

**City of Alexandria  
City Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 6:00 PM  
Virtual 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.

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; Ms. Snow, Assistant City Attorney; Mr. Sharma, Acting Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Mr. Duval, Deputy Director, T&ES; Ms. K. Taylor, Director, Finance; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing Mr. Browand, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Activities; Ms. S. Taylor, Legislative Director; Ms. Jovovic, Office of Housing; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Keeler, Deputy Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services; Ms. Horowitz, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services (ITS); and Mr. Smith, ITS.

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 the members of City Council were present via Zoom webinar.

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Mayor Wilson stated that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency, the December 8, 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 4.0-01(g) in HB29 and HB30, enacted by the 2020 Virginia General Assembly (Virginia Acts of Assembly Ch. 1283 and 1289), to undertake essential business. All the members of City Council and staff are participating from remote locations through a video conference on Zoom. This meeting is being held electronically, unless a determination is made that it is safe enough to be held in person in the City Council Chamber at 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia. 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. Closed Meeting.

Consideration of a closed meeting for the discussion of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, to consult with legal counsel regarding a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice and discussion of a personnel matter.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper, and carried unanimously, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:03 p.m. to discuss the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the City would be adversely affected, to consult with legal counsel regarding a specific legal matter requiring provision of legal advice and to discuss a personnel matter; specifically, potential investment of public funds for development on the west end of the City, a decision by the City Manager regarding a personnel matter and the legal implications regarding the rights of public employees; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(6), (A)(8), and (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. 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.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:07 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.

### 3. Public Comment Period.

The following persons participated in the public comment period:

1. Ingris Moran, Alexandria, representing Tenants and Workers United, spoke about the need for rental assistance to prevent evictions, need for a comprehensive affordable housing plan for the City, the elimination of SROs in the school to free up funding for other critical needs, and need for legislation to properly identify individuals in police reporting.

2. Sulema Acosta, Alexandria, representing Tenants and Workers United, spoke about how her family has been impacted by the pandemic emergency and the need for rental assistance to avoid eviction this winter.

3. Jonathan Krall, Alexandria, representing Grassroots Alexandria, spoke about the housing crisis in the City and region and requested that Council extend assistance to those in need in the City.

## PROCLAMATIONS

4. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing December 31, 2020 as a Fair Weather Night for First Night Alexandria.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman 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 Volunteers in Alexandria during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, 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**

### **\*MacArthur Advisory Committee Update (Councilwoman Jackson)**

Councilwoman Jackson reported that the committee held a community meeting with presentation on the trail that leads from Janneys/MacArthur to access T.C Williams and she noted that the trail will be closed during demolition and construction. Councilwoman Jackson also reported that construction is slated to begin in early 2021.

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

Councilwoman Jackson reported that the Board was concerned with WMATA and the closing of Eisenhower Metro Station for construction and how the area will be affected by the closing. Councilwoman Jackson reported that the Annual meeting will be held virtually this year.

### **\*COG - Human Services Subcommittee (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman reported that the subcommittee has been working on an agreement to prevent and end homelessness for the region and there is a draft that has been approved and he would share the draft with the other members of Council.

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Commission approved the audit and received an update Northern Virginia Regional Fare Collection Strategic Plan. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the legislative agenda was approved and the held a joint briefing with NVTC and PRTC legislative briefing.

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Commission confirmed the annual report on the performance of WMATA and included notes throughout the report related to the effects of COVID-19 on the system.

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Library moved back to Phase II and curbside pickup is still available. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker noted that the Library has also purchased additional e-books for loan.

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

City Manager Jinks reported that the City was awarded a 100% score for Municipal Equality Index from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation and Equality Federation Institute and he reported that the State Corporation Commission approved an increase of up to 2.9% in revenue for the Virginia American Water Company after an intervention by the City.

### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER CONSENT CALENDAR (6-17)**

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

#### **6. Receipt of Resignations from Boards, Commissions, and Committees:**

- (a) Commission on Persons with Disabilities  
Mark Benedict  
Amy Blackwood  
Jennifer Gentry  
Toni Popkin
- (b) Human Rights Commission  
Damien Hammond, Sr.  
Amy Blackwood

(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. 6 (a-b); 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

#### **7. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:**

- (a) Beautification Commission  
1 Member who shall be a Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, or a Tree Steward  
1 Citizen Member
- (b) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee  
1 Member Designated by the Alexandria School Board
- (c) Commission for the Arts  
1 Professional in fields relevant to arts and cultural development, including cultural planning, marketing, finance, funding, tourism, promotion, nonprofit organizational development, and real estate development

- (d) Commission on Persons with Disabilities  
2 Citizen Members
- (e) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee  
1 Member to be Nominated by the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association
- (f) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
1 Representative from the Alexandria Historical Society
- (g) Historical Restoration and Restoration Commission  
1 Citizen Member appointed by Council
- (h) Social Services Advisory Board  
1 Parent Member

