

City of Alexandria

*301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314*



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

The March 14, 2023 Legislative Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held in the Council Chamber (301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of City Council and staff are participating either in-person or from a remote location through video conference call on Zoom webinar. The meeting can be accessed by government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and can be accessed via Zoom by the following link:

Registration :

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4Rb5kqIDToufz2ST8ZEB_g

Webinar ID: 910 6236 0859

Webinar Passcode: 035133

Dial-in number: 301-715-8592

If you use the Zoom webinar application, please be sure you have updated the application to the latest version for the best results. If you are unable to access the Zoom webinar, please use the Dial-In number to access the meeting.

*****PLEASE LOG-IN EARLY IF POSSIBLE*****

Links:

Meeting Agenda and Live Webcast

The meeting will be webcast live and video and audio recordings will be available a few days after the meeting.

Zoom Registration Form

If you wish to use Zoom to watch the meeting or to address Council, you must register first.

Submission of written statements is encouraged. Please sign up after the docket is created and posted and you are able to verify the meeting date on the City's website.

If You have prepared statement or a written comments for the record you may email it to the City Clerk at CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov.

Individuals requiring translation services should contact the City Clerk and Clerk of Council at gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov or at 703.746.4550. We request that you provide a 48-hour notice so that the proper

arrangements may be made. Please specify the language for translation when you make the request.

Las personas que requieran servicios de traducción deben comunicarse con el Secretario de la Ciudad y el Secretario del Consejo en gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov o al 703.746.4550. Le solicitamos que proporcione un aviso de 48 horas para que se puedan hacer los arreglos necesarios. Por favor, especifique el idioma de traducción cuando realice la solicitud.

I. OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of City Council were present, with Councilman McPike participating via Zoom webinar.

Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution by Members of City Council.

1a. [23-0938](#)

Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution by Members of City Council (if needed). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the electronic participation resolution. (RES. NO. 3145)

2. [23-0791](#)

Work Session for the Coordinated Sustainability Strategy for the Potomac River Generating Station.

City Council held the work session on the Coordinated Sustainability Strategy for the Potomac River Generating Station.

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. PROCLAMATIONS

4. [23-0898](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing March As Women's History Month.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

5. [23-0897](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation for Meals for March.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

III. ORAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

***Health & Safety Coordinating Committee (Councilwoman Gaskins and Mayor Wilson)**

***Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (Councilman Aguirre and Councilmember Bagley)**

***City Naming Committee (Councilmember Bagley, Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

***Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (Councilmember Bagley and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

***Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (Councilmember Bagley and Councilman Aguirre)**

City Council gave the reports.

IV. ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Parajon introduced two new employees in the Office of Communications and Public Information: Giovonny Bland, Social Media Strategist and Michelle Benjamin, Strategic Planner.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR (6-20)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

6. [23-0905](#)

Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

(a) Beautification Commission
Jessica Richardson

(b) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission
Dana Chambers

(c) Commission on Aging
Dawn Higgins

(d) Environmental Policy Commission
Edith Cecchini

Nicole Heckman

- (e) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
Marion Moon
- (f) Waterfront Commission
Kathleen Seifert

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

7. [23-0906](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group - 3-year term
1 representative of a business group
 - (b) Archaeological Commission - 4-year term
1 Alexandria Association representative
 - (c) Board of Architectural Review - 2-year term
1 Parker-Gray District representative
 - (d) Citizen Corps Council - 3-year term
1 citizen member
 - (e) Commission on Aging - 3-year term
2 citizen members 60 year or older
 - (f) Commission on Persons with Disabilities - 2-year term
1 citizen member
 - (g) Local Emergency Planning Committee - 2-year term
1 owner and operators of facilities subject to the federal emergency planning requirements of Super Fund Amendments and reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)
 - (h) Park and Recreation Commission - 3-year term
1 Planning District III representative
 - (i) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 member representing the Potomac West area
 - (j) Visit Alexandria Board of Governors - 3-year term
1 City Manager Designee

- (k) Waterfront Commission - 2-year term
1 Citizen Member

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

8. [23-0443](#) Consideration of a License Agreement Renewal Between the City of Alexandria and City Experiences, by Hornblower for Use of the City's Marina.
9. [23-0444](#) Consideration of a License Agreement with ARP Waterfront, LLC for the use of a portion of the City Marina Plaza for outdoor dining associated with Special Use Permit #2017-0002.
10. [23-0747](#) Consideration of a Request from the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority for a Retroactive Approval of Virginia Housing Development LLC, an Existing Development Entity, and for Creation of New Sub-entities to Facilitate the Samuel Madden Homes Redevelopment Project.
11. [23-0764](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2022 State Homeland Security Program Grant through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for FOAM Equipment Training.
12. [23-0793](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.
13. [23-0794](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2023 Emergency Medical Services Grants Program, known as the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) through the Virginia Department of Health for Rapid Response Vehicles, and Associated Computing Equipment Purchases.
14. [23-0848](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the National Council of Aging to Address the Needs of Older Adults to Receive COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccinations.
15. [23-0809](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2023.
16. [23-0907](#) Request for removal of City Board, Commission, and Committee members for missing Oaths of Office.

