

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

City Council Legislative Meeting

The February 13, 2024 Legislative Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held in the Council Chamber (301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of the City Council and staff are participating either in-person or from a remote location through a 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:

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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, with Vice Mayor Jackson arriving immediately following roll-call.

2. Electronic Participation Resolution (if needed)

Not needed.

3. Closed Session (if needed)

Not needed.

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. [24-1749](#) Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2024;
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2024; and
The Summary Minutes of the Town Hall Meeting of January 27, 2024.

City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings: the regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2024, the public hearing meeting minutes of January 20, 2024, and the summary minutes of the town hall meeting of January 27, 2024.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

6. [24-1748](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring February as George Washington Celebration Month.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

***Council of Governments (COG) Region Forward Coalition (Councilwoman Gaskins)**

***Commission on Aging (Councilman Aguirre)**

***COG - Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) - (Councilmember Bagley)**

***Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

***Citizen Corps Council (Vice Mayor Jackson and Councilman McPike)**

***COG - Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Committee (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

***Alex Renew Board (Vice Mayor Jackson and Mayor Wilson)**

*** Potomac Watershed Roundtable (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

***COG - Food and Agricultural Regional Member (FARM) Committee (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

***Commission on Information Technology- (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

***Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) (Councilmember Bagley)**

City Council gave the reports.

Oral Report from the City Manager

7. [24-1689](#) Council Priorities Update.

Mr. Useem gave an update on City Council priorities highlighting the inclusion of the guidance from City Council from the Council budget in November.
8. [24-1811](#) Update on the 2024 Virginia General Assembly Session.

City Council approved the proposed positions on bills of impact to the City included in Attachments 1, 2, and 3 (Oppose, Support, and Watch list respectively) as recommended by Council's Legislative Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman McPike) at the February 2, 2024 meeting.
9. [24-1812](#) Potomac Yard Entertainment District Update.

Ms.Landrum gave an update on the activity at the General Assembly regarding the proposed arena.

III. ACTION DOCKET**Regular Consent Calendar (10-23)**

10. [24-1852](#) Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria Caen Sister Cities Committee
Karen McKeon
 - (b) Commission for the Arts
Tiffany Williams
 - (c) Historic Alexandria Resource Commission
Kate Gillis
 - (d) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Commission
Matthew Razzano
 - (e) Sister Cities Commission
Esther Petrilli Massey
Kathryn Schalow
Kurt Eberle
11. [24-1841](#) Uncontested Appointments of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee - 2-year term
2 citizen members
 - (b) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 school board designee
 - (c) Citizen Corps Council - 3-year term
1 Alexandria Chapter American Red Cross representative
 - (d) Commission for the Arts - 3-year term
1 professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the city landscape, such as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design.
 - (e) Community Policy and Management Team - 2-year term
1 parent representative

- (f) Emergency Medical Services Council - 2-year term
1 citizen member
 - (g) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee - 2-year term
1 representative of Gadsby's Tavern
1 citizen member
 - (h) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board - 2-year term
2 tenant representatives
 - (i) Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission - 4-year term
1 citizen member
 - (j) Public Records Advisory Commission - 2-year term
1 citizen member
 - (k) Social Services Advisory Board - 3-year term
1 citizen member
 - (l) Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 member representing Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations
1 Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee representative
3 members nominated by Civic Association in flood affected area.
1 business representative
2 residents with engineering, environmental, financial, or related experience
1 member with interest or expertise in diversity, race and equal social equity and inclusivity issues
12. [24-1859](#) Request for removal of City Board, Commission and Committee members for missing Oaths of Office.
13. [24-1657](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2023.
14. [24-1662](#) Consideration of the Calendar Year 2024 Real Property Assessments.
15. [24-1781](#) Consideration of a Funding Agreement with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice for the Provision of a Behavioral Health Staff Position.
16. [24-1805](#) Consideration of Virginia American Water Company's Proposed 29% Overall Rate Increase.

17. [24-1815](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize Reimbursement of Costs from Responding to Terrorism Hoax Incidents, Bomb Threats, and Malicious Activation of Fire Alarms in Section 13-1-42 Chapter 1 (GENERAL OFFENSES) of Title 13 (MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
18. [24-1765](#) 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 Old Town Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00002 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. 2023-00002 associated with 301 N. Fairfax Street approved by City Council on January 20, 2024).
19. [24-1767](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 065.03 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 property at 301 North Fairfax Street from CD/Commercial downtown to CRMU-H/Commercial residential mixed use (high) in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2023-00003 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2023-00003 associated with the 301 N. Fairfax Street approved by City Council on January 20, 2024).
20. [24-1769](#) 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 Old Town North Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00006 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. 2023-00006 associated with The Ladrey approved by City Council on January 20, 2024).
21. [24-1771](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 065.01 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 properties at 300 Wythe and 600 North Fairfax Streets from

RC/High density apartment to RMF/Residential multi-unit in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2023-00004 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2023-00004 associated with The Ladrey approved by City Council on January 20, 2024).

22. [24-1773](#) 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 Southwest Quadrant Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2023-00003 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. 2023-00003 associated with S. Alfred Street Townhomes approved by City Council on January 20, 2024).

23. [24-1775](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 080.01 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 properties at 816 and 820 Gibbon and 608 and 614 South Alfred Streets from CL/Commercial low to CRMU-L/Commercial mixed use (low) in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2023-00002 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2023-00002 associated with S. Alfred Street Townhomes approved by City Council on January 20, 2024).

