

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

City Council Legislative Meeting

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I. OPENING MATTERS

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of City Council were present.

2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution by members by City Council

3. Closed Session.

[24-1524](#)

6:00 p.m. -- Consideration of a Closed Executive Session to discuss a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, and 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 a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, and 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, specifically, a corporate headquarters, and associated uses, considering relocating to the City, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711 (A)(5) and (A)(6) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 3200)

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. [24-1576](#)

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023;
The Special Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023;
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2023; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2023.

City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of October 10, 2023; the special meeting minutes of October 11, 2023; the public hearing meeting minutes of October 14, 2023; and the regular meeting minutes of October 24, 2023.

Proclamations and Recognitions

6. [24-1556](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring the Annual Scottish Christmas Walk.
City Council endorsed the proclamation.
7. [24-1581](#) Recognition of the Graduates of the City Academy.
City Council recognized the graduates of the City Academy.

II. ORAL REPORTS

City Council on Boards, Commissions and Committees

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

***Waterfront Commission (Councilmember Bagley)**

***Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Councilmember Bagley)**

City Council gave the reports.

Oral Report from the City Manager

8. [24-1582](#) Oral Update on Seminary West
City Council received an update on the improvement to Seminary West intersection from Ms. Castenada, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services and Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services.

III. ACTION DOCKET

Regular Consent Calendar (9-16)

9. [24-1578](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2024 Virginia Department of

Criminal Justice Services Combatting Hate Crimes Grant Program for the Alexandria Police Department.

10. [24-1579](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2024 Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program for the Alexandria Police Department.
11. [24-1580](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2024 Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Operation Ceasefire Grant Program for Local Prosecutorial Resources for the Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney.
12. [24-1349](#) Receipt of the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
13. [24-1372](#) Consideration of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2024 First Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.
14. [24-1522](#) Consideration of the Acceptance of a Deed of Quitclaim to Douglass Cemetery.
15. [24-1523](#) Consideration of the Acceptance of a Gift from the Mortar and Pestle Society.
16. [24-1615](#) Request for removal of City Board, Commission and Committee members for missing Oaths of Office.

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of items 9, 12, 14, and 15, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

9. City Council: (1) approved submission of the grant application for up to \$150,000 by December 1, 2023; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required. (separate motion)

10. City Council: (1) retroactively approved the submission of the grant application (applied on November 6, 2023) for up to \$250,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

11. City Council: (1) retroactively approved the submission of the grant application (applied on October 30, 2023) for up to \$479,748; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council received the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. (separate motion)

13. City Council received as information the FY 2024 First Quarter Capital Projects Status Report.

14. City Council authorized the City Manager to approve and accept the Deed of Quitclaim from a current owner of real property located at 1421 Wilkes Street in the City of Alexandria also known as Douglass Cemetery. (separate motion)

15. City Council: (1) accepted this monetary gift of \$70,000 from the Mortar and Pestle Society; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary

documents that may be required. (separate motion)

16. City Council authorized the City Clerk to remove the following member for failure to turn in their oath of office within the 60-day time period. The list was as follows: Jessica Barloga, Commission for Women.

Roll-Call Consent Calendar (17-18)

17. [24-1575](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Apply for a Competitive Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the FY 2025 State of Good Repair Program. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
18. [24-1593](#) Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Government Speech. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council approved the resolutions under separate motions. The approvals were as follows:*
- 17. City Council: (1) adopted the resolution to apply for up to \$914,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) State of Good Repair (SGR) program for the resurfacing of City-maintained primary route extensions; (2) commit up to \$50,000 for any expenditure increases exceeding the original project estimates or awarded grant amounts to fund the resurfacing of roadway network segments: W/B Duke Street from Roth Street to South Quaker Lane, E/B Duke Street from Roth Street to South Quaker Lane, W/B Duke Street from South Quaker Lane to Wheeler Avenue, E/B Duke Street to South Quaker Lane to Wheeler Avenue; and (3) authorized the City Manager to submit this resolution and enter into any agreements with VDOT that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved. (RES. NO. 3201) (separate motion)*
- 18. City Council adopted the resolution regarding the use of certain areas and events for official government speech and the adoption of certain messages. (RES. NO. 3202) (separate motion)*

IV. ACTION MATTERS

Action Recommendations from the City Manager

19. [24-1484](#) Consideration of a Recommendation on the use of Pride+ colors in Crosswalks on King Street at Royal and Fairfax Streets.
- City Council approved staff recommendations on the locations, color scheme, and design of Pride+ colors in crosswalks on King Street at Royal and Fairfax Streets.*

Please note: The public hearing for this item closed on November 18, 2023.

