

**City of Alexandria  
City Council Special Meeting  
Tuesday, August 10, 2021 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. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Ms. Pledger, Director/Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services (ITS); Mr. Moss, 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 members of Council were present, with Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein attending the meeting via Zoom webinar.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

3. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding with the Commonwealth of Virginia for the allocation of funds from settlements of litigation regarding the opioid addiction epidemic.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated August 10, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 3; 08/10/21, 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 authorizing the City Manager to enter into the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement

Allocation Memorandum of Understanding with the Commonwealth of Virginia for the allocation of funds from settlements of litigation regarding the opioid addiction epidemic. 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. 3014**

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, through their elected representatives and counsel, and the Commonwealth of Virginia, through the Office of the Attorney General, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to recover costs incurred and to be incurred in abating the opioid addiction epidemic that plagues Virginia communities;

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Virginia share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of the opioid addiction epidemic and to maximize litigation recoveries from those third parties responsible for same;

WHEREAS, in order to advance their common interests, the City of Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Virginia, through counsel, have extensively negotiated the terms of a memorandum of understanding relating to the allocation and use of such litigation recoveries;

WHEREAS, the City's outside opioid litigation counsel has recommended that the City approve the proposed memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed memorandum of understanding and concurs with the recommendation of outside counsel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council assembled on this day at which a quorum is present, that the City Council hereby authorizes and approves, or confirms authorization and approval, of the Virginia Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference thereto as Exhibit "A", and directs the City Manager or the City Attorney to execute and enter into such Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City of Alexandria.

Adjourn.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the Special Meeting of August 10, 2021 at 6:17 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

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**APPROVED BY:**

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**JUSTIN M. WILSON    MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC      City Clerk

Approved: September 14, 2021