

**City of Alexandria
City Council Legislative Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2020 7:00 PM
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. Seifeldein.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Mr. Parks, Clerk of Court; Ms. Suehr, Director, Department of Project Implementation (DPI); Ms. Kott, Division Chief, DPI; Mr. Shelby, Urban Planner, Planning and Zoning; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Ziemann, Division Chief, T&ES; Mr. Skrabak, Deputy Director, T&ES; Ms. Bevis-Carver, Civil Engineer, T&ES; Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services.

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

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of City Council were present, with Councilman Chapman and Councilman Aguirre joining following roll call. All members and staff were participating via video conference call.

Mayor Wilson stated that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency, the October 6, 2020 Legislative 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 June 20, 2020 and Section 4.0-00(g) in HB29 and HB30 to undertake essential business. All the members of the 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 the government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and can be accessed via Zoom.

2. Public Discussion Period.

There were no speakers signed up for the public discussion period.

PROCLAMATIONS

3. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Latino Heritage Month.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded 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.

4. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing October as National Bullying Awareness Month.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, 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.

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

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

Councilwoman Jackson reported that the Council discussed COVID-19 and the volunteer activity the Council has been performing to assist during this pandemic. Councilwoman Jackson also noted the Council reviewed the use of Google Maps Layer to track the cases in the community. Councilwoman Jackson recognized the CERT for being recognized as a hazmat training group nationally, offering training around the country.

***Eisenhower Partnership Board of Directors (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilwoman Pepper)**

Councilwoman Jackson reported that Partnership will be sponsoring a fall drive-in movie series and they are still working with the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria to establish a scholarship in honor of Engin Artemel, a former director of City Planning and Zoning and prominent City resident.

***COG Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Commission (Councilwoman Jackson)**

Councilwoman Jackson reported that the Commission held a virtual water quality forum, with representation from the region to participate in the event and discussed climate resiliency, tree canopies including stormwater, stream restoration, and equity issues and reaching diverse communities.

***Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilman Chapman)**

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Commission received an update on the

economic impact of immigrants on the Northern Virginia, noting the impact of the pandemic on immigrant communities and the level of entrepreneurship in those communities. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker also reported that NVRC hosted a webinar on flood resiliency in Northern Virginia.

Councilman Chapman reported that Commission did an emergency resolution to modify meetings process to allow for virtual meetings. Councilman Chapman also reported that the Commission authorized the acceptance of a bicycle safety grant from VDOT and they received an updated on the Solarize NOVA program with 63 contracts looking to increase the use of solar energy in the region.

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that WMATA CEO Weidefeld gave a presentation and noted that CARES Act funding for WMATA would likely be exhausted by December or January and the would be in need of additional funding to keep the system running and the WMATA Board approved a public hearing for mid-year budget to discuss decreasing services for rail and bus services, including reduction of routes and services in Alexandria. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the program advisory committee approved reduced program for the I-66 project and they authorized the funding of the preliminary FY22 Capital Budget for VRE.

Councilman Aguirre reported noted that public comments on service changes to WMATA can be submitted through their website. Councilman Aguirre noted that service changes would affect the connectivity from the West End to the Pentagon. City Council requested that a letter be sent to the WMATA Board to express the City's concern about the changes.

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

Councilwoman Pepper reported that the group received a presentation on snapshot of activities and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Workforce Development Center and the services that are being offered at the center.

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported on a new initiative offered by the center in conjunction with Arlington County to offer residents courses and skills enhancement for job preparation. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker noted that there was the pilot program started for on-the-job training that was funded by CARES Act money.

***COG Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) (Councilwoman Pepper)**

Councilwoman Pepper reported the Committee was developing a regional 2030 Regional Greenhouse Gases Emissions Reductions goal and a 2030 Climate and Energy Action Plan.

***COG Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQ) (Councilwoman Pepper)**

Councilwoman Pepper reported that the air quality in the region was the best it had been since the air quality has been tracked.

***Sister Cities Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman reported that Committee discussed how to deal with activities and events during the pandemic and how to present their usual activities to the community. Councilman Chapman noted that the committee is working with staff to see how they can have events with Dundee during the holiday season virtually. Councilman Chapman noted that the committee would be contacting Helsingborg to get information on their upcoming climate change conference.

