

**City of Alexandria
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 22, 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, 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. Ruggiero, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Mr. Lassiter, Assistant City Attorney; Mr. Coleman, Deputy Director, General Services; Assistant Police Chief Hayes; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Ms. Orlando, Division Chief, RPCA; Ms. McLean, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Police Chief Brown; Ms. S. Taylor, Legislative Director/Assistant City Manager; Mr. Mackey, Director, Court Services Unit; Ms. Kelleher, Director, Office of Human Rights; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Ms. Carroll, Urban Planner, T&ES; Dr. Gaddy, Acting Director, Alexandria Health Department; Ms. Wedeles, Special Assistant to the City Manager; Ms. K. Taylor, Director, Finance; Ms. Winstead, ACJS Coordinator; Ms. Landrum, CEO/President, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership; Mr. Rankin, Animal Welfare League of Alexandria; Mr. Moss, Information Technology Services (ITS); Mr. Barre, ITS; Ms. Smith, ITS; Ms. Demeke, ITS; and Mr. Bradford.

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 the members of Council were present via Zoom webinar, with Councilman Chapman and Councilman Seifeldein arriving following roll-call.

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

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper 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. 3006

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 executive session to discuss a personnel matter and 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 government unit would be adversely affected. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried 6-0, City Council convene 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, and to discuss a personnel matter; specifically, potential investment of public funds for development on the west end of the City 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, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman Seifeldein.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened the meeting at 7:03 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.

There were no public speakers.

5. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes for the Following Meetings of City Council:
The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2021;
The Special Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2021 (Budget Adoption);
The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2021; and
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of May 15, 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 regular meeting minutes April 27, 2021, the special meeting minutes of May 5, 2021; the regular meeting minutes of May 11, 2021, and the public hearing

meeting minutes of 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Police Chief Michael L. Brown upon his Retirement from the Alexandria Police Department.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Seifeldein 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 Authority (NVTa)(Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson reported that NVTa spent majority of the time discussing a resolution that was presented from the Transportation Planning Board regarding climate policy and NVTa decided not to take a stance on the resolution.

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

Mayor Wilson reported that the Committee received updates on the Ladrey RFP and there was discussion on the RAD applications. Mayor Wilson reported that the Committee received to a presentation on the profile of residents that are part of public housing in Alexandria and those who are waiting for public housing and affordable housing availability in the City.

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Board discussed some of the ARPA proposals that the Library submitted, including hotspots for lending at library branches and more outdoor programs. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the Board discussed libraries reopening tentatively in July, with buildings at 50% capacity. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker noted that the Board adopted a policy change for City libraries to become fine free.

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that web traffic to the Visit Alexandria set an all-time record in May with a 40% increase since last May. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that restaurants and retail were leading the recovery with hotels lagging behind, with leisure travel coming back with business travel following behind. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker noted that the Board had a conversation about an increase in rude and hostile customers to service and waitstaff with the return of businesses opening.

***Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman**

Seifeldein)

Councilwoman Jackson reported that Task Force noted that there is not a lot of physical activity for gangs but there is an increase in gang activity on social media and there is monitoring of increased gang activity as the community reopens. Councilwoman Jackson reported that the Task Force received a report from the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and from the Sheriff's Department.

***COG- FARM (Food and Agriculture Regional Member)Ad Hoc Advisory Committee (Councilwoman Jackson)**

Councilwoman Jackson reported that COG is considering making the FARM Committee a permanent COG committee to address regional food production and food insecurity.

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

Councilwoman Jackson reported that the school building has been demolished and construction of the underground garage has started. Councilwoman Jackson reported that there was inspection for the underground storage tanks and there was a change in the palette and material. Councilwoman Jackson noted that there will be an update on the contract in August.

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

Councilman Aguirre reported that the TPB worked on adopted the Visualize 2045 conforming projects and scope of work and to accelerate the next iteration Visualize 2045. Councilman Aguirre reported that the I270/I495 project was removed from consideration and there may be continued discussion about the project and the impact it will have on the environment.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jinks announced his planned retirement at the end of 2021.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER CONSENT CALENDAR (7-15)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

7. Consideration of a Grant Renewal to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Food Program for At-Risk After School Snack Program for the FY 2022 School Year Snack Program Sponsored by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 7; 06/22/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. Consideration of an application for the Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Economic

Redevelopment Assistance Fund Site Assessment and Planning Grant regarding the former GenOn Power Plant Site Redevelopment.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 8; 06/22/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. City of Alexandria Contract with the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for the City's Office of Human Rights to Continue as a Fair Employment Practices Agency.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 9; 06/22/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Consideration of Acceptance of Conveyance of Two Properties from the Alexandria City Public Schools for Douglas MacArthur Elementary School.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10; 06/22/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Allocation of Contingent Reserves to Implement Proposed Pretrial and Probation Program Improvements.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 06/22/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading)

12. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the owners of the property located at 2424 Mill Road to construct and maintain an encroachment for two projecting signs that extend vertically more than 4-feet over Stovall Street, at that location (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2019-00003 associated with Carlyle Crossing approved by City Council on April 17, 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. 12; 06/22/21, 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. 12; 06/22/21. and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. 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 Seminary Hill/Strawberry Hill Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2021-00002 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. 2021-00002 associated with Inova Hospital approved by City Council on June 19, 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. 13; 06/22/21, 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. 13; 06/22/21. and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

14. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet Nos. 031.03 and 039.02 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 4250 Seminary Road from R-20/Single-family zone with proffer to RB/Townhouse zone with proffer and 4320 Seminary Road from R-8/Single-family zone with proffer to RB/Townhouse zone with proffer in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2021-00001 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2021-00001 associated with Inova Hospital approved by City Council on June 19, 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. 14; 06/22/21, 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. 14; 06/22/21. and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 5-7-42 (FEMALE DOGS IN SEASON; ALLOWING DOG TO URINATE, ETC.; NOISY DOGS; OFFENSIVE ODORS FROM DOGS; DOGS PROHIBITED ON POSTED PLAYGROUND AREAS AND ON SCHOOL GROUNDS) of Article C (DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS) of Chapter 7 (ANIMALS AND FOWL) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 15; 06/22/21, 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; 06/22/21, 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; 06/22/21. 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 items #8, #10, and #11, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager approvals were as follows:

7. City Council: (1) authorized the City Manager to submit an At-Risk After School grant renewal application to the United States Department of Agriculture for Fiscal Year 202 (due date September 1, 2021); and (2) to execute all documents that may be required.

9. City Council authorized the City Manager to sign a contract with the EEOC for funding in the amount of \$35,400 for the Alexandria Office of Human Rights to continue as a Fair Employment Practices Agency (FEPA).

12. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing, second reading, and final passage for Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

13. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing, second reading, and final passage for Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

14. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing, second reading, and final passage for Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

15. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing, second reading, and final passage for Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldin; Opposed, none.

8. Consideration of an application for the Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund Site Assessment and Planning Grant regarding the former GenOn Power Plant Site Redevelopment.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 8; 06/22/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council: (1) adopted the

resolution for the Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund (VBAF) grant application in the amount of \$50,000 and 100% matching commitment; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all 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.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3007

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED CITY APPLICATION FOR THE VIRGINIA BROWNFIELDS RESTORATION AND ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (VBAF) SITE ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING GRANT REGARDING THE FORMER GENON POWER PLANT SITE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, The Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund (VBAF) was established to provide grants to local governments to promote the restoration and redevelopment of brownfield sites and to address environmental problems to reuse so that these sites can be effectively marketed to new economic development prospects; and

WHEREAS, The VBAF Site Assessment and Planning Grants, in amounts of up to \$50,000, are available to assist local governments with certain environmental costs including those of: (i) environmental and cultural resource site assessments; and (ii) development of remediation and reuse plans; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for the VBAF Site Assessment and Planning Grants to include up to \$50,000 in eligible expenses to fund expert technical assistance and support plans to demolish and remediate the former GenOn power plant site

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

1. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports the application for the VBAF Site Assessment and Planning Grants up to \$50,000 administered by the Virginia Resources Authority; and
2. The City Council hereby commits to include funds for its local match of agency funds up to \$50,000, if awarded, in its Capital Improvement Program budget; 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 under this grant.
10. Consideration of Acceptance of Conveyance of Two Properties from the Alexandria City Public Schools for Douglas MacArthur Elementary School.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 10; 06/22/21, 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 City Manager to execute deeds and other documents necessary to complete the conveyance of properties to the City, the consolidation of properties, and the subdivision of the public right-of-way; and (2) received the report from the Planning Commission in regard to the purchase being consistent with the City's Master Plan per Section 9.06 of the City Code. 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.

