

**City of Alexandria
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2021 6:00 PM
Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Amy B. Jackson, and Mohamed E. Seifeldein.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager, Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Mr. McPike, Director, General Services; Ms. Ruggiero, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Ms. Orlando, Division Chief, RPCA; Ms. Washington, CEO/President, Visit Alexandria, Ms. Murphy, Manager, RPCA; Dr. Gaddy, Acting Director, Alexandria Health Department; Mr. Lanier, Assistant City Attorney; Ms. Horowitz, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Ms. McLean, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Browand, Division Chief, RPCA; Ms. Durham, Division Chief, RPCA; Mr. Moritz, Director, P&Z; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Wedeles, Special Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Coleman, Deputy Director, General Services; Ms. Gonsalves, Assistant City Manager; Ms. K. Taylor, Director, Finance; Ms. Landrum, CEO/President, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP); Mr. Keeler, Deputy Director, Office of Housing; Ms. S. Taylor, Legislative Director/Assistant City Manager; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Touhill, AEDP; Mr. Maines, Division Chief, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Hanly, Executive Director, Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA); Ms. Hardter, AWLA; Mr. Moss, Information Technology Services (ITS); Mr. Smith, ITS; Ms. Demeke, ITS; and Mr. Sherman, 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 with Councilman Seifeldein arriving during the closed executive session.

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

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council adopted a 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, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman Seifeldein.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2998

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 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 Meeting.

3. 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 discuss a personnel matter. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:06 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, and to discuss a personnel matter; specifically, potential purchase of a building on the west end for the Alexandria City Public Schools, and the performance of the three City Council Appointees; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(6) 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 Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:22 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.

4. Public Discussion Period.

The following persons participated in the public discussion period:

1. Kate Ellis, Alexandria, manager of Hotel Indigo, spoke about including increased funding from the American Rescue Plan Program for the hotel and hospitality industry when planning the spending.
2. Scott Barstow, Alexandria, spoke about the City investing in energy efficiencies, retrofits and electrification in low income residences and affordable housing units using the funding from the American Rescue Plan Program.
3. William Pfister, Alexandria, spoke in support of Council funding a new pool at the proposed high school project.

4. Linda Critchfield, Alexandria, spoke in support of Council funding a new pool at the proposed high school project.

Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

5. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meeting of City Council:

The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2021;
The Special Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2021;
The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2021;
The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2021; and
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2021.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the public hearing meeting minutes of March 17, 2021, the special meeting minutes of March 17, 2021, the regular meeting minutes of March 23, 2021, the regular meeting minutes of April 6, 2021, and the public hearing meeting minutes of April 17, 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing June as Pride Month in the City of Alexandria.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, 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.

6a. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, 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 Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

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

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Commission approved the Commuter Choice funding for I-95/I-395, including funding for two DASH routes. Councilman Aguirre

reported that there was a discussion about WMATA and how to improve and encourage ridership on public transit following the pandemic including reviewing fare policies.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER CONSENT CALENDAR (7- 18)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

7. Receipt of the following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- (a) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission
Javan Owens
- (b) Commission for Women
Uzma Quraishi
- (c) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
Severiano Ortiz
- (d) Real Estate Assessments Review Board
Ian Bryan
- (e) Sister Cities Commission
Rita Jupe

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 7; 06/09/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- (a) Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board
1 Attorney Representative
- (b) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
1 Citizen Member
- (c) Beautification Commission
1 Member with Expertise in the field of architecture or urban planning, or be a historian with architectural knowledge
1 Citizen Member
- (d) Board of Architectural Review
1 Architect
- (e) Citizen Corps Council