***COG Human Services Policy Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman reported that the Committee set the annual agenda and he noted that one of the main focus areas would be homelessness in the region. Councilman Chapman reported that Committee developed a regional compact addressing the issue and he would share the final document with Council once it is complete.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that the group received updates around early childhood education and work related to the COVID response. Mayor Wilson reported there was an update on afterschool plans and received an inventory of assets that can be used for after school services identified and partnered with public and private entities in the community who could service the needs. Mayor Wilson reported that they received a presentation from the ACPS staff on the upcoming rebuild at Minnie Howard and there will be more conversations with the school board on that project and the potential for co-location opportunities.

Councilman Chapman noted that there was a discussion about the temporary displacement of field space and how to address those needs as they come up.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that they received a report on transit ridership and bus ridership that has decreased dramatically. Mayor Wilson also noted that drivers have returned to the roads in significant numbers, with toll roads having decreased usage. Mayor Wilson suggested that Council review the opportunity to shift capacity to usage of DASH and other transit options in the community.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jinks reported that Conde Nast Traveler has ranked Alexandria in the top five for their readers' choice award.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER
CONSENT CALENDAR (5-12)**

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

5. Receipt of the following resignation from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Commission for the Arts
Shaan Shuster

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

6. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Beautification Commission
1 Citizen Member
 - (b) Building Code Board of Appeals
1 Citizen Member
 - (c) Commission on Information Technology
1 Member Representing an Institution of Higher Education located in Northern Virginia
 - (d) Commission on Persons with Disabilities
2 Citizen Members
 - (e) Emergency Medical Services Council
1 Citizen Member
 - (f) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
1 member to be nominated by the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution
 - (g) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Representative from the George Washington Masonic Memorial
 - (h) Industrial Development Authority
1 Citizen Member
 - (i) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
1 Landlord Representative
 - (j) Park and Recreation Commission
1 Member from Planning District I
 - (k) Urban Design Advisory Committee
1 Resident Representing the Old Town North Residential Community

(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. 6, 10/06/20; and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

7. Consideration of Submission of a Grant Application for a Circuit Court Records Preservation Program, Item Conservation Grant from the Library of Virginia.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 20, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, 10/06/20; and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Ordinances for Introduction)

8. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the owner of the property located at 1217 Colonial Avenue to construct and maintain an encroachment for a retaining wall at that location (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2020-0003 associated with 1217 Colonial Avenue approved by City Council on September 12, 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. 8; 10/06/20, 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. 8; 10/06/20 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 1-700 (ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES) of Article I (GENERAL REGULATIONS); Sections 2-138 (DWELLING, TOWNHOUSE), 2-140 (DWELLING, TWO-FAMILY), 2-145 (FLOOR AREA), 2-154 (HEIGHT OF BUILDING), 2-174 (MEDICAL CARE FACILITY), of Article II (DEFINITIONS); Sections 3-707 (CERTAIN STRUCTURES, LOTS AND USES INCONSISTENT WITH THESE PROVISIONS), 3-1108 (CERTAIN STRUCTURES, LOTS AND USES INCONSISTENT WITH THESE PROVISIONS), 3-1406 (FLOOR AREA RATIO), of Article III (RESIDENTIAL ZONE REGULATIONS); Sections 7-202 (PERMITTED OBSTRUCTIONS), 7-1701 (OPEN AND CLOSED FENCES LESS THAT SIX FEET IN HEIGHT), 7-1702 (CORNER LOTS), of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS); Sections 11-804 (CONDITIONAL ZONING), 11-1008 (FINAL DECISIONS SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW), 11-1103 (STANDARDS FOR VARIANCE), 11-1104 (CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS), 11-1207 (WRITTEN NOTICE OR ORDER), 11-1302 (SPECIAL EXCEPTION ESTABLISHED), of Article XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES); Sections 12-101 (TERMS DEFINED) and 12-102 (NONCOMPLYING STRUCTURES) of Article XII (NONCOMPLIANCE AND NONCONFORMITY) and to add and ordain Section 7-1703 (THROUGH LOTS), 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. 2020-00005 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2020-0005 associated with Zoning Ordinance Practical Updates approved by City Council on September 12, 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. 9; 10/27/20, 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. 9; 10/27/20 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 7-2100 (Increased density and height for public elementary and secondary schools) 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. 2019-00007 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2019-00007 associated with Increased Density for Public School Sites approved by City Council on September 12, 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. 10; 10/06/20, 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. 10; 10/06/20 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 051.02 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning a portion of the property at 1101 Janneys Lane from, POS/Public open space and community recreation zone to R-8/Single-family zone; by rezoning 1201 and 1203 Janneys Lane from R-20/Single-family zone to R-8/Single-family zone; and by rezoning a portion of 1099 Francis Hammond Parkway from R-8/Single-family zone to POS/Public open space and community recreation zone in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2020-00002 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2020-00002 associated with Douglas MacArthur Elementary School approved by City Council on September 12, 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. 11; 10/27/20, 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. 11; 10/27/20 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Articles II - VIII, XI and XII to amend commercial use definitions, commercial use conditions and home occupation requirements and to change certain uses from requiring Special Use Permits and Administrative Use Permits to either Administrative Special Use Permits or permitted uses, of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2020-00003 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2020-00003 associated with small business practical updates approved by City Council on September 12, 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. 12; 10/06/20, 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. 12; 10/06/20 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

