

City of Alexandria
Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:00 PM
Virtual Meeting
City Council Legislative 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; Ms. S. Taylor, Legislative Director/Assistant City Manager; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Poly, Analyst, OMB; Mr. Wick, Manager, OMB; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Police Chief Brown; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Dr. Gaddy, Acting Director, Alexandria Health Department; Fire Chief Smedley; Mr. Maines, Division Chief, T&ES; Mr. Skrabak, Deputy Director, T&ES; Ms. Suehr, Director, Department of Project Implementation; Mr. Landes, Division Chief, Department of Project Implementation; Mr. Eger, General Services; Ms. Oleynik, T&ES; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services; Mr. Smith, ITS, and Ms. Demeke, ITS.

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 via Zoom webinar. Councilman Aguirre and Councilman Chapman arrived at the meeting following roll-call.

2. Resolution Finding Need to Conduct City Council Meetings Electronically.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 5-0, City Council passed the resolution finding the need to conduct City Council meetings electronically. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman Chapman.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2987

Resolution Finding Need to Conduct City Council Meeting Electronically

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam issued Executive Order Fifty-One declaring a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia arising from the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Fifty-One acknowledged the existence of a public health emergency which constitutes a disaster as defined by Virginia Code § 44-146.16 arising from the public health threat presented by a communicable disease anticipated to spread; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020, in response to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, effective at 5:00 p.m. and extending through June 10, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., or as may be amended by the City Council, the City Manager, in his capacity as Director of Emergency Management, issued a Declaration of Local Emergency applicable throughout the entire City of Alexandria, Virginia (the “City”), pursuant to authority granted pursuant to City Code Section 4-3-5, Virginia Code Sections 44-146.21 and 15.2-1413, which City Declaration was unanimously consented to the by the City Council on March 14, 2020, pursuant to City Resolution No. 2928, as required by applicable law; on June 9, 2020, the City Manager extended such Declaration of Local Emergency through September 30, 2020 which extension was unanimously consented to by the City Council on June 9, 2020; on September 22, 2020, the City Manager extended such Declaration of Local Emergency through March 31, 2021 which extension was unanimously consented to by the City Council on September 22, 2020; on March 23, 2021, the City Manager extended such Declaration of Local Emergency through September 30, 2021 which extension was unanimously consented to by the City Council on March 23, 2021; (the “City Declaration”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that COVID-19 constitutes a real and substantial threat to public health and safety and constitutes a “disaster” as defined by Virginia Code § 44-146.16 being a “communicable disease of public health threat;” and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020, the Virginia General Assembly adopted, and the Governor signed, budget bill amendments to HB29 and HB30 (Virginia Acts of Assembly Chapters 1283 and 1289), Section 4-0.01(g), that expressly authorize “any public body, including any state, local, [or] regional body” to “meet by electronic means without a quorum of the public body . . . physically assembled at one location when the Governor has declared a state of emergency . . . , provided that (i) the nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe for the public body . . . to assemble in a single location; (ii) the purpose of the meeting is to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the public body . . . and the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities” among other provisions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, hereby finds that the nature of the declared emergency makes it both impracticable and unsafe for the Council to assemble in a single location for its meeting on this date to discuss and transact the business of the City listed on the docket; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby finds that the items on the docket for this date are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the public body and the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

Budget Work Session - Preliminary Add/Delete

City Council held the preliminary add/delete budget work session. City Council reviewed the proposals that were submitted by City Council prior to the meeting. The proposal included the following:

- elimination of fares for DASH Bus to coincide with launch of the new DASH route network in September 2021;
- addition of experienced worker position assisting older adults seeking employment;
- utilizing revenue re-estimates and technical adjustments, including a one-time City employee bonus equal to 1% of an employee's annual compensation;
- Hensley Park Phase 2 Renovation acceleration;
- Enhancing OHA's oral history program; and
- reappropriation of School Resource Officers Fund for other services for students.

City Council held a discussion about the proposal and asked questions of City staff about the proposals.