- 1 Member in good standing of the CERT program
- (f) Emergency Medical Services Council
1 member who is Alexandria's Operational Medical Director
- (g) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Planning District II representative
- (h) Human Rights Commission
1 Representative from the Commission on Aging
- (i) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
1 Homeowner Representative
- (j) Local Emergency Planning Committee
1 Representative of Broadcast or Print Media
- (k) Park and Recreation Commission
1 Park Planning District II Representative
- (l) Visit Alexandria Board of Governors
1 Hotel Representative
- (m) Waterfront Commission
1 Representative from the Commission for the Arts
1 Representative from the pleasure boat lease holders at Alexandria Marina

(A copy of the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 8; 06/09/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

9. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending April 30, 2021.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 9; 06/09/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Consideration of an Amendment to the Lease Between the City and WG Tavern Square Venture, LLC for office space at the Tavern Square Office Building Complex located at 421 King Street.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10; 06/09/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Consideration of Amendment of Lease Agreement Between the City of Alexandria and Casa Chirilagua for the Use of the City-owned Community Building at 4109 Mount Vernon Avenue.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 06/09/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of a Four (4) Month License Extension Between the City of Alexandria and UpCycle Creative Reuse for the Use of Space at the Oswald Durant Center located at 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 12; 06/09/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Education for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program for Children.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 13; 06/09/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Consideration of the Submission of a Non-Competitive Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Litter Prevention and Recycling Program for Funding of the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 14; 06/09/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading)

15. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make Appropriations for the Support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2022.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 06/09/21, 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 Item No. 15; 06/09/21, 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 Item No. 15; 06/09/21. and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

16. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for the Support of the City Government for FY 2021.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 06/09/21, 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 Item No. 16; 06/09/21, 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 Item No. 16; 06/09/21. 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 Section 5-602 (COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS CREATED, CONSISTENCY WITH MASTER PLAN, REQUIRED APPROVALS) of Article V (MIXED USE ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2021-00001 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2021-00001 associated with Permitted and Administrative Uses in CDD/Coordinated Development District Zones approved by City Council on May 15, 2021).

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 06/09/21, 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 Item No. 17; 06/09/21. and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-1-3 (TERM OF MEMBERS) of Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of Chapter 1 (THE CITY COUNCIL) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) and Section 12-1-4 (ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS; DATE AND MANNER OF ELECTION) of Chapter 1 (SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SCHOOL BOARD) of Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND WELFARE) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 18; 06/09/21, 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 Item No. 18; 06/09/21, 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 Item No. 18; 06/09/21. and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council approved the Consent Calendar, with the exception of docket item #14, which was considered under separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were follows:

7. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Javan Owens, Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (b) Uzma Quraishi, Commission for Women; (c) Severiano Ortiz, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (d) Ian Bryan; Real Estate Assessments Review Board; and (d) Rita Jupe, Sister Cities Commission.

8. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Michael Vozzo as the attorney representative to the Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board; (b) appointed Mimi Joy as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (c) appointed Emily Freeland as the member with expertise in the field of architecture or urban planning, or be a historian with architectural knowledge and reappointed Denise Tennant as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (d) reappointed James Spencer as the architect to the Board of Architectural Review; (e) reappointed Marjorie Windelberg as the member in good standing of the CERT program to the Citizen Corps Council; (f) reappointed Joseph Marfori as the member who is Alexandria's Operational Medical Director to the Emergency Medical Services Council; (g) appointed Thomas Soule as the Planning District II representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (h) appointed Lynette Foster as the representative from the Commission on Aging to the Human Rights Commission; (i) appointed Elijah St. Dennis as the homeowner representative Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; (j) reappointed Michael Pope as the representative of broadcast or print media to the Local Emergency Planning Committee; (k) appointed Geoff Goode as the Park Planning District II representative to the Park and Recreation Commission; (l) reappointed Tristan Harris as the hotel representative to the Visit Alexandria Board of Governors; and (m) appointed Judy Heiser as the representative from the Commission for the Arts and reappointed Douglas Gosnell as the representative from the pleasure boat lease holders at Alexandria Marina to the Waterfront Commission.

9. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

10. City Council received the report and set the Fourth Amendment to the office space lease for the public hearing on June 19, 2021.