(Ordinances for Introductions and First Reading)

17. [23-0779](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 6-804(F) (ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT PROCESS) of Article VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text

amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2022-00015 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2022-00015 associated with King Street Outdoor Dining sidewalk use permit validity dates approved by City Council on February 25, 2023).

18. [23-0781](#) 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. 2022-00006 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. 2022-00006 associated with Samuel Madden Homes approved by City Council on February 25, 2023).
19. [23-0783](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 054.02 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 899 and 999 North Henry Street from RB/Townhouse zone to RMF/Residential multifamily zone in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2022-00009 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2022-00009 associated with Samuel Madden Homes approved by City Council on February 25, 2023).
20. [23-0785](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 007.01 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 property at 3908 Elbert Avenue from RA/Multifamily zone to RMF/Residential multifamily zone, in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2022-00008 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2022-00008 associated with Elbert Avenue Residences approved by City Council on February 25, 2023).

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of 7(a) and 8, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

6. City Council received the following resignations with resignations with regret: (a) Jessica Richardson, Beautification Commission; (b) Dana Chambers, Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission; (c) Dawn Higgins, Commission on Aging; (d) Edith Cecchini and Nicole Heckman, Environmental Policy Commission; (e) Marion Moon, George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; and (f) Kathleen Seifert, Waterfront Commission.

7. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) City Council moved to table the appointment of the representative of a business group to the Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group until an appropriate applicant is available (separate motion); (b) reappointed Edward Pulliam as the Alexandria Association representative to the Archaeological Commission; (c) appointed Nastaran Zandian as the Parker-Gray District representation to the Board of Architectural Review; (d) appointed Nicholas Stablein as the citizen member to the Citizen Corps Council; (e) reappointed Raymond Biegun and appointed Alan Dinsmore as the two citizen members 60 years of age or older to the Commission on Aging; (f) appointed Robert Ludke as the citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (g) waived the residency requirement and reappointed Lucus Dushac as the owner and operator of a facility subject to the Federal Emergency planning requirements of the Super Fund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) to the Local Emergency Planning Committee; (h) reappointed David Brennan as the Planning District III representative to the Park and Recreation Commission; (i) reappointed Sean Sweeney as the member representing the Potomac West area to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; (j) appointed Sarah Taylor as the City Manager Designee to the Visit Alexandria Board of Governors; and reappointed Lebaron Reid as the citizen member to the Waterfront Commission.

8. City Council: (1) received the report recommending a License Agreement renewal between the City of Alexandria and City Experiences, by Hornblower; and (2) scheduled it for public hearing on Saturday, March 18, 2023. (separate motion)

9. City Council: (1) received the report recommending a five-year license agreement between the City of Alexandria and ARP Waterfront, LLC; and (2) scheduled it for public hearing on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

10. City Council: (1) approved the Virginia Housing Development LLC (VHDLLC), including retroactively, pursuant to the terms of a resolution by Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority (ARHA) to approve an amended and restated operating agreement for VHDLLC; (2) approved the formation of a special purposed entity pursuant to the terms of a resolution by VDHLLC; (3) authorized the City Manager to review and approve the VHDLLC and Special Purpose Entity (SPE), organizational documents to ensure conformance with this approval; and (4) authorized the City Manager to execute such documents or take such further action as necessary to implement City Council's actions hereunder.

11. City Council: (1) authorized the execution of a grant award for \$42,100; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council: (1) approved the submission of a grant application for up to \$6,785,655 to fund 25 additional firefighters for relief staffing for the Alexandria Fire Department (AFD); and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

13. City Council: (1) approved the submission of an application for the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) grant for \$332,952; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

14. City Council: (1) retroactively approved the submission of a grant application to the National Council of Aging for \$150,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

15. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

16. City Council: (1) authorized the Executive Secretary for Boards and Commission to remove the following members from their respective board or commission for failure to submit an oath of office: Megan Prince, Community Services Board and Tookie Organek, Park and Recreation Commission; and (2) notify them of their removal.