3. Public Discussion Period.

The following persons participated in the public discussion period:

1. Joe Sestak, Alexandria, representing Seminary Ridge Civic Association, spoke about Strawberry Run channel design and he requested that the City halt work on the stream
2. Susan Clark-Sestak, Alexandria, spoke about Strawberry Run and the need to revisit the design and stop work on the stream design.
3. Fran Vogel, Alexandria, representing Strawberry Hill Civic Association, spoke about Strawberry Run and the need to stop work on the stream design.
4. Jessica Salvador, Alexandria, spoke in support retaining School Resources Officers in ACPS.
5. Jeanne Jacob, Alexandria, spoke about process concerns related to the Strawberry Run stream restoration.
6. Christine Ann Walika, Alexandria, spoke about the need for community input on the Strawberry Run stream restoration.
7. Susan Gould, Alexandria, spoke about the stream restoration for Strawberry Run and need to review the process.

8. Gerry Frank, Alexandria, spoke about the stream restoration for Strawberry Run and the need for review of the process and more community input.
9. Richard Gould, Alexandria, spoke about the receipt of materials related to the Strawberry Run restoration by the neighborhood.
10. Alexander Cortez, Alexandria, spoke about community input and lack of contact about the Strawberry Run stream restoration.
11. Angel Bonilla, Alexandria, spoke in support of the School Resource Officers in ACPS.
12. Lyn Allen, Alexandria, spoke about the need for additional community input as it relates to Strawberry Run.
13. Carol Kocot, Alexandria, spoke about the need to review the process for the Strawberry Run stream restoration.
14. Larry Kocot, Alexandria, spoke about the Strawberry Run stream restoration and the lack of community input.

The following persons spoke at the conclusion of the docketed items:

15. Jeremy Flachs, Alexandria, spoke about the Strawberry Run stream restoration and spoke about credits and the about pausing the restoration.
16. Russell Bailey, Alexandria, spoke about the Strawberry Run stream restoration.
17. Ashley Moore, attorney, spoke about removing School Resource officers from ACPS.
18. Steve Tuttle, Alexandria, spoke about the Strawberry Run stream restoration.
19. John Craig, Alexandria, spoke against the reconsideration of the Braddock West project.
20. Robert Steele, Alexandria, spoke in support of the reconsideration of the Braddock West project.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council closed the public comment 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.

***This item was considered following the Budget Work Session. ***

4. Wrap-up of the 2021 Virginia General Assembly Session.

City Council received a report of the wrap-up of the General Assembly activity from the local State Delegation. Del. Charniele Herring, Del. Mark Levine, Senator Adam Ebbin, Senator, George Barker, and Senator Richard Saslaw gave a report to Council and responded to questions.

PROCLAMATIONS

5. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Jackson, 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.

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the SRG- Social Responsibility Group.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, 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 Aguirre, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

Oral Reports from Members of City Council on Boards, Commissions, and Committees

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

Mayor Wilson reported that the Committee attended the new Lineage at North Patrick Street and 52 families moved in. Mayor Wilson reported that the Committee received an update on the ongoing redevelopment process for their properties.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that Subcommittee discussed reopening of City schools and the impacts of the process. Mayor Wilson noted that the superintendent gave an updated on the reopening of school buildings, the possible use of City facilities and the use of virtual academy.

***City Council/Alexandria Renew CSO Committee (Mayor Wilson and Councilwoman Jackson)**

Mayor Wilson reported that the project has remained on schedule and on budget. Mayor Wilson noted that there was discussion about the credits that will be available as a result of the CSO work being performed.

***COG Board of Directors (Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson noted that the Council would be considering a resolution later that endorses DC statehood and he reported that the Council of Governments adopted a resolution endorsing DC statehood.

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Board has approved funding for an internship at Special Collections and they discussed the elimination of library fines. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker noted that the Library is planning to open on Sundays in July and will be filling positions to staff that opening shortly.

***Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that VRE is planning to return to full service on June 1 and the board continued the discussion of refunding and reimburse local jurisdictions at the May meeting.

***NVTC-PRTC Joint Commission Working Group (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the group endorsed 13 proposals for the I-95/I-395 Commuter Choice program, subject to comments received from the public.

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Commission received a presentation from the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia related to the housing research that they have been conducting, distributing data on households experiencing housing difficulties in the region.

***MacArthur Advisory Committee (Councilwoman Jackson)**

Councilwoman Jackson reported that the first demolition occurred at the old building on Janney's Lane and beginning the construction of the forest design.

***Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (Councilwoman Jackson)**

Councilwoman Jackson reported that the Committee will be meeting with CEEPC on July 28 and she reported that the Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week Outline is available and the week will be held June 5 -13, bring awareness to the Bay.

***Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) (Councilman Aguirre and Councilwoman Jackson)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Commission held a review of implicit bias and racial and social equity by one of the subcommittees. Councilman Aguirre reported that the group discussed the Youth Master Plan and there was a discussion about truancy.

***COG Transportation Planning Board (TPB) (Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Board discussed the 2022 Unified Plan and continued to receive updates on the 2022 Commuter Connections and Visualize 2025.

***Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP) (Councilman Aguirre and Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that the group continued its discussion on updating the by-laws and the values and mission statement. Councilman Aguirre noted that the group discussed how to assist the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission with their work.

***Alexandria Transportation Commission (ATC) (Councilman Aguirre and Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Commission discussed the Alexandria Mobility Plan during their meeting, highlighting accessibility, convenience, equity, and safety.

***Minnie Howard High School Project (Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre reported that the group discussed the possibility of including a pool with the project and the cost of including that in the project.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

(a) Report by Dr. Anne Gaddy, MD, MPH, Acting Director, Alexandria Health Department, on COVID-19 Mitigation and Vaccination Progress.

Dr. Gaddy, Acting Director, Alexandria Health Department gave an update on the COVID-19 status for the City and an update on vaccination distribution in the community and she responded to questions from Council about vaccine distribution and community engagement.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER
CONSENT CALENDAR (7-10)**

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

7. Consideration of a License Amendment between the City of Alexandria and Hornblower Cruises & Events (Potomac Riverboat Co.) for a License Fee Repayment Plan in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
8. Consideration of a Grant application for the 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Swift Water and Flood Rescue Teams.
9. Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2021 State Homeland Security Program

(SHSP) Grant through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Equipment.

10. Consideration of Grant Application for FY 2021 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP).

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the items on the consent calendar under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

7. Consideration of a License Amendment between the City of Alexandria and Hornblower Cruises & Events (Potomac Riverboat Co.) for a License Fee Repayment Plan in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 21, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 7; 04/27/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received the report and scheduled the proposed license amendment two for public hearing on May 15, 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.

8. Consideration of a Grant application for the 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Swift Water and Flood Rescue Teams.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 21, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 8; 04/27/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) authorized the acceptance of a grant for \$33,500; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the 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.

9. Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Equipment.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 21, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 9; 04/27/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilman

Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application for \$66,500; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the 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.

10. Consideration of Grant Application for FY 2021 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 21, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10; 04/27/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the grant application to the 2021 Port Security Grant Program, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$350,624; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary document 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.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

11. Stream Restoration Program Update (Lucky Run, Strawberry Run, and Taylor Run)

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 04/27/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received the update and requested that staff proceed with the Lucky Run project and pause on the Strawberry Run and Taylor Run projects. City Council also requested that all three streams be tested. Staff will also continue to have discussions with the community on alternatives to the natural channel designs and about other options for working on the channel. Staff will also update the protocols to the natural channel designs. The Environmental Policy Commission will continue to be part of the discussions.

12. Receipt and Endorsement of the City of Alexandria Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Readiness Strategy.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 21, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 04/27/21, 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 endorsed the City of Alexandria Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Readiness Strategy. 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

13. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the City's Community Funding Priorities Submission to Congressman Beyer for Federal Funding Consideration. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 21, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 04/27/21, 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 adopted a resolution approving the City's Community Funding Priorities and Surface Transportation Act Funding Submission to Congressman Beyer for funding consideration. 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. 2988

Identifying City of Alexandria Priorities for Federal Funding Opportunities and Requesting Congressional Delegation Support

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed many stark inequalities and significant needs in communities across our nation, including in the City of Alexandria, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has invested significant City resources during the past year, as well as funding allocated to the City through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, in addressing inequalities and needs in our own city, including in the specific areas of housing security, business stability and recovery, food insecurity, continuity of government and public health education, outreach and service delivery, and;