11. City Council: (1) received the report recommending a second amendment to the lease for an additional five years between Casa Chirilagua and the City of Alexandria; and (2) scheduled it for public hearing on Saturday, June 19, 2021.

12. City Council scheduled the proposed license extension amendment no. 1 for public hearing on June 19, 2021.

13. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of the grant application (due June 15)

to the Virginia Department of Education for United States Department of Agriculture for continued funding and an estimated reimbursement amount of \$100,000 for program expenses; (2) affirmed that there are no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

15. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, June 19, 2021.

16. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, June 19, 2021.

17. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, June 19, 2021.

18. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, June 19, 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. Consideration of the Submission of a Non-Competitive Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Litter Prevention and Recycling Program for Funding of the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 14; 06/09/21, 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: (1) received the report and schedule it for public hearing on Saturday, June 19, 2021, for the non-competitive grant application, due June 30, 2021 to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Litter Prevention and Recycling Program, for funding in the approximate amount of \$5,865.60 for the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program (the exact amount to be determined by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality by September 30, 2021); and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all 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.

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (19)

19. Consideration of Resolution Approving ATHENA Rapid Response Innovation Lab to Provide Training, Community Outreach and Workforce Development for the United States Department of the Navy and the City of Alexandria. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19; 06/09/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF THE ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approval was as follows:

19. City Council adopted the resolution that endorses the City of Alexandria government's endeavor to continue to partner with ATHENA Rapid Response Innovation Lab, LLC. 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. 2999

WHEREAS, ATHENA Rapid Response Innovation Lab (formerly known as TechGarden) is a non-profit organization (501(c)3) interested in technology and problem-solving education, small business acceleration, community outreach, and workforce development of residents of the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, through a Partnership Intermediary Agreement ("PIA") with the United States Department of The Navy ("DON"), ATHENA Rapid Response Innovation Lab endeavors to provide services to the DON, veterans, teachers, students, and other interested City residents and businesses. These services may include workforce development programs, K-12 STEM/STEAM programs and/or community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the area of Eisenhower Avenue, City of Alexandria, between South Van Dorn Street and the Eisenhower Avenue 495 Connector; and shall be known as an "innovation district" in the City of Alexandria

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has successfully partnered with ATHENA Rapid Response Innovation Lab in a number of successful endeavors where ATHENA has assisted the City and its school system in achieving their goals, and the City has assisted ATHENA in achieving its mission; and

WHEREAS, ATHENA Rapid Response Innovation Lab is responsible for obtaining federal financing from DON, in order to develop programs; and

WHEREAS, ATHENA Rapid Response Innovation Lab plans to assist the federal government in transferring technologies from federal laboratories to Alexandria, Virginia, local municipalities, and industry. In particular Athena will assist, counsel, advise, evaluate and otherwise cooperate with small business firms and institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, ATHENA Rapid Response Innovation Lab has deep roots in the City of Alexandria and strives to promote economic and educational development in its community; and

WHEREAS, ATHENA Rapid Response Innovation Lab is developing programs that support the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria City Public Schools, community non-profits and businesses in various 21st century technologies (3D printing, laser cutting, robotics, coding, etc.); and

WHEREAS, ATHENA Rapid Response Innovation Lab has agreed to seat at least one (1) Board member from the City of Alexandria, appointed by the City for a term of no less than two (2) years.

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

On this date of June 9, 2021, that the Alexandria City Council does hereby approve and reaffirm the City of Alexandria's endeavor to embrace and partner with ATHENA Rapid Response Innovation Lab for the following:

ATHENA Rapid Response Innovation Lab will provide, to the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria City Public Schools and the Department of the Navy: exposure, training, and development of skills involving 3D printers, laser cutters, welding, Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machining, robotics, coding, small business support and acceleration, community outreach programs, and direct workforce development.