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of items 14, 16, 18, and 19, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

10. *City Council received the following resignations from boards, commissions, and committees: (a) Karen McKeon, Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee; (b) Tiffany Williams, Commission for the Arts; (c) Kate Gillis, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (d) Matthew Razzano, Potomac Yard Design Advisory Commission; and (e) Esterh Petrilli Massey, Kathryn Schalow, Kurt Eberle, Sister Cities Commission.*

11. *City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Michael Bianco and Candace Herman as the two citizen members to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) appointed Nancy Drane as the school board designee to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (c) appointed Elsy Melkonian as the American Red Cross Alexandria Chapter representative to the Citizen Corps Council; (d) appointed Trena Raines as the professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the city landscape, such as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design to the Commission for the Arts; (e) appointed Nathan Shultz as the parent representative Community Policy and Management Team; (f) appointed Kristen Eastlick as the representative of Gadsby's Tavern and appointed Laura Packard as the citizen member to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (g) appointed*

Amy Purnell and Andrea Weiss as the two tenant representatives to the Landlord - Tenant Relations Board; (h) appointed Yon Lambert as the citizen member to the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission; (i) appointed David Kovalik as the citizen member to the Public Records Advisory Commission; and (j) appointed Karen Carter as the citizen member to the Social Services Advisory Board.

12. *City Council authorized the City Clerk to remove the following member from the Commission for failure to return the oath of office within 60 days of appointment: LeAnn Frederick, Commission for Women.*

13. *City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.*

14. *City Council received the Calendar Year 2024 Real Property Assessments report. (separate motion)*

15. *City Council: (1) retroactively approved the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to reimburse the City of Alexandria up to a maximum of \$136,589.66 annually; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.*

16. *City Council supported City staff to: (1) minimized the unreasonable magnitude of the proposed water rate increase for Alexandria's residents and businesses, including opposing Virginia American Water Company's 29% overall rate increase by intervening as a respondent in the recently docketed case, retaining outside counsel and experts to oppose the increase; and (2) as appropriate, oppose any additional unreasonable requests by VAWC's rate increase application. (separate motion)*

17. *City Council approved the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, February 24, 2024.*

18. *City Council approved the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled if for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, February 24, 2024. (separate motion)*

19. *City Council approved the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled if for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, February 24, 2024. (separate motion)*

IV. Roll-Call Consent Calendar

None.

V. ACTION MATTERS

Contested Appointments of Boards, Commissions, and Committees

24. [24-1842](#) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member

City Council appointed Brant Snyder as the citizen member to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee.

25. [24-1843](#) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission - 3-year term
1 community member with expertise in children, youth and family issues, public safety, medical/health related profession or non-profit experience
City Council appointed Carrie Phillips as the community member with expertise in children, youth and family issues, public safety, medical/health related profession or non-profit experience to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission.
26. [24-1844](#) Community Services Board - 3-year term
1 citizen member
City Council moved to readvertise for this position on the Community Services Board.
27. [24-1845](#) Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission - 4-year term
1 citizen member appointed by Council
City Council appointed Nigel Mease as the citizen member appointed by Council to the Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission.
28. [24-1846](#) Public Health Advisory Commission - 2-year term
Non-health professional citizen member
City Council reappointed Anita McClendon as the non-health professional citizen member to the Public Health Advisory Commission.
29. [24-1847](#) Sister Cities Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member
City Council appointed Erin Rauner as the citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee.
30. [24-1848](#) Traffic and Parking Board - 2-year term
1 citizen member
City Council appointed Kursten Phelps as the citizen member to the Traffic and Parking Board.
31. [24-1849](#) Waterfront Commission - 2-year term
1 Park Planning District I representative
City Council reappointed Louise Roseman as the Park Planning District I representative to the Waterfront Commission.

Recommendations from the City Manager

32. [24-1427](#) Consideration of the Release of Funds from FY 2024 Contingent Reserves for Operation of the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center.
City Council allocated \$657,629 to the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center per the responses below that demonstrate progress towards: (1) optimizing capacity within Northern Virginia for Juvenile Secure Detention services; (2) leveraging available

physical plant capacity for alternative uses; and (3) pursuing new regional partnerships for use of facilities and staffing.

Resolutions

None.

Ordinances

None.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

33. Oral Reports and Oral Presentations from Members of City Council

- 1. Councilman Aguirre acknowledged the retirement of Ms.Elaine Scott, Office of Communications and Community Engagement and Police Chief Don Hayes.*
- 2. Councilman Aguirre reported that he met with community youth at Casa Chirlagua.*
- 3. Councilman Aguirre reported that he and his colleagues attended the annual VML Lobby Day in Richmond.*
- 4. Councilman Aguirre thanked staff for the different engagement opportunities on the proposed arena project and he noted that he attended a discussion/engagement opportunity with Tenants and Workers United.*
- 5. Councilman Aguirre congratulated Port City Brewery on it's 13th Anniversary.*
- 6. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the recent gala held by the Center for Alexandria's Children.*
- 7. Councilman Aguirre attended a Lunar New Year celebration in the City.*
- 8. Councilman Aguirre and Councilman Chapman attended the regional chamber speed networking event sponsored by the Alexandria Chamber along with other local Chambers.*
- 9. Councilman Aguirre attended a Coffee with a Cop event and West End Business Association event.*
- 10. Councilman Aguirre announced that there are free tax preparation services available through the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS).*
- 11. Councilman Chapman requested that Director of Community and Human Services Garvey give an update report about disparities experienced by the community as it relates to service for residents from DCHS, related to things like education, food security, and mental health and economic security in specific areas and the investment from the City in those areas.*
- 12. Councilman Chapman requested an update on the next check-in for the Duke*

Street In-Motion project from the City Manager.

34. [24-1745](#)

Consideration of City Council Calendar.

City Council approved the City Council calendar.

Closed Session (if needed)

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 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.