11. Allocation of Contingent Reserves to Implement Proposed Pretrial and Probation Program Improvements.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 11; 06/22/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council allocated the approved \$160,000 in the FY 2022 operating budget from contingent reserves set aside for this purpose for the uses described in this report including the addition of an additional probation officer and a part-time investigator/intake officer. 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 (16-18)

16. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Bonds by the Industrial Development Authority of Alexandria for the Protestant Episcopal High School in Virginia. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 16; 06/22/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

17. Consideration of a Resolution to Establish the 2021 Personal Property Tax Relief Rates. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 17; 06/22/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

18. Consideration and approval of an application for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program (FY 2023 to FY 2024). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office

of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 18; 06/22/21, 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 approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approvals were as follows:

16. City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds by the Alexandria Industrial Development Authority (AIDA) in an amount not to exceed \$60,000,000 to benefit the Protestant Episcopal High School (EHS) in financing the costs of improvements, additions, and refunding to its campus in the City of Alexandria.

The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 3008
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Alexandria (the "Authority") has approved the application of Protestant Episcopal High School in Virginia (the "Borrower"), a nonstock, not-for-profit Virginia corporation, requesting that the Authority issue up to \$60,000,000 of its revenue bonds in one or more series at one time or from time to time (the "Bonds") to provide funds to the Borrower:

(1) Finance the costs of designing, constructing and equipping a new approximately two-story health center (expected to be located near the existing dining hall) and two two-story dormitories (expected to be located near existing dormitories) all within the existing boundaries of the Borrower's 135-acre campus located at 1200 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria, Virginia (the "Campus");

(2) Refinance the Authority's Educational Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds (Episcopal High School), Series 2012, which financed and refinanced projects on the Campus; and

(3) Finance other capital projects at the Campus and amounts required for reserves, working capital, capitalized interest, costs of issuance and other financing expenses related to the issuance of the Bonds (collectively (1) – (3), the "Plan of Finance").

WHEREAS, the Authority held a public hearing on June 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), provides that the governmental unit having jurisdiction over the issuer of private activity bonds and over the area in which any facility financed with the proceeds of private activity bonds is located must approve the issuance of the bonds and Section 15.2-4906 of the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act, Chapter 49, Title 15.2, Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended ("Act") sets forth the procedure for such approval;

WHEREAS, the Authority issues its bonds on behalf of the City of Alexandria, Virginia (the "City"), the facilities to be financed and refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds are

located in the City and the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia (the "Council"), constitutes the highest elected governmental unit of the City;

WHEREAS, the Authority has recommended that the City approve the Plan of Finance and the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Authority's inducement resolution regarding the issuance of the Bonds, subject to the terms to be agreed upon, a certificate of the public hearing and a Fiscal Impact Statement have been filed with the Council.

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

1. The Council approves the issuance of the Bonds, in an aggregate principal amount up to \$60,000,000, by the Authority for the benefit of the Borrower, solely to the extent required by Section 147(f) of the Code and Section 15.2-4906 of the Act, to permit the Authority to assist in accomplishing the Plan of Finance.

2. The approval of the issuance of the Bonds does not constitute an endorsement to a prospective purchaser of the Bonds of the creditworthiness of the Plan of Finance or the Borrower. In accordance with Section 15.2-4909 of the Act, the Bonds shall not be deemed to constitute a debt or a pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, including the Authority and the City.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, on June 22, 2021.

17. City Council adopted a resolution to establish the 2021 Personal Property Tax Relief rates.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3009

RESOLUTION TO SET THE RELIEF RATES UNDER THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 58.1-3524 of the Code of Virginia and Section 3-2-224 of the City Code, City Council has the authority to establish the relief rates assessed for vehicles; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-2-224(e)(v) of the City Code, the City is required to set the relief rates annually by resolution; and

WHEREAS, City Council has now determined that it is necessary and desirable to set the relief rates as follows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(v)(A) is 52%; and
2. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(v)(B) is 41%; and
3. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(v)(C) is 31%; and
4. That the rates set forth above may vary due to changes related to the vehicles subject to the tax that occur before the tax bills are issued; and
5. That this Resolution shall be effective for Calendar Year 2021.

18. City Council adopted a resolution for the support of the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set Aside program (FY 2023-to FY 2024).

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3010

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION
ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM FOR FY 2023 TO FY 2024**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program is administered at the State level by the Virginia Department of Transportation and is funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, the TA Set-Aside Program is intended to fund infrastructure projects that improve mobility and safety for people walking and/or biking; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council adopted the Pedestrian and Bicycle Chapter of the Transportation Master Plan in 2016, which aims to improve mobility, access, safety, and convenience for people walking and biking; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council adopted the Vision Zero Action Plan in 2017, which includes goals to build safer streets for everyone and accelerate safety improvements as part of the City's Safe Routes to School Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has identified recommended infrastructure projects to improve safety near the City's elementary and K-8 schools through the City's Safe Routes to School Program; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds of up to \$2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2023 to 2024 of the TA Set-Aside Program; and