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

20. Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee
1 Commissioner from the ARHA Board

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Salena Zellers

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 06/09/21, 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 Salena Zellers as the commissioner from the ARHA Board to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee. The vote was as follows:

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

21. Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Bilah Dougsiyeh
Donna Fossum
Jill Phaneuf

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 06/09/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Donna Fossum as the citizen member to the Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee. The vote was as follows:

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

22. Board of Architectural Review
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Melissa Hodge
John Sprinkle

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 06/09/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHERUEPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed John Sprinkle as the citizen member to the Board of Architectural Review. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Sprinkle
Bennett-Parker	-	Sprinkle
Aguirre	-	Sprinkle
Chapman	-	Sprinkle
Jackson	-	Sprinkle

Pepper - Sprinkle
Seifeldein - Sprinkle

23. Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Tom Gates
Cynthia Long
Aminata Ly
Emilygrace Mate
Ira Sockowitz

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 06/09/21, 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 Tom Gates as the citizen member to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee. The vote was as follows:

Wilson - Gates
Bennett-Parker - Gates
Aguirre - Gates
Chapman - Gates
Jackson - Gates
Pepper - Gates
Seifeldein - Long

24. Commission for the Arts
1 Professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the cityscape, such as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Sumrien Ali
John Kucia

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 24; 06/09/21, 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 Sumrien Ali as the professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the cityscape, such as architecture, environmental design,

landscape architecture or urban design to the Commission for the Arts. The vote was as follows:

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

25. Commission for Women
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Gina Allen
Emily Eckert
Sarah Holley
Mary Savino

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 25; 06/09/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: No applicant received a majority of the vote and second vote was required. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Holley
Bennett-Parker	-	Holley
Aguirre	-	Holley
Chapman	-	Eckert
Jackson	-	Eckert
Pepper	-	Allen
Seifeldein	-	Eckert

WHEREUPON, ballots were again distributed, tellers were again appointed, and ballots again tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Sarah Holley as the citizen member to the Commission for Women. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Holley
Bennett-Parker	-	Holley
Aguirre	-	Holley
Chapman	-	Eckert
Jackson	-	Eckert
Pepper	-	Holley
Seifeldein	-	Eckert

26. Environmental Policy Commission
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Eldon Boes
Michelle Kolacz
Dane Lauritzen
Caitlin O'Sullivan

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 26; 06/09/21, 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 Eldon Boes as the citizen member to the Environmental Policy Commission. The vote was as follows:

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

27. Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Kathi Menda
Barbara Neely
Pamela Rana Stewart

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 27; 06/09/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: No applicant received a majority of the vote and a second vote was required. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Menda
Bennett-Parker	-	Menda

Aguirre	-	Menda
Chapman	-	Neely
Jackson	-	Stewart
Pepper	-	Stewart
Seifeldein	-	Stewart

WHEREUPON, ballots were again distributed, tellers were again appointed, and ballots again tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Pamela Rana Stewart as the citizen member to the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Menda
Bennett-Parker	-	Menda
Aguirre	-	Menda
Chapman	-	Stewart
Jackson	-	Stewart
Pepper	-	Stewart
Seifeldein	-	Stewart

28. Public Health Advisory Commission
1 Physician practicing in the City, nominated by the Medical Society of Northern Virginia

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Michael Trahos

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 28; 06/09/21, 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 reappointed Dr. Michael Trahos as the physician practicing in the City, nominated by the Medical Society of Northern Virginia to the Public Health Advisory Commission. The vote was as follows:

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

29. Sister Cities Committee
2 Citizen Members

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

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Christina Naston
Rashimi Pappu
Diana Price
Debra Walker

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 29; 06/09/21, 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 Rashmi Pappu and Diana Price as the two citizen members to the Sister Cities Committee. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Naston, Pappu
Bennett-Parker	-	Naston, Price
Aguirre	-	Price, Pappu
Chapman	-	Pappu, Price
Jackson	-	Naston, Price
Pepper	-	Price, Walker
Seifeldein	-	Pappu, Walker

