

**City of Alexandria
City Council Public Hearing Meeting
Saturday May 16, 2020 9:30 AM
Virtual 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. Seifeldin.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance; Ms. McLean, Executive Assistant, City Manager's Office; Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services (ITS); Mr. Bradford, ITS; and Mr. Moss, ITS.

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

OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

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

Mayor Wilson stated that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency, the May 16, 2020 Public Hearing Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 18, 2020 or Section 4-0.00(g) in HB29 and HB30 to undertake essential business. All members of City Council and staff are participating from remote locations through a video conference call on Zoom. The meeting can be accessed by the public through the live broadcast on government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and can be accessed via Zoom.

2. Public Discussion Period.

[The Public Discussion Period is open to comments on any topic including comments related to the COVID-19 emergency and/or the continuity of government.]

The following persons participated in the public comment period:

1. Leopoldo Ochoa, Alexandria, spoke about the impact of the pandemic on the

economy of the community and the social hardships being experienced by many and offered suggestions for addressing the impacts on the community and reopening the community.

2. Carolyn Lyle, Alexandria, spoke the upcoming North Potomac Yard project and the Oakville Triangle projects. Ms. Lyle spoke about the City's commitment to goals in the City's Environmental Action Plan and about the City-wide transition to a climate emergency mobilization effort to reverse global warming and how the designs of the projects were not addressing these matters adequately.

3. Geoff Hoppe, Alexandria, spoke about the removal of the Confederate monument and his disapproval of the removal.

4. Janice Grenadier, Alexandria, spoke about the impact of the pandemic on the country and spoke about the injustices in the court system.

5. Christopher Lewis, Alexandria, spoke the need for changes in policing practices and the need to review of system. Mr. Lewis requested that Council considered an ordinance to require accurate reporting in police practices in the City.

City Council requested an update that data receives regarding police stops in the City from staff.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council closed the public discussion period. 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.

3. Adjourn.

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 public hearing meeting of May 16, 2020 at 9:58 a.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

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