20. [24-1528](#) Master Plan Amendment #2023-00005
Zoning Text Amendment #2023-00007
2020-2021 Housing Policy Amendments
Zoning For Housing/Housing For All Initiatives
(A) Consideration of amendments to all chapters of the Alexandria Master

Plan to: (1) amend the following sentence wherever it occurs, from "Areas of the City currently zoned residential should remain zoned for residential use at no higher than their current density" to "Areas of the City currently zoned residential should remain zoned for residential use;" (2) incorporate the following notes in all Master Plan chapters: "References to low density will continue to refer to development configuration that limits overall building height and lot coverage compatible with the existing neighborhood" and "Ensure race and social equity is 'incorporated and centered in all planning' per City Council's Resolution 2974 including, but not limited to, all references to preserving and protecting neighborhoods and character"; and (3) amend the Housing Master Plan, Zoning Tools Section, Page 107, to add a statement supporting use of the Residential multifamily/RMF zone in areas planned and/or zoned for medium or higher density development and other potentially suitable locations. (B) Consideration of a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to amend all Articles to implement the following measures from the Zoning for Housing Initiative: (1) Expanding Housing Opportunities in Single-family Zones: amend the R-20, R-12, R-8, R-5, and R-2-5 zones to increase the number of housing units permitted; amend lot and yard requirements in the R-2-5 zone for two-unit dwellings; amend Article VIII to reduce minimum parking requirements, and amend Article XII to exempt lots developed with small scale multi-unit dwellings from site plan requirements; amend the limitation on occupancy limits per unit to allow the same number of occupants allowed by the building code; and delete "roominghouse" definition and regulations. (2) Industrial Zone: add standards for ground floor uses and limitations on locations of vehicular entrances and parking and loading spaces. (3) Residential Multifamily Zone: allow neighborhood-serving commercial uses as permitted and special uses. (4) Historic Development Patterns: in all zones that allow multi-unit dwellings, amend yard and open space requirements for multi-unit uses, delete maximum dwelling units per acre and minimum lot size requirements for multi-unit uses, and delete zone transition setback requirement and require compliance only with other supplemental yard and setback regulations. (5) Townhouses: amend yard, bulk, and open space requirements for single-unit, two-unit, and townhouse dwellings in all zones that allow townhouses; amend lot requirements in the CL, CC, CSL, CG, CD-X, OC, OCM-50, OCM-100, OCH, CRMU-L, CRMU-M, CRMU-H, CRMU-X, and W-1 zones for two-unit dwellings; delete noncomplying provisions in the RA, RB, and RM zones; and create new provisions that allow RM development rights to single-unit, two-unit, and townhouse dwellings on certain lots outside of the RM zone. (C) Consideration of proposed amendments to update the 2020-2021 Housing Policy (1) to require, as City Policy, that 1/3 of the density requested above what is recommended in the underlying Small Area Plan be provided as committed affordable housing under Zoning Ordinance Section 7-700 and as a condition in Coordinated Development District Special Use Permits and (2) to require as City Policy for commercial to residential conversions in existing

buildings that Section 7-700 is applied to allow additional floor area ratio for the proposed residential use.

Applicant: City of Alexandria, VA

- Approval of Master Plan Amendment #2023-00005: 7-0 Vote
- Approval of 2020-2021 Housing Policy Amendments: 7-0 Vote
- Approval of Staff Recommendations for 7 Proposals: 7-0 Vote
 - Bonus Height Recommendation to Table
 - Historic Development Patterns Recommendation to Approve
 - Residential Multi-Unit Analysis Recommendation to Approve
 - Industrial Zone Analysis Recommendation to Approve
 - Coordinated Development District Recommendation to Approve
 - Transit Oriented Development Recommendation to Approve
 - Commercial to Residential Recommendation to Approve
- Endorsement of Parking Recommendations for the Townhouse Zone and Single-family Zone Proposal: 5-2 Vote
- Endorsement of Family Definition Recommendation under the Single-Family Zone Proposal: 5-2 Vote
- Endorsement of Staff's Townhouse Zones Recommendation: 7-0 Vote
- Endorsement of Staff's Expanding Housing Opportunities within Single-family Zones Recommendation: 6-1 Vote
- Approval of Zoning Text Amendment #2023-00007: 7-0 Vote

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendations for Master Plan Amendment #2023-00005, approved the Zoning Text Amendment #2023-00007 and the Housing Policy Amendments.

Resolutions

None.

Ordinances

None.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Oral Reports and Presentations by Members of Council

21. [24-1517](#) Consideration of City Council Calendar.

City Council received and approved the FY 2024 City Council calendar.

Closed Session (if needed)

VI. ADJOURN.

City Council adjourned the meeting at 12:40 a.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.