5. City Council received the following resignation with regret: (a) Shaan Shuster, Commission for the Arts.

6. City Council appointed the following persons to boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Steven Cohen as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (b) appointed James Jordan as the citizen member to the Building Code Board of Appeals; (c) appointed J.D. Maddox as the member representing an institution of higher education located in Northern Virginia to the Commission on Information Technology; (d) appointed Christopher Nace and Mark Reddish as the two citizen members to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (e) appointed Taylor Herbel as the citizen member to the Emergency Medical Services Council; (f) appointed Edgar Bates as the representative from the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (g) appointed Shawn Eyer as the representative from the George Washington Masonic Memorial to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (h) appointed Eric Strickland as the citizen member to the Industrial Development Authority; (i) appointed Soomin Kim as the landlord representative to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; (j) appointed Stuart Fox as the representative from Park Planning District I to the Park and Recreation Commission; and (k) reappointed Thomas Soapes as the resident representing Old Town North to the Urban Design Advisory Committee.

7. City Council: (1) approved a grant application totaling \$15,375, to be submitted not later than October 21, 2020, the Library of Virginia. The exact amount awarded will be determined by the Library of Virginia Grants Review Board which consists of LVA historical

Seifeldein - Campbell

14. Commission for Women
2 Citizen Members

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

NAME: ENDORSEMENTS:

Marie Divine
Yvette Jiang
Crystal Kramer

(Materials pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. of Item No. 14; 10/06/20, 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 Marie R. Divine and Yvette Jiang as the two citizen members to the Commission for Women. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Divine, Kramer
Bennett-Parker	-	Divine, Jiang
Aguirre	-	Jiang, Kramer
Chapman	-	Divine, Jiang
Jackson	-	Divine, Kramer
Pepper	-	Jiang, Kramer
Seifeldein	-	Divine, Jiang

15. Commission for the Arts
1 Member Shall be a Student who Resides in the City and Attends a High School located in the City of Alexandria

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

NAME: ENDORSEMENTS:

Elizabeth Lo
Sydney Payne
Victoria Waller

(Materials pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. of Item No. 15; 10/06/20, 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 Elizabeth Lo as the member who shall be a student resides in the City and attends a high school located in the City of Alexandria to the Commission for the Arts. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Lo
Bennett-Parker	-	Lo
Aguirre	-	Lo
Chapman	-	Waller
Jackson	-	Lo
Pepper	-	Lo
Seifeldin	-	Waller

16. Traffic and Parking Board
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSEMENTS:

Samantha Brann
Lavonda Bonnard
Frank Capone
Harold Curry
Geoffrey Goode

(Materials pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. of Item No. 13; 10/06/20, 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: No candidate received a majority of the vote and second vote was required. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Goode
Bennett-Parker	-	Bonnard
Aguirre	-	Bonnard
Chapman	-	Curry
Jackson	-	Curry
Pepper	-	Bonnard
Seifeldin	-	Curry

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Lavonda Bonnard as the citizen member to the Traffic and Parking Board. The final vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Bonnard
Bennett-Parker	-	Bonnard
Aguirre	-	Bonnard
Chapman	-	Curry
Jackson	-	Curry
Pepper	-	Bonnard

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

17. Potomac Yard Metro Oral Report

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17; 10/06/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received the report on Potomac Yard Metro construction.

18. Oral Update Regarding the Accessory Dwelling Unit Policy Study.

(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. 18; 10/06/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received the update and the proposed schedule for further stakeholder engagement, as well as the timeline for bringing final recommendations back to City Council for consideration.