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the Executive Branch have identified numerous avenues for additional, significant, direct investment in communities as opportunities to create jobs, invest in both people and infrastructure, and work to address the ongoing needs of families, businesses, neighborhoods and communities across our country, and;

WHEREAS, currently these funding opportunities include Community Project Funding in appropriations bills in Fiscal Year 2022 and the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill, and;

WHEREAS, these potential funding sources present a significant opportunity for local governments to propose and request support from our Congressional delegation for critical projects in specific funding areas to benefit our residents, businesses and workers, and;

WHEREAS, these potential funding opportunities come at a critical time when people throughout our community are facing tremendous need, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has identified eight projects appropriate for funding through the Community Project Funding process, including:

- Re-employment and upskilling programs and services;
- Flash flooding “spot improvement” projects;
- Seed funding for Alexandria Arts District Community Development Authority;
- Deployment of body worn cameras in the Alexandria Police Department;
- Regional trauma-informed crime prevention and intervention through engagement, equity and asset development;
- Early childhood education – aligning early childhood education and school readiness with best practices that lessen negative impacts on children, families and the community;
- Four Mile Run restoration – urban deck environmental remediation and design;
- Investment in enforcement and infrastructure to improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists on southern portion of the George Washington Memorial Parkway and;

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has identified five projects and funding areas appropriate for funding through the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill, including:

- Design and construction of the Mt Vernon Bridge connecting Alexandria and Arlington;
- I-395 at Duke / Landmark - Improved Landmark redevelopment site access;
- Acquisition and redevelopment of the Norfolk Southern rail spur right of way for a nonmotorized trail in Old Town North;
- Bridge preventative and restorative maintenance;
- ADA and Rapid Response Pedestrian Safety in High Transit and Equity Areas, and;

WHEREAS, these projects are clear priorities for the City and address significant inequalities and recognized needs in the City of Alexandria in the areas of human services, community development and infrastructure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Alexandria supports these local priorities and endorses them for consideration for federal funding opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Alexandria calls upon our Congressional delegation to support these local priorities in the areas of human services, community development and infrastructure and work to secure federal funding for these projects and programs.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Alexandria Congressional delegation – the Honorable Mark R. Warner, the Honorable Timothy M. Kaine, and the Honorable Donald S. Beyer, Jr.

14. Deferral of Upper King Street Multimodal Improvements SMART SCALE Grant Application. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated April 21, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 14; 04/27/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council passed a resolution that: (1) deferred the \$36.8 million Upper King Street Multimodal Reconstruction grant application to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) SMART SCALE Round 4 (FY26 to FY27) program; and (2) tentatively plan to resubmit an Upper King Street project for SMART SCALE (FY28 to FY29) funding consideration after the necessary civic engagement has been undertaken and a preferred alternative approved by City 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. 2989

RESOLUTION TO DEFER AND WITHDRAW THE PRIOR APPLICATION FOR UPPER KING STREET MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS FROM SMART SCALE ROUND 4 (FY 2026 AND 2027) AND TENTATIVELY PLAN TO APPLY IN A SUBSEQUENT ROUND PENDING ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC ANALYSIS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria reaffirms its commitment to safety, multimodal transportation, improvements to stormwater infrastructure, and beautification in the area around Upper King Street; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria recognizes the importance of Upper King Street as a gateway to Alexandria for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to seek funding for critical improvements to this corridor, and had previously, at staff's recommendation, authorized submission to the Commonwealth of Virginia's SMART SCALE Round 4 program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of SMART SCALE is to fund the most effective 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, one of the City's initial submissions to SMART SCALE Round 4, the Upper King Street Multimodal Reconstruction project, requires more detailed traffic analysis and community engagement to develop a Council-approved preferred alternative for the corridor; and

WHEREAS, because significant changes to key elements of the project as submitted by the City could result in a future re-scoring and re-ranking that could result in the loss of some or all future potential SMART SCALE funds;

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 the deferral and withdrawal of its \$39.9 million Upper King Street Multimodal Reconstruction grant application to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) SMART SCALE Round 4 (FY 2026-2027) program;
 2. The City Council of the City of Alexandria tentatively plans to resubmit an Upper King Street project for SMART SCALE (FY 2028- 2029) funding consideration after the necessary civic engagement has been undertaken and a preferred alternative approved by City Council; and
 3. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required by this action.
15. Consideration of a Resolution to Support District of Columbia Statehood. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager’s memorandum dated April 21, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 04/27/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Seifeldein and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution to support District of Columbia Statehood. 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. 2990