WHEREAS, up to \$2,000,000 of these funds will be requested to fund the design and construction of curb extensions, pedestrian refuge areas, and crosswalk improvements that were identified in Safe Routes to School (SRTS) walk audits at the intersections of

Rayburn Avenue & Winston Court, North Jordan Street & Taney Avenue, West Reed Avenue & Edison Street, Commonwealth Avenue & Oak Street, and North West Street & Princess Street, near five of the City's elementary and K-8 schools; and

WHEREAS, the TA Set-Aside Program requires a 20% local match (up to \$400,000), which would be funded through the City's Capital Improvement Program and FY 2023 Complete Streets program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alexandria City Council hereby supports this application for an allocation of up to \$2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2023 to 2024 through the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alexandria City Council hereby grants authority to the City Manager to apply for these grant funds and execute all necessary documents that may be required under this grant and program.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

19. Consideration of the Release of \$789,909 from FY 2022 Contingent Reserves for Mental Health Resources, Teen Wellness, and Behavior Health Support for School Age Children.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 19; 06/22/21, 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 deferred the consideration until the July 6th public hearing meeting and scheduled the item for public hearing at that 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.

20. Receipt of an Update on Torpedo Factory Art Center Vibrancy Implementation and Engagement.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 20; 06/22/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Seifeldein and carried unanimously, City Council received the updated on the next steps for implementation of the Torpedo Factory Vibrancy Plan and stakeholder engagement. 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

21. Resolution Adopting an Updated Electronic Meeting Policy for the City Council.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 21; 06/22/21, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the resolution for an update to the City Council's Electronic Meeting Participation Policy. 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. 3011

WHEREAS, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Va. Code §§ 2.2-3700, et seq.) (FOIA) generally provides that the City Council cannot conduct electronic meetings; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3708.2 of FOIA provides that individual members of City Council may fully participate in meetings electronically if any such member meets the criteria of the code and the City Council has adopted an Electronic Participation Policy; and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2015 the Alexandria City Council adopted an Electronic Meeting Policy which has been in effect since that time; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly adopted an update to Section 2.2-3708.2 that allows additional authority for electronic meetings; and

WHEREAS, City Council would now like to update its policy to reflect these changes and clarify some of the language in the current policy.

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

1. That the attached City of Alexandria City Council Electronic Participation Policy is hereby adopted pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3708.2.

2. That this resolution shall become effective on July 1, 2021.

22. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing and Empowering the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of General Obligation Bonds to Finance City and Schools Capital Projects and the Landmark Mall Redevelopment and to Refund Certain Outstanding Bonds of the City.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 22; 06/22/21, 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. 22; 06/22/21, 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. 22; 06/22/21. 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 for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Tuesday, July 6, 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. Councilman Chapman gave an updated Alexandria Transportation Commission meeting reporting that the Commission will be hosting an upcoming conversation on scooters, with the task force reconvening in June and July and staff gave presentation. Councilman Chapman also reported that there was a conversation about the Duke Street in Motion project and the upcoming community engagement for that project.
2. Councilman Aguirre reported that the feedback/survey form is available for the Duke Street in Motion project until July 31 on the City's website and there will be popup events held in the community to receive feedback.
3. Councilman Aguirre requested an update on the inclusion of a pool/aquatics facility with the ACPS high school project. In response to Councilman Aguirre, City Manager Jinks updated Council reporting that City and ACPS staff has started to work on the design features and discussion on operations for the pool. City Manager Jinks also noted that will discussion about engaging the community in the initial conversations about the project. Councilman Chapman noted that he would suggest that the City/Schools Subcommittee received regular updates on the project as well.
4. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker suggested that City Clerk staff review the possibility of having boards and commissions appointments on a quarterly basis instead every month.

OTHER

23. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 16, 2021, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 23; 06/22/21, and is incorporated as

part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received and approved the FY 2021 City Council Schedule for July 2021 with the noted time change for the USA/Alexandria Birthday Celebration; and (2) received and adopted the updated Proposed FY 2022 City Council Schedule which includes: Fall CIP Worksession #1 - Wednesday, September 29 at 7 p.m., location TBD; Fall CIP Worksession #2 - Wednesday, October 13 at 7 p.m, location TBD; Fall CIP Worksession #3 - Wednesday, October 27 at 7 p.m., location to TBD; and City Council Retreat, Saturday, November 6 at 9:00 a.m., location to TBD. 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 Seifeldein and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in closed executive session at 11:06 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 Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 12:48 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 Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution regarding the Closed Executive Session previously circulated to Council. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3012

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 22 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 DISCUSSED, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of June 22, 2021 at 12:49 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