to the Commission on Information Technology. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Crisafi
Bennett-Parker	-	Crisafi
Aguirre	-	Crisafi
Chapman	-	Crisafi
Jackson	-	Farooq
Pepper	-	Crisafi
Seifeldein	-	Farooq

20. Commission on Persons with Disabilities  
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Katherine Lloyd

(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; 03/10/20, 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 waived the residency requirement and appointed Katherine Lloyd as the citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. The vote was as follows:

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

21. Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission  
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Lisa Arnold  
Patricia Ann Hennig  
Mike Mackey  
Michael Strutzel

(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; 03/10/20, 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 Mike Mackey as the citizen member to the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Mackey
Bennett-Parker	-	Mackey

Aguirre	-	Mackey
Chapman	-	Hennig
Jackson	-	Hennig
Pepper	-	Mackey
Seifeldein	-	Mackey

22. Park and Recreation Commission  
 1 Representative for Park Planning District III

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

David Brennan  
 Thomas Tindall  
 Christine Walika

(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; 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed David Brennan as the representative for Park Planning District III to the Park and Recreation Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Tindall
Bennett-Parker	-	Brennan
Aguirre	-	Tindall
Chapman	-	Brennan
Jackson	-	Brennan
Pepper	-	Tindall
Seifeldein	-	Brennan

23. Redevelopment and Housing Authority  
 1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Willie F. Bailey, Sr.  
 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. 23; 03/10/20, 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 Willie F. Bailey, Sr. as the citizen member to the

Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The vote was as follows:

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

- 24. Traffic and Parking Board  
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME:	ENDORSED BY:
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James Allgood  
 James Bartlett  
 Frank Capone  
 Harold Curry  
 Annie Ebbers  
 Geoff Goode  
 Scott MacConomy

(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; 03/10/20, 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 Annie Ebbers as the citizen member to the Traffic and Parking Board. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Ebbers
Bennett-Parker	-	Ebbers
Aguirre	-	Ebbers
Chapman	-	Bartlett
Jackson	-	Curry
Pepper	-	Ebbers
Seifeldein	-	Curry

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION**

- 25. Update on the 2020 Virginia General Assembly Session.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated March 9, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 25; 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Taylor, Legislative Director, gave an overview of the legislation that passed during the General Assembly session this year and she responded to questions from City Council about legislation that would impact the City.

City Council received an update on the legislation before the Virginia General Assembly 2020.

26. Update on COVID-19

Dr. Haering, Director, Alexandria Health Department, gave an update and overview of the COVID-19 virus and the preparation the City is undergoing to prepare for the impact on the community and region. Dr. Haering, along with other City staff from the Fire Department and the Office of Emergency Management, responded to questions from Council about preparation, potential impact, and resources. City Manager Jinks reviewed the City procedures for addressing staffing and operations of City government during this crisis. City Manager Jinks also discussed how this pandemic would impact the economic and financial health of the City.

City Council received an update on COVID-19 and the preparation measures the City is undergoing to address the virus.

27. 100 King Street and Unit Block (King Street Place) - Pedestrian Improvements.  
An update on the pilot project for the 100 block and the Unit block of King Street to implement pedestrian improvements by removing traffic and on-street parking during the pilot period.

(A copy the Planning and Zoning presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 27; 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, gave presentation on the 100 King Street and Unit Block pedestrian improvements for the pilot project and she along, with City staff from Planning and Zoning, responded to questions from City Council about the project.

City Council received an update on the pilot project for the 100 block and the Unit block of King Street to implement pedestrian improvements by removing traffic and on-street parking during the pilot period.

28. Consideration of a Resolution to Support Grant Applications to the Virginia Department of Transportation and Department of Rail and Public Transportation for FY 2026 to FY 2027 SMART SCALE projects. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 4, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 28; 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Pepper and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council passed a resolution

that: (1) authorized the submission of up to \$143.5 million in SMART SCALE applications; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required. 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. 2925**

### **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING “SMART SCALE” FOR FY 2026 to FY 2027**

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, HB2 was signed into law, and in June 2016, the program was renamed SMART SCALE. SMART stands for System Management Allocation of Resources for Transportation and SCALE stands for Safety, Congestion mitigation, Accessibility, Land use, Environmental and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of SMART SCALE is to fund the right transportation projects through a prioritization process that evaluates each project’s merits using key factors, including: improvements to safety, congestion reduction, accessibility, land use, economic development and the environment. The evaluation focuses on the degree to which a project addresses a problem or need relative to the requested funding for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, projects are scored based on an objective and fair analysis applied statewide. SMART SCALE also requires that project benefits be analyzed relative to project cost. CTB policy requires the project benefits be analyzed relative to the amount of SMART SCALE funds requested, so the final SMART SCALE score is based on the project cost to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds of up to \$143.5 million for City of Alexandria projects, through the VDOT SMART SCALE Program; and