(A copy of the materials for the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7 (a-h); 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

8. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2020.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 2, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Consideration of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2021 First Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 2, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Consideration of an Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development to Include Funding for Utility Assistance.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 2, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Consideration of a Grant Application to Virginia Humanities to support the preliminary research on the potential ownership and use of enslaved labor by the City of Alexandria Government.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 2, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of a License Agreement with ALIVE! Inc. to Utilize a Portion of the City-Owned Building Located at 801 South Payne Street.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 2, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of a License Extension between the City of Alexandria and the Tall Ship Providence Foundation for the Docking of the Tall Ship Providence in the City Marina.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 2, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of a Five-Year License Agreement with the Alexandria Seaport Foundation for Docking the Maritime Heritage Center at its Present Location at the Alexandria City Marina.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 2, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Ordinances for Introduction)

15. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Chapter 10 (CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION) of Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

(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; 12/08/20, 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; 12/08/20, 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 Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, and the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, as amended, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2020-00008 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2020-00008 associated with the Temporary Program for Business Relief and to Address Public Need Related to COVID-19 approved by City Council on November 14, 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; 12/08/20, 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; 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. 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 Alexandria West Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2020-00004 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. 2020-00004 associated with Benchmark at West Alex approved by City Council on November 14, 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. 17; 12/08/20, 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. 17; 12/08/20, 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:

6. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Commission on Persons with Disabilities, Mark Benedict, Amy Blackwood, Jennifer Gentry, and Toni Popkin; and (b) Damien Hammond, Sr., and Amy Blackwood.

7. City Council made appointments to following boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Megan Rainey as the member who shall be a master gardener, master naturalist, or a tree steward and appointed Vineeta Anand as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (b) reappointed Kathy Stenzel as the member designated by the Alexandria School Board to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee; (c) reappointed William Kurowski as the profession in fields relevant to arts and cultural development, including cultural planning, marketing, finance, funding, tourism, promotion, nonprofit organizational development, and real estate development to the Commission for the Arts; (d) appointed Jeffrey Phillips and reappointed Jeffrey Pool as the two citizen members to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (e) appointed Jeanne Jacob as the member to be nominated by the Friendships Veterans Fire Engine Association to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (f) reappointed Severiano Ortiz as the representative from the Alexandria Historical Society to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (g) appointed Marie Smith as the citizen member appointed by Council to the Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission; and (h) appointed Matthew Walsh as the parent member to the Social Services

Advisory Board.

8. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

9. City Council received as information as FY 2021 First Quarter Capital Projects Status Report.

10. City Council: (1) scheduled a public hearing on December 12, 2020 to receive comments on the proposed amendment to the City's FY 2021 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development to including funding for utility assistance to qualified households, and additional funding for rental assistance; (2) following the public hearing, approve the Amendment; and (3) authorized the Office of Housing and the Department of Community and Human Services to provide amounts above the \$5000 cap authorized by City Council in September, to supplement other City resources to keep families, who are at risk of eviction due to nonpayment, and would likely face homelessness as a consequence, remain housed.

11. City Council authorized the City Manager to: (1) approve the application to Virginia Humanities for a \$5000 grant; (2) approve the acceptance of funds from Virginia Humanities for \$5000, if the grant is awarded; and (3) authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council: (1) received the report and set the license agreement for public hearing on December 12, 2020 and consideration for approval of this proposed five-year license agreement after the public hearing; and (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the proposed license agreement with ALIVE! Inc.

13. City Council: (1) received the report and scheduled the proposed license extension for public hearing on December 12, 2020 and after the public hearing approve the proposed sixty day (60) license extension; and (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the attached sixty-day (60) license extension with the Tall Ship Providence Foundation.

14. City Council: (1) received the report and scheduled the proposed five-year license agreement for public hearing on December 12, 2020, and after the public hearing approve the proposed five-year license agreement; and (2) to authorize the City Manager to execute the five-year license agreement with the Alexandria Seaport Foundation.

15. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

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17. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, December 12, 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.



## CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

18. Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force  
1 Member representing the African-American community  
1 Member representing the Latino community

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

NAME:

ENDORSEMENT:

Derrick Robinson  
Marilyn Navy Cruz  
Richard Vargus

(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; 12/08/20, 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 moved to readvertise the position for a member representing the African-American community for the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force. City Council appointed Marilyn Navy Cruz as the member representing the Latino community to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Cruz
Bennett-Parker	-	Cruz
Aguirre	-	Cruz
Chapman	-	Cruz
Jackson	-	Vargus
Pepper	-	Cruz
Seifeldein	-	Cruz

19. Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission  
1 Member with expertise in children, youth and family issues, public safety, medical/health related profession or nonprofit experience

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

NAME:

ENDORSEMENT:

Kevin Brady  
Jessica Cuddy  
Esubalew Dadi  
Dan Edwards  
Jametia Pettway

(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; 12/08/20, 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 Jessica Cuddy as the member with expertise in children, youth and family issues, public safety, medical/health related profession or nonprofit experience to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Cuddy
Bennett-Parker	-	Cuddy
Aguirre	-	Cuddy
Chapman	-	Cuddy
Jackson	-	Edwards
Pepper	-	Cuddy
Seifeldein	-	Cuddy

20. Commission for Women  
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSEMENT:

(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; 12/08/20, 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 Crystal Kramer as the citizen member to the Commission for Women. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Kramer
Bennett-Parker	-	Kramer
Aguirre	-	Kramer
Chapman	-	Miner
Jackson	-	Kramer
Pepper	-	Kramer
Seifeldein	-	Burns

21. Commission on HIV/AIDS  
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSEMENT:

Bryon Garner

(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; 12/08/20, 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 Bryon Garner to the Commission on HIV/AIDS. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Garner
Bennett-Parker	-	Garner
Aguirre	-	Garner
Chapman	-	readvertise
Jackson	-	Garner
Pepper	-	Garner
Seifeldein	-	Garner

22. Environmental Policy Commission

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

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

NAME:	ENDORSEMENT:
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Alexander Clark	
Amber Myers	

(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; 12/08/20, 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 Amber Myers as the member in the field of environmental sciences (e.g. environmental/sanitary engineering, ecology, geology, botany, hydrology, chemistry) or who have Alexandria waterfront expertise, provided that at least four members shall have scientific expertise to the Environmental Policy Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Myers
Bennett-Parker	-	Myers
Aguirre	-	Myers
Chapman	-	Clark
Jackson	-	Clark
Pepper	-	Myers
Seifeldein	-	Myers

23. Public Health Advisory Commission

1 Non-Healthcare Professional Citizen Member

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

NAME:

ENDORSEMENT:

Kali Maltese  
Allison Miner

(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; 12/08/20, 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 Allison Miner as the non-healthcare professional citizen member to the Public Health Advisory Commission. The vote was as follows:

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

24. Sister Cities Committee  
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME:

ENDORSEMENTS:

Hendrick Booz  
Esther Petrilli-Massey

(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; 12/08/20, 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 reappointed Esther Petrilli-Massey as the citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Petrilli-Massey
Bennett-Parker	-	Petrilli-Massey
Aguirre	-	Petrilli-Massey
Chapman	-	Petrilli-Massey
Jackson	-	Petrilli-Massey
Pepper	-	Petrilli-Massey
Seifeldein	-	Petrilli-Massey

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

25. Consideration of Proposed City Legislative Package for the 2021 Virginia General Assembly Session.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 7, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 25; 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the City of Alexandria 2021 General Assembly Legislative Package, as recommended by Council's Legislative Subcommittee and members of City Council, and including additional items discussed at the Public Hearing and during the Work Session with the General Assembly delegation. 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.

26. Consideration of an Update to the City's Affordable Housing Contributions Policy and Procedures.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 2, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 26; 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Seifeldein, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council received and discussed the proposed Update to the City's Affordable Housing Contributions Policy and scheduled the Update for public hearing, consideration and adoption on December 12, 2020. In the updated document key policy recommendations include: (1) requiring applications pursuing residential density above levels envisioned in an underlying small area plan (SAP) to provide 10% of the additional density as affordable housing in core markets and 8% in emerging markets; (2) requiring 2% of the total units (minimum of one unit) be affordable for continuum of care (COC) projects, other than rezonings, which pursue density above levels envisioned in an underlying SAP; (3) requiring COCs seeking rezonings to provide 3% of the total units (minimum of one unit) yielded through density above levels envisioned in underlying SAP as affordable, with 2% (minimum of one unit) provided on the base unit number; (4) requiring age restricted/independent living multifamily projects pursuing density beyond the level envisioned in an SAP, other than through a rezoning, to provide a monetary contribution (or convert the contribution to onsite units) based on the existing City contribution policy and procedures; (5) requiring age-restricted/independent living multifamily projects pursuing density beyond the level envisioned in the SAP, through a rezoning, to provide 3% of the total units yielded through that density (minimum one unit) as affordable through a 60% discount on housing and services; and (6) requiring commercial to residential conversion projects to contribute \$1.52/sf (one-half of the 2020 Residential Tier One rate), or units of equivalent value, with credit for prior housing contributions, if applicable. Members of Council agreed to work with staff prior to the public hearing to fine tune these recommendations to Council's specifications. 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.

27. Oral Update on Winter Weather Preparations

(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. 27; 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received the update on Winter Weather preparations.