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATEHOOD

WHEREAS, this nation is founded on the belief that all people are endowed with certain inalienable rights and that to secure these rights, governments are instituted, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; and

WHEREAS, the United States is the formal union of states formed by their people and to have the full rights of self-government, one must be a citizen of a state; and

WHEREAS, statehood only requires a simple majority vote in each house of Congress and the President's signature and is the only form of self-government that Congress cannot amend or take away; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the people of the District of Columbia are the only Americans who bear all of the burdens of citizenship, but who do not enjoy all of the citizenship's benefits and remain effectively a colony; and

WHEREAS, Congress in the 1973 District of Columbia Self-Government and Government Re-organization Act, (the "Home Rule Act") has already carved out the federal core of the District, including the White House, Capitol, Supreme Court, Mall and monuments, as the National Capital Service Area and such area can constitutionally be the "Seat of the Government of the United States"; and

WHEREAS, District voters have overwhelmingly expressed their desire for statehood by voting in a 2016 advisory referendum in favor of statehood; and

WHEREAS, District residents pay the highest federal income tax per capita when compared to residents of any of the 50 states; and

WHEREAS, the District has passed 24 consecutive balanced budgets, achieved a "triple A" rating in 2018 and maintains enviable cash reserves. Washington, DC adds nearly 900 new residents per month; its \$16 billion local budget is funded by mostly local taxes and fees, the District has clearly proven its ability to self-govern; and

WHEREAS, statehood is the simplest and most constitutional way to make the people of the District of Columbia full citizens of the United States of America and is a matter of simple justice.

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

Urges the Congress to use its powers under Article IV, Section 3 of the United States Constitution and admit the residential and commercial areas of the District of Columbia, minus the National Capital Service Area which shall henceforth be the Seat of the Government of the United States, as the 51st State of the Union.

16. Consideration of Revised Resolution for the Order of Business of Council Meetings.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 21, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 04/27/21, 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 adopted the revised resolution which: (1) adds "Reports and Recommendations from the City Manager" at the first legislative meeting; (2) adds "Ordinances and Resolutions" (not on consent or roll-call consent) at the first legislative meeting; and (3) adds "Roll-Call Consent Calendar" to the regular public hearing

meeting. 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. 2991

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2798, adopted November 28, 2017, revised and established rules of procedure, the order of business and a schedule for meetings of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to repeal Resolution No. 2798 to conform to the present practices of City Council and for other purposes;

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

Section 1. Schedule for Meetings and Official Events. That the following schedule for City Council meetings and other official events be, and the same hereby is, adopted and shall be supplemental and in addition to the provisions contained in The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended:

1. The City Council shall, except during the months of July and August, hold regular legislative meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month at **7:00** p.m.; provided, however, that when any such day shall fall on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next succeeding day; and, provided further, that there shall be no regular legislative meeting on the fourth Tuesday in December. The first legislative meeting will be reserved for the business meeting of City Council; the second legislative meeting will be reserved for the policy discussion and debate meeting of City Council.
2. The City Council shall, except during the months of July and August, hold regular public hearing meetings on the Saturday following the second Tuesday in each month at 9:30 a.m., provided, however, that when such day shall fall on or within three days of a legal holiday, the meeting may be held on the Saturday preceding the fourth Tuesday of the month.
3. Special meetings of the City Council, held in lieu of or in addition to regular meetings, may be held at any time as provided for in Sec. 2-1-43 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
4. At the first regular meeting in September of each year, City Council shall approve a calendar of City Council Meetings and other official events, including any neighborhood meetings that are planned, for the entire year from September through June, and may amend the calendar as deemed desirable.

Section 2. Order of Business for Regular, Public Hearing and Special Meetings. That the following Order of Business for City Council Meetings be, and the same hereby is, adopted pursuant to Section 2-1-47 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia 1981, as amended.