**WHEREAS**, up to \$143.5 million is requested to fund the critical transportation needs in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the following project City of Alexandria applications include: 1) Route 1 at E. Glebe Road Intersection Improvements – Up to \$10,000,000; 2) Route 1 South Improvements – Up to \$3,500,000; 3) Duke Street Transitway – Up to \$75,000,000; 4) Upper King Street Multimodal Improvements – Up to \$40,000,000; and 5) Landmark Transit Center – Up to \$15,000,000; and

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

1. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of up to \$143.5 million through the Virginia Department of Transportation SMART SCALE Program; and
2. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program.

### **(Ordinances and Resolutions)**

29. Resolution to Endorse Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Targets to Address the Region's Housing Needs.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 4, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 29; 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing, gave a presentation on the regional housing needs and on the work that the Council of Governments has been undertaking to address the needs and she responded to questions from Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council scheduled a public hearing on March 14 in regards to the proposed City resolution endorsing COG's Resolution Adopting Targets to Address the Region's Housing Needs and affirming Alexandria's commitment to meet its allocation of the COG target, and after the public hearing adopt by roll-call vote this City resolution.

30. Introduction. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2020 (Fiscal Year 2021).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 4, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 30; 03/10/20, 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. 30; 03/10/20, 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. 30; 03/10/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**A motion was made by** Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Aguirre, City Council: (1) passed this ordinance on first reading after establishing the tax rates to be advertised for residential and commercial real property and personal property, and (2) set the ordinance for second reading and public hearing on Saturday, April 18, 2020 and final passage on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

The maximum rates authorized by City Council in the attached ordinance reflect:

A real estate tax rate on residential, commercial and industrial property for calendar year 2020 of \$1.15 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The FY 2021 proposed budget reflects a real estate tax rate of \$1.15 to fund the base budget;

- Assumed in this amount is the continued dedication of 0.6 cents for affordable housing; and
- Assumed in the amount is the continued reservation of 2.2 cents of the real property tax rate for transportation projects
- A Special Services District tax is proposed to continue to be levied on all real property located in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District at the current rate of \$0.20 per one hundred dollars of valuation;

For all other taxes, the following rates are proposed:

- A personal property tax rate on vehicles for calendar year 2020 of \$5.33 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2021 proposed budget recommends a vehicle personal property tax rate of \$5.33 to fund the base budget;
- A tangible business personal property tax rate for calendar year 2020 of \$ 4.75 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2021 proposed budget recommends a tangible personal property tax rate of \$4.75 to fund the base budget; and
- A machinery and tools tax rate of \$ 4.50 per hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2021 proposed budget recommends a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 to fund the base budget.

Council had a discussion about the possibility of setting a rate higher than the Manager's recommendation to fund items deemed important by the community.

A substitute motion made by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson, to amend the real estate tax rate on residential, commercial and industrial property for calendar year 2020 to \$1.155 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, Mayor Wilson and Councilman Seifeldein. The substitute motion carried 5-2 and become the main motion.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) passed this ordinance on first reading after establishing the tax rates to be advertised for residential and commercial real property and personal property, and (2) set the ordinance for second reading and public hearing on Saturday, April 18, 2020 and final passage on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

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

## **ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

1. Councilman Aguirre reported that the Office of Voter Registration and Elections hosted a group from Latin America who were learning about the American voting process.
2. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended a Bingo Night on March 6 at Samuel Tucker Elementary School.
3. Councilman Aguirre reported that on March 7 the Complete Count Committee participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade promoting the 2020 Census.
4. Councilman Aguirre reported that the City hosted the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau, Steven Dillingham, and had a conversation about the Census at the national level. Councilman Aguirre thanked the Governor's Office for organizing the visit and allowing the City to showcase the work Alexandria has been doing to prepare for the Census count.
5. Councilman Chapman reported that AEDP presented the information from their annual report, which highlighted improvements in their office and touching on some of the City's goals.
6. Councilman Chapman noted that the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce were seeking their annual "40 under 40" program upcoming and he encouraged the community submit nominations to the Chamber by Friday.

## **OTHER**

31. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated March 4, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 31; 03/10/20, 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, City Council: (1) received the updated City Council Schedule which includes: the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers; and (2) approved the City Council schedule for March 2020 through July 2020. City Council also approved the amendment of the language on the calendar stating the following: If the Mayor determines that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend the Saturday Public Hearing, the hearing will be continued to the next Saturday that is not a legal holiday. 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.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, the regular meeting of March 10, 2020 was adjourned at 10:40 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.

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**APPROVED BY:**

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**JUSTIN M. WILSON                      MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC      City Clerk