

City of Alexandria
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 25, 2021 6:00 PM
Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor 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; Assistant Police Chief Hayes; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Taylor, Assistant City Manager/Legislative Director; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Keeler, Deputy Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Gordon, Director, Emergency Communications; Dr. Gaddy, Acting Director, Alexandria Health Department; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Mr. Kerns, Division Chief, P&Z; Ms. Beach, Division Chief, P&Z; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Ms. Landrum, CEO, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership; Ms. Talis, Alexandria Health Department; Ms. Slesinger, Principal Planner, T&ES; Ms. Roberts, Deputy City Attorney; Mr. Ziemann, Division Chief, T&ES; Ms. Cadena, Housing Analyst, Office of Housing; Ms. Lassetter, Civil Engineer, T&ES; Ms. Gilbert, Director of Center for Economic Support, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Mr. Browand, Division Chief, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Ms. Suehr, Director, Department of Project Implementation (DPI); Ms. Kott, Division Chief, DPI; Ms. Dudoff, Organizational Development Specialist, Office of Organizational Excellence; Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Demeke, ITS; and Ms. Smith, 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 Council were present via Zoom webinar.

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

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted a resolution finding the need to conduct City Council meeting electronically. 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. 2994

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.

Closed Session

3. 6:00 p.m. - 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 and to consult with legal counsel regarding actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker 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 and staff regarding actual or probable litigation where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; specifically, potential investment of public funds for broadband services for the community, and potential settlement of litigation involving a claim made by an employee in the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(6) and (A)(7) 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 7:01 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.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously 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. 2995

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 25th day of May, 2021 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.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Seifeldein and carried City Council authorized the City Attorney to enter into the settlement agreement to resolve the claims made by the employee in the case captioned Courtney Price v. City of Alexandria, on the terms discussed in closed session. 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.

Mayor Wilson offered condolences to the family of Delegate Richard Hobson, who passed away last week.

4. Public Discussion Period.

The following person participated in the public discussion period:

1. Patrick Moran, Alexandria, spoke about the remove of school resource officers from City schools and requested that Council take corrective actions to restore those positions to the City.

PROCLAMATIONS

5. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the 77th Anniversary of D-Day Commemoration Month.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Jackson, 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.

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week.

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.

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

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that VRE would be returning to full service at the beginning of June and the board authorized contracts for maintenance operating services and for the purchase of new railcars. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker noted that the budget was referred to the Commissions which included the relief to local jurisdiction. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Board discussed the electronic participation policy for meetings.

***Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Board congratulated Lori Lloyd on her upcoming retirement from Visit Alexandria. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Board adopted the FY22 Operating Budget and discussed trends related to travel. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker noted that the summer package was back for the summer and discussed plans for Rescue Plan funding. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that Alexandria has been nominated again for the Conde-Nast Top Small City Award.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that CYFCC subcommittee on Racial Equity held an exercise on how everyday situations affects people differently. Councilman Aguirre also reported that Amanda Hazelwood would be serving as the chair for the next term. Councilman Aguirre reported that the group discussed the recently passed youth master plan and the School Resource Officers issue.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Board had a discussion on climate impact on the region and there will be an upcoming resolution to be considered.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that the Commission discussed multimodal usage for two developments in the City, including Landmark Mall and Arlandria-Chirilagua area. Councilman Aguirre noted that the discussion focused on connectivity and options that would be available for use. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was discussion on potential grants and the expansion of the bikeshare program to the West End.

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

Councilman Aguirre congratulated Faith Spillman with the Police Department for being recognized as one of the 40 under 40 for the City. Councilman Aguirre reported that the group discussed the Vision and Values statement and voted to update the Values. Councilman Aguirre reported that the group received a presentation from the Teen Wellness Center and the programs they provide.