19. Review and Confirmation of the Extension of Suspension of Enforcement of Certain City Codes and Ordinances Taken by the City Manager Pursuant to the City's Continuity of Government Ordinance to Continue to Ease Certain Restrictions on Businesses that are Working to Comply with the Governor's Forward Virginia Plan.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 30, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 10/06/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) confirmed the extension of the suspension of the codes and ordinances to allow flexibility for businesses as described in the document and allow the suspensions to continue until March 31, 2021 or sooner if the City Manager determines that the suspensions should be lifted for any reason; and (2) directed staff to prepare a text amendment and ordinance to be brought forward for Planning Commission and City Council consideration in November to address the longer term need for these necessary temporary changes. The vote was as follows: Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

20. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Soliciting Franchise Proposals for a Telecommunications Facility Franchise Agreement for the design, construction, installation, upgrade, repair, removal and operation of Specified Small Cell Facilities and Related Infrastructure in the public rights-of-ways in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated September 30, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 10/06/20, 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; 10/06/20, 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; 10/06/20 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 passed the proposed ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passed on Saturday, October 17, 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.

- 21. Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Funding Request for \$4.5 million in FY 2027 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated September 30, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 10/06/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council: (1) approved the resolution supporting the \$4.5 million in FY 2027 CMAQ/RSTP funding request; and (2) authorized the City Manager to submit this funding request to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) and enter into necessary agreements with the Commonwealth to accept these grants. 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. 2962

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR FY2027 CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) AND REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application to NVTA for \$4,500,000 in CMAQ and RSTP funds for FY27; and

WHEREAS, \$3,500,000 of these funds are requested to fund new transit service along the Duke Street Transitway and \$1,000,000 of these funds are requested to fund the Implementation of Smart Mobility;

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

1. Hereby supports this application for an allocation of \$4,500,000 in FY 2027 through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), and
2. Hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute project administration agreements for these funds.
22. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Title 5, Chapter 6 of the City Code to update the existing sewage disposal ordinance related to the discharge of Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) into the sanitary sewer collection system from food service establishments.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, October 17, 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

23. Consideration of a Proposal to Provide Board and Commission Applications to the Public.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received and approved the proposal from Councilman Chapman; and (2) directed the City Clerk to attach the Personal Data Record form with redacted personal information to the online docket for board and commission considerations. The redaction should include references' information, resumes (which contain home addresses) and the addition of a privacy statement explaining the redaction. 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.

1. Councilman Chapman stated that there is small committee of community historians working to put together a virtual African American heritage trail along the Waterfront area. Councilman Chapman reported that the virtual tour is available for people to use as they walk along the Waterfront in Alexandria.

2. Councilman Chapman stated that several members will be attending the virtual Virginia Municipal League conference this week.

3. Councilman Chapman reported a number of Old Town businesses would be hosting Oyster Week from October 12 - October 17.

4. Councilman Aguirre gave an update on the 2020 Census, noting that the deadline has been extended until October 31. Councilman Aguirre also noted that the City of Alexandria has surpassed 73% for completion.

5. Councilman Aguirre thanked the Health Department for organizing the flu shots clinics for the past two weeks and he also thanked all the City departments that assisted in making the clinics a success for the community. Councilman Aguirre thanked the Medical Reserve Corps volunteers for helping with the events as well.

6. Councilwoman Jackson reported that the Commission for Women will be hosting a virtual event in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Councilwoman Jackson noted that event begins at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

7. Mayor Wilson requested that City staff bring a proposal for request for additional time to pay the real estate tax that is due in November. Mayor Wilson stated that the request should include a process for taxpayers to request additional time to make payment prior to the deadline and be docketed for consideration at the October 17 Public Hearing meeting.

OTHER

24. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 30, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 24; 10/06/20, 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: (1) received the updated FY 2021 City Council Schedule which includes: the modified dates for the Virtual Virginia Municipal League (VML) Conference on October 7 and 8, 2020; the Interjurisdictional meeting on the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center Study, which has been scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6 p.m.; and the Virtual City Summit sponsored by National League of Cities (NLC) on November 18 through November 20, 2020; and (2) adopted the FY 2021 City Council Schedule from October 2020 through July 2021. 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.

City Council had a discussion about the possibility of returning to in-person meetings at City Hall and Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager gave an overview of the layout for Council Chambers, showing seating arrangements, safety partitions and other precautions begin explored to provide a safe environment for Council members. City Staff will be reviewing Council's concerns and suggestions for returning to in-person meetings and the remaining meetings in October will be virtual.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by

Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Seifeldein and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of October 6, 2020 at 10:54 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

Adopted: February 9, 2021
Ratified:

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