1. At the first legislative meeting (business) the order of business shall be as follows:
 - (a) Calling the Roll
 - (b) Executive Session (if required)
 - (c) Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
 - (d) Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes
 - (e) Recognition of Youth
 - (f) Proclamations
 - (g) Oral Reports from City Council on Boards, Commissions and Committees
 - (h) Oral Reports from the City Manager
 - (i) Consent Calendar
 - 1) Resignations and Uncontested Appointments
 - 2) Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager
 - 3) Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading
 - (j) Roll-Call Consent Calendar
 - 1) Ordinances and Resolutions
 - (k) Contested Board Appointments
 - (l) Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager for Discussion (not on consent calendar)**
 - (m) Ordinances and Resolutions (not on consent calendar)**
 - (n) Oral Reports and Oral Presentations by Members of City Council
 - (o) Executive Session (if required)
 - (n) Adjournment

2. At the second legislative meeting (policy decisions/debate) the order of business shall be as follows:
 - (a) Calling the Roll
 - (b) Executive Session (if required)
 - (c) Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
 - (d) Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes
 - (e) Oral Reports from City Council on Boards, Commissions and Committees
 - (f) Oral Reports of the City Manager
 - (g) Consent Calendar
 - 1) Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager
 - (h) Roll-Call Consent Calendar
 - 1) Ordinances and Resolutions
 - (i) Work Session
 - (j) Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager for Discussion (Policy Items for Council Direction to Staff)
 - (k) Oral Reports and Oral Presentations by Members of City Council
 - (l) Adjournment

3. At regular public hearing meetings, the order of business shall be as follows:
 - (a) Calling the roll
 - (b) Public discussion period (30 minutes)
 - (c) Action consent calendar
 - (d) Roll-Call Consent Calendar**

1) Ordinances (public hearing, second reading and final passage)

- (d) Public hearing on reports and recommendations of the city manager
 - (e) Public hearing on reports of boards, commissions and committees
 - (f) Public hearing, second reading and final passage of ordinances, and public hearing and adoption of resolutions
 - (g) Deferral/withdrawal consent calendar
 - (h) Other business
 - (i) Executive sessions
4. At special meetings, the order of business shall conform to the order established for regular legislative or public hearing meetings, as appropriate, or shall be established in the notice of the meeting as provided by Sec. 2-1-43 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Section 3. Rules of Procedure for Regular, Public Hearing and Special Meetings. That the following rules of procedure for regular legislative and public hearing, and special meetings of City Council be, and the same hereby are, adopted and shall be supplemental and in addition to the provisions contained in the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended:

1. All supporting reports, documents or material shall be delivered to each member of Council at least **48** hours in advance of the meeting. Supporting reports, documents or material may be delivered subsequently when exceptional circumstances so require.
2. All supporting reports, documents or material, other than material exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, shall be made available to the public at the time such material is delivered to the members of council.
3. The public will normally not be recognized to speak on docket items at regular legislative meetings. The rule with respect to when a person may speak to a docket item at a legislative meeting can be waived by a majority vote of council members present but such a waiver is not normal practice. When a speaker is recognized, the rules of procedures for speakers at public hearing meetings shall apply. (See also paragraph 7, below.) If an item is docketed *for public hearing* at a regular legislative meeting, the public may speak to that item, and the rules of procedures for speakers at public hearing meetings shall apply.
4. One or more consent calendars, comprised of docket items deemed to be routine and housekeeping in the discretion of the City Council or City Manager, shall be prepared for each meeting at the direction of the City Manager. Adoption or approval of all items on a consent calendar shall require but a single vote by City Council; except that upon the request of any member of the City Council any item on the consent calendar shall be voted upon separately; and, provided further, that upon the request of a member of the public, any item on a consent calendar for a public hearing meeting shall be heard and voted upon separately. A consent calendar shall not include ordinances docketed for public hearing, second reading and final passage, resolutions or other items requiring a roll-call vote by Council.
5. If the City Clerk, at least two days before the meeting, shall transmit to each member of

the City Council, **at the member's residence address or by electronic communication**, a copy of the minutes of such previous meeting for inspection, reading thereof before the City Council assembled may, unless a member otherwise requests, be dispensed with and such minutes so inspected may be acted upon without being read.