30. Visit Alexandria Board of Governors
1 National or International Trade or Professional Association Executive
1 Representative from any of the four categories (hotel, restaurant, association, or retail)
1 At-Large Citizen Member

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

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Denise Jackson
Mark Matthews
Emma Quinn

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 30; 06/09/21, 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 Denise Jackson as the national or international trade or professional association executive, waived the residency requirement and appointed Mark Matthews as the representative from any of the four categories (hotel, restaurant, association, or retail), and waived the residency requirement and appointed Emma Quinn as the at-large citizen member to the Visit Alexandria Board of Governors. The vote was as follows:

Wilson	-	Jackson, Matthews, Quinn
Bennett-Parker	-	Jackson, Matthews, Quinn
Aguirre	-	Jackson, Matthews, Quinn
Chapman	-	Jackson, Matthews, Quinn
Jackson	-	Jackson, Matthews, Quinn
Pepper	-	Jackson, Matthews, Quinn
Seifeldein	-	Jackson, Matthews, Quinn

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

31. Consideration of an ACPS Funding Request of up to \$12.5 million to add an Aquatics Facility to the High School Project.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 4, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 31; 06/09/21, 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 approved the request from ACPS for up to \$12.5 million to add an aquatics facility to the high school project with the understanding that the approved amount is the ceiling on the project. 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.

32. Update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Plan Development and the Process Timetable for Allocation of ARPA Funding.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 32; 06/09/21, 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 moved to receive the report and to schedule a public hearing on the ARPA Funding Plan on Saturday, June 19, 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.

33. Consideration of Additional City Loan Funds to the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation (AHDC) for Costs Related to Renovation of Lacy Court and Development of The Bloom.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 33; 06/09/21, 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 approve \$1,910,000 in additional HOF loans to fund project overruns for the renovation of Lacy Court (\$810,000) and development of The Bloom at Braddock (\$1.1 M) and authorize the City Manager to execute amendments to

existing loan agreements accordingly. 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

34. 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 Braddock Road Metro Station Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2020-00008 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. 2020-00008 associated with Braddock West approved by City Council on May 15, 2021).

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 34; 06/09/21, 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 Item No. 34; 06/09/21. 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 passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, June 19, 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.

35. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 054.03 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the properties at 1352 through 1362 Madison Street; 711 through 727 North West Street; and 1319 through 1329 Wythe Street from, RB/Townhouse zone to OCH/Office commercial high zone in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2020-00004 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2020-00004 associated with Braddock West approved by City Council on May 15, 2021).

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 35; 06/09/21, 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 Item No. 35; 06/09/21. 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 approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, June 19, 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.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilwoman Jackson congratulated Police Chief Brown on his upcoming retirement at the end of the month.

2. Councilman Chapman requested that staff return at a future meeting with information about the new parking challenges in Old Town near the bottom of King Street.

OTHER

36. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 2, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 36; 06/09/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received an update from Deputy City Manager Triggs on returning to in-person meetings, noting that staff is recommending the July 6 meeting be held in-person in City Hall, limiting staff to allow for access for the public in Council Chambers.

City Attorney Anderson gave an update on moving toward in-person meetings for City boards and commissions, beginning July 1, 2021 and she noted that the virtual meeting authority would expire for everyone on September 30, 2021.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received and approved the FY 2021 City Council Schedule for June through July 2021 with the addition of the Juneteenth City holiday observed on Friday, June 18; and (2) received and adopted the Proposed FY 2022 City Council Schedule, with the addition of the Citizenship Day Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, September 14 at 1:30 p.m., and the City Council 2022 Installation scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2022. 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 (cont.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in closed Executive Session at 11:12 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 Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 12:25 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 previously circulated to City Council regarding the Executive 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.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3000

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 9th day of June, 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.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of June 9, 2021 at 12:26 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

Approved: September 14, 2021