17. City Council approved the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

18. City Council approved the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

19. City Council approved the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

20. City Council approved the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

VI. CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

21. [23-0908](#)

Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee - 2-year term

2 Citizen Members

City Council reappointed Kerem Bilge and appointed Alexandre Jegrafov as the two citizen members to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee.

22. [23-0909](#)

Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term

1 Citizen Member

City Council reappointed Karen Graf as the citizen member to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee.

23. [23-0910](#)

Commission on Information Technology - 3-year term

1 Citizen Member

City Council reappointed Sara Crifasi as the citizen member to the Commission on Information Technology.

24. [23-0911](#)

Environmental Policy Commission - 2-year term

1 Citizen Member

City Council appointed James Vandeputte as the citizen member to the Environmental Policy Commission.

25. [23-0912](#)

Traffic and Parking Board - 2-year term

2 Citizen Members

City Council reappointed James Lewis and Ann Tucker as the two citizen members to the Traffic and Parking Board.

VII. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

None.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

26. [23-0852](#)

Introduction. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2023 (Fiscal Year 2024).

City Council passed the proposed ordinance on first reading after establishing the tax rates to be advertised for residential and commercial real property and personal property.

The maximum rates authorized by City Council in the ordinance reflect:

A base real estate tax rate on residential, commercial and industrial property for calendar year 2023 of \$1.12 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The FY2024 proposed budget reflects a real estate tax rate of \$1.11. Also included in the FY 2024 Proposed Operating budget is an alternative option with a one cent increase.

1. Assumed in this proposed amount is the continued dedication of 1.0 cents for affordable housing;

2. Assumed in the proposed amount is the continued reservation of 2.2 cents of the real property tax rate for transportation projects;

3. A Special Services District tax is proposed to continue to be levied on all real property located in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District at the current rate of \$0.20 per one hundred dollars of valuation;

For all other taxes, the following rates are proposed:

4. A personal property tax rate on vehicles for calendar year 2023 of \$5.33 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2024 proposed budget recommends a vehicle personal property tax rate of \$5.33 to fund the base budget; and

5. A tangible business personal property tax rate for calendar year 2023 of \$4.75 per one hundred dollars of assessed value and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 per hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2024 proposed budget recommends a tangible personal property tax rate of \$4.75 and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 to fund the base budget.

City Council set the ordinance for public hearing and second reading on Tuesday, April 25 and final passage on Wednesday, May 3.

IX. ORAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Vice Mayor Jackson recognized Essential Workers Week and she noted that

Alexandria Police Department and ACPS held a program at Patrick Henry K-8 School recognizing the workers.

- 2. Councilman Aguirre recognized Edo-Futuro, an nonprofit organization to strengthen immigrant education, on celebrating 25 years of service.*
- 3. Councilman Aguirre congratulated the organizers of the St. Patrick's Day Parade on successful event.*
- 4. Councilman Aguirre thanked Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., for inviting him to participate in a Read Across America event at Beatley Library last week.*
- 5. Councilman McPike thanked everyone involved in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.*
- 6. Councilman McPike thanked everyone who came to speak at the Budget Public Hearing.*
- 7. Councilman McPike thanked City staff and Councilmember Bagley for assisting him while he is on travel this week, enabling him to participate remotely in Council meetings.*
- 8. Councilmember Bagley reported that members attended the ALIVE! Impact Briefing earlier in the week highlighting their impact on the community and the needs of the community.*
- 9. Councilmember Bagley reported that she had a meeting with the stakeholders in the redevelopment and revitalization of the King Street/Commonwealth Bridge site through community walk to survey the site and explore possible changes.*
- 10. Councilmember Bagley commended everyone involved in the planning and execution of the service for Deputy Fire Chief Brian Hrick.*
- 11. Vice Mayor Jackson noted that she and Mayor Wilson participated in Career Day at MacArthur Elementary School and the children enjoyed hearing about local government.*
- 12. Vice Mayor Jackson recognized the All City Schools Artists who were recognized at the Torpedo Factory on Friday with a reception.*
- 13. Vice Mayor Jackson stated that the City is hosting an expungement clinic in the West End at the Mark Center Hilton on March 25 from 10 am until 1 pm.*
- 14. Councilman Aguirre noted that the City is offering tax preparation services for the community.*

X. OTHER

- 27. [23-0806](#)** Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council received and approved the City Council Schedule, noting the concern for the docket for the July 5 public hearing and the request to hold the budget adoption meeting at 6 pm.

XI. ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

NOTE: The action docket is a summary of Council's meeting deliberations prepared largely for staff follow up. Formal minutes of the meeting, when approved by Council become the official record of the meeting of Council decisions made at the meeting.