28. Consideration of a Proposed Post CARES Act Funding Plan for to Continue Addressing Food Insecurity and Eviction Prevention.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 2, 2020 , is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 28; 12/08/20, 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 approved an allocation of \$375,000 to support a four-month program of food security and \$625,000 to support eviction prevention for City residents most at-risk for the period covering January through April 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.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

29. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of Ordinances to grant a telecommunications facility franchise agreement to CELLCO Partnership d/b/a/ Verizon Wireless: New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC ("AT&T"); and CROWN CASTLE.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 2, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 29; 12/08/20, 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. 29; 12/08/20, 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. 29; 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mayor Wilson and City Attorney Anderson read the proposed ordinances into the record as they were not included as part of the docket item and must be read in order to be scheduled for public hearing on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman

Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the ordinances on first reading and scheduled them for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, December 12, 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.

30. 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 2021.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 2, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 30; 12/08/20, 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; 12/08/20, 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. 30; 12/08/20, 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 approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, December 12, 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.

31. Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Application for Four Mile Run Sediment Dredging. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 2, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 31; 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council: (1) adopted the resolution to apply for \$1,406,250 FY 2020 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) for the new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) pre-disaster mitigation grant program to assist in funding the removal of sediment from the Four Mile Run flood channel to restore the design conveyance; and (2) authorized the City Manager to submit the resolution and enter into any agreements that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved. 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. 2970**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for \$1,406,250 for the FY 2020 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) for the new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) pre-disaster mitigation grant; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of up to \$1,406,250 through the FEMA HMA BRIC grant program.

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

That the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia:

1. Endorses this application for an allocation of \$1,406,250 through the FY 2020 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) for the new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) pre-disaster mitigation grant.
  2. Grants authority for the City Manager to execute project administration agreements for any approved revenue sharing projects.
  3. Commits to fund its local share of engineering and construction (as applicable) costs of the Four Mile Run Sediment Dredging project being performed jointly with Arlington County in accordance with the cost estimate.
- 31a. Review and Confirmation of the Suspension of Enforcement of Certain City Codes and Ordinances Taken by the City Manager Pursuant to the City's Continuity of Government Ordinance to ease certain restrictions on package delivery businesses that are working to comply with the Governor's Forward Virginia Plan.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 4, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 31a; 12/08/20, 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 confirmed the suspension of enforcement of the codes and ordinances to allow flexibility for package delivery businesses as described in the attached document labeled Attachment 1 and allowed the suspension to continue until March 21, 2021 or sooner if the City Manager determines that the suspensions should be lifted for any reason. 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. Councilwoman Pepper reported on the honors and awards the City received during 2020 including the following:



- 100% Score for Municipal Equality Index from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation and Equality Federation Institute;
- Named top five friendliest city by Conde Nast Traveler;
- Named number two Best Small City by Conde Nast Traveler;
- Named number in the top seven Black History Museum in the United States by Conde Nast Traveler;
- Named as one of the top five safest communities by U.S. News and World Report;
- Ranked 5th by the Digital Cities Survey as a Digital City for its size;
- Ranked in the Top 15 Best City in the South by Southern Living Magazine;
- Ranked in the Top 17 as a Best Destination by Travel Destinations Magazine;
- Ranked as a top 8 best getaway from New York City by Forbes Magazine;
- Ranked as a Best Christmas Town by Women's Day Magazine; and
- Maintained its AAA Bond Rating.

## OTHER

### 32. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated December 2, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 32; 12/08/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Seifeldein and carried unanimously, City Council received and adopted the FY 2021 City Council Schedule for November 2020 through July 2021, with meetings for January 2021 being held virtually. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

Closed Meeting (continued if needed)

### 33. Consideration of a closed meeting for the discussion of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, to consult with legal counsel regarding a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice and discussion of a personnel matter.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in closed executive session at 10:42 p.m., to discuss the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the City would be adversely affected, to consult with legal counsel regarding a specific legal matter requiring provision of legal advice and to discuss a personnel matter, specifically, potential investment of public funds for development on the west end of the City, a decision by the City Manager regarding a personnel matter and the legal implications regarding the rights of public employees; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(6), (A)(8), and (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. 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.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 12:17 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.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session previously circulated to Council. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2971**

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council has this 8th day of December, 2020 recessed into executive session pursuant to a motion made and adopted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the city council that such executive session was conducted in accordance with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the city council does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters that were identified in the motion by which the executive session was convened, and that are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act from the Act's open meeting requirements, were heard, discussed or considered by council during the executive session.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Seifeldein and carried unanimously, the regular meeting of December 8, 2020 was adjourned at 12:19 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.

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APPROVED BY:

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JUSTIN M. WILSON   MAYOR

ATTEST:

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