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

Councilwoman Jackson reported that the Commission discussed the water infrastructure and workforce. Councilwoman Jackson reported the EPA Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Funds has funding available to support economic stressed communities working to protect water infrastructure against the impacts of climate change, reducing exposure to lead, and addressing emerging contaminants. Councilwoman Jackson reported that the Commission discussed the regional water quality management budget. Councilwoman Jackson reported that Fredrick County, Maryland has produced the modules about the health of Chesapeake Bay.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that the Subcommittee received an update on COVID and the planning for the fall and summer learning for students. Mayor Wilson reported the Subcommittee received an updated student generation rate for the City, noting that a majority of students live in apartments or condos, with many living in older apartments in the City. Mayor Wilson reported that the Subcommittee had some discussion around the George Mason/Cora Kelley feasibility study and ACPS would be holding community meetings to present the study to residents. Mayor Wilson requested that the City Manager report on the high school project and the potential inclusion of a pool/aquatics facility in the project.

Mr. Jinks, City Manager, reported ACPS would like to include a pool in the project and that the funding for the pool was not include in the budget. Mr. Jinks noted that the proposed design would be a \$15 million cost and there is currently no funding in the CIP for this project. ACPS is requesting a decision from City Council by June about the possibility of funding. Mr. Jinks has requested more information from the Superintendent about the funding and more information will be forthcoming to Council on June 9 for Council consideration.

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.

City Manager Jinks reported that a community service fair was held at Southern Towers that included rental assistance, food assistance and vaccine distribution.

Dr. Gaddy, Acting Director, Alexandria Health Department, gave an update on COVID-19 mitigation and vaccination distribution, noting that cases and the positivity rate are down in the City and the number of people aged 12 and up is at 52% in the City. Ms. Talis, Population Health Manager, gave an update on vaccination distribution in the community, highlighting partnerships with ACPS and other community partners to hold vaccination clinics to reach targeted areas. Ms. Talis also noted that POD sites would be moving to Francis Hammond and the US Patent and Trade Office.

Dr. Gaddy recognized the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers who received national awards for the call center used during the pandemic and vaccine distribution and for the logistical support the MRC volunteers provided for different areas during the past year.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (7-10)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

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

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 19, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 7; 05/25/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. Consideration of a Grant Application to Next Generation (NG) 9-1-1 Funding and Virginia Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Education Program through Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Educational Training.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 19, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 8; 05/25/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Consideration of a Grant Application for a Public Safety Resilience Behavioral Health Specialist (part-time employee).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 19, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 9; 05/25/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Consideration of the City's Draft FY 2022 to FY 2026 Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development and Draft One Year Action Plan to Enable HUD FY 2022 Funding.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 19, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10; 05/25/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

7. City Council received as information the FY 2021 Third Quarter Capital Projects Status Report.

8. City Council: (1) approved the submission of the Next Generation (NG) 9-1-1 Funding and Virginia Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Education Program application for \$3000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

9. City Council: (1) received and approved the grant application; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

10. City Council: (1) approved the City's Draft FY 2022 to FY 2026 Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development Draft FY 2022 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development; and (2) authorized the City Manager to make any necessary adjustments to the Consolidated Plan and FY 2022 Action Plan and grant application to reflect changes to grant figures received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and execute all necessary documents.

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.

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (11-12)

11. Consideration of a Resolution to Add and Amend fees on the Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 19, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 05/25/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of Approval of a Six-Year Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Capital Funding Agreement. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 19, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 05/25/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council considered each item on the roll-call consent calendar separately.

11. Consideration of a Resolution to Add and Amend fees on the Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 19, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 05/25/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution to make the following changes to the Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule: (1) to authorize fees to cover costs associated with a third party financial analysis when an applicant requests a modification of the contribution required under the Housing Contribution Policy; (2) to authorize fees to cover costs associated with a third part green building review when an applicant requests flexibility or a unique approach to meeting the City's Green Building Policy with a Development Site Plan (DSP) or Development Special Use Permit (DSUP); and (3) to establish a limitation of three DSP/DSUP applications with each development plan review fee. 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. 2996

WHEREAS, under section 11-104 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, as amended, provides that the director shall by general rule approved by City Council establish a schedule of fees required for each application for development approval to be paid at the time an application is submitted; and

WHEREAS, the director and City Council have determined that the fee schedule is in need of amendment and adjustment.