6. At all meetings the City Manager shall where reasonably possible arrange the docket so that items covering similar subject matter are grouped together.
7. The first 30 minutes of public hearing meetings will be open for public discussion on any subject not on the public hearing docket. The mayor may grant permission to a person, who is unable to participate in public discussion at a public hearing meeting for medical, religious, family emergency or other similarly significant reasons, to speak at a regular legislative meeting. When such permission is granted, the rules of procedures for public discussion at public hearing meetings shall apply. Guidelines for the public discussion period shall be as follows:
 - (a) All speakers must complete a speaker request form and submit the completed form to the City Clerk by the time the item is called by the City Clerk.
 - (b) No speaker will be allowed more than three minutes, but that time may be extended by the Mayor or presiding member.
 - (c) If more speakers are signed up than would be allotted for in 30 minutes, the Mayor may organize speaker requests by subject or position, and allocate appropriate times, trying to ensure that speakers on unrelated subjects will be allowed to speak during the 30-minute public discussion period.
 - (d) If speakers seeking to address council on the same subject cannot agree on a particular order or method that they would like the speakers to be called on, the speakers shall be called in the chronological order in which their request forms were received.
 - (e) Any speakers not called during the public discussion period will have the option to speak at the conclusion of the meeting, after all docketed items have been heard.
8. Any speaker wishing to address Council shall register his or her intent to do so on a speaker request form filed with the City Clerk in advance of the time that the item about which the speaker wishes to speak is called on the docket, or in advance of the public discussion period. The speaker request form shall be substantially in the form attached hereto.
9. The order of speakers shall be determined by the Mayor or other presiding member of council.
10. A speaker shall limit his or her remarks to three minutes and shall speak only once on any docket item. The Mayor or presiding member may allow rebuttal for a total of no more than three minutes, and a proponent may also speak during the time allowed for

rebuttal. The Mayor or presiding member may allow a speaker a brief extension of time to conclude the speaker's remarks. A speaker requiring more than three minutes for his or her presentation shall notify the City Clerk in writing before 5:00 p.m. of the day preceding the date of the meeting of the additional time required, together with the reasons. Council may, by consent of a majority of those present, grant additional time not to exceed fifteen minutes. A speaker shall be stopped if his or her comments become irrelevant or unnecessarily repetitious.

11. Speakers are encouraged to prepare and deliver to the City Clerk for distribution to the Council written statements of their positions.
12. The City Clerk shall arrange for a timekeeper to assure that each speaker stays within the allotted speaking time.
13. When voting on final passage of any ordinance, or on any resolution, the name of each member voting and how the member voted shall be recorded by the City Clerk.

Section 4. Miscellaneous provisions.

1. That the Schedule of Meetings, Order of Business and Rules of Procedures adopted by this resolution shall not be departed from, except upon the consent of the majority of the Council members present.
2. That the Schedule of Meetings, Order of Business and Rules of Procedure adopted by this resolution, unless otherwise required by law, shall be directory only, shall not have the force or effect of law, and a departure therefrom shall not be construed to invalidate any Council proceeding or decision.
3. That this resolution shall become effective on April 27, 2021.

Section 5. Repeal. That Resolution No. 2798, adopted November 28, 2017, relating to rules of procedure, orders of business and schedules for meetings of the City Council be, and the same hereby is, repealed effective April 27, 2021.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

17. Update on Recommendations from the Boards and Commissions Audit/Review Committee.

(A copy of the City Clerk's memorandum dated April 21, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 04/27/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council received the update from the Boards and Commissions Audit/Review Committee. 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.

18. Consideration of a motion to rescind the vote denying the request for Master Plan Amendment #2020-0008, Rezoning #2020-0004, Development Special Use Permit #2020-10027, Transportation Management Plan Special Use Permit #2020-00076 and Vacation #2020-00004 for the Braddock West Development at 1352, 1356, 1360, and 1362 Madison Street, 1319, 1321, 1323, 1325, 1327, and 1329 Wythe Street.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 21, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 18; 04/27/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 5-2, City Council moved to rescind the vote from March 13. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Seifeldein.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council scheduled the item for public hearing and consideration on May 15, 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.

OTHER

19. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 21, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19; 04/27/21, 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 received and adopted the FY 2021 City Council Schedule for April through July 2021. The vote was follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of April 27, 2021 at 1:46 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