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

1. That the fee schedule attached hereto, entitled Department of Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule, is deemed to contain fair and appropriate fees; and
 2. That said fee schedule shall be, and hereby is, approved and incorporate by reference in this resolution, and shall, until amended or rescinded, set forth the fees to be charged by the City of Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning, beginning July 1, 2021; and
 3. To the extent that these rates differ from those in Resolutions 2770, 2821 and 2944, those provisions of Resolutions 2770, 2821 and 2944 are hereby repealed; and
 4. That this resolution shall become effective July 1, 2021.
12. Consideration of Approval of a Six-Year Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Capital Funding Agreement. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 19, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 05/25/21, 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: (1) approved the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Capital Funding Agreement (CFA) for FY 2022 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027); and (2) adopt the resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign and execute the WMATA CFA. 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. 2997

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE WMATA CAPITAL FUNDING AGREEMENT (CFA) FOR
FY 2022 (JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2027)**

WHEREAS, Jurisdictional council/board approval is required for all capital funding agreements (CFA); and

WHEREAS, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and its jurisdictional funding partners have entered into the fiscal year (FY) 2020 Capital Funding Agreement (FY 2020 CFA), which expires July 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, WMATA has negotiated a six-year Capital Funding Agreement with the Contributing Jurisdictions.

**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 approves the FY 2022 to FY 2027 WMATA CFA.
2. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority to the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City of Alexandria the WMATA CFA substantially in the form of Attachment A to this resolution and any necessary documentation.
3. That in order to fully execute these agreements prior to July 1, 2021, this Resolution shall be effective immediately.
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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

13. FY 2022 Long-Range Planning Interdepartmental Work Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 19, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 05/25/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the proposed Long-Range Planning Interdepartmental Work Program for FY 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.

14. Potomac Yard Metro Report.

(A copy of the presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 14; 05/25/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received the report on Potomac Yard Metro.

15. Oral Report on City of Alexandria Mediation Program (CAMP).

(A copy of the presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 05/25/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received the oral report on City of Alexandria Mediation Program (CAMP).

16. Consideration and Approval of Funding to Support Ongoing COVID-19 Eviction Prevention Response.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 19, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 05/25/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the Legal Services of Northern Virginia's (LSNV) request for funding to hire a second Housing Justice Attorney to provide individual representation for City residents facing eviction and increase the organization's capacity to address the City's eviction crisis; (2) authorized the creation of a Data Management Position to support the data collection and analysis needs of the Eviction Prevention Task Force; and (3) approved an ordinance allocation of \$200,000 from the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funding to fund this request. 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.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilman Aguirre recognized the Chamber of Commerce for hosting the Annual Breakfast with Council to discuss issues and discuss initiatives the City is undertaking.
2. Councilman Aguirre congratulated the Church of the Resurrection on the grand opening of the Spire housing project.
3. Councilwoman Jackson inquired about the installation of signage approved by the Traffic and Parking Board and what were the next steps in the process. In response to Councilwoman Jackson, Mr. Ziemann, Division Chief, Transportation and Environmental Services, noted that the process is proceeding and staff would let Council know when the sign would be installed.
4. Councilwoman Jackson noted that residents have requested that a scientific expert be included a part of the Natural Channel Design Task Force as it relates to stream restoration. In response to Councilwoman Jackson, City Manager Jinks reported that a memorandum outlining the process is forthcoming from staff.
5. Councilwoman Pepper reported that Council has received emails about parking challenges occurring along the Waterfront, noting that many residents are having a problem parking near their homes because of the increase of people coming to the restaurants in the area. In response to Councilwoman Jackson, City Manager Jinks stated that there would be an update in the future on the issue and that there has been increased parking enforcement in the area to address the issue.

6. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker inquired whether there would be an update to the electronic participation policy for Council meetings and for City Boards and Commissions, noting the authority expires on July 1. In response to Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, City Attorney Anderson, stated that an update of the policy is scheduled for June and staff is in the process of helping boards and commissions navigate any changes that would affect them.

OTHER

17. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 19, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 05/25/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received and approved the FY 2021 City Council Schedule for May through July 2021; and (2) received and adopted the Proposed FY 2022 City Council Schedule. 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.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilman Seifeldein, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of May 25, 2021 at 9:09 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Approved: September 14, 2021