

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

6:15 PM

Council Chamber

City Council Legislative Meeting

The September 24, 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 members of Council were present with Councilman Chapman and Councilman McPike arriving during the executive session.

2. Electronic Participation Resolution (if needed).

Not needed.

3. Closed Session.

[25-2454](#)

Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:17 p.m., pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3711 (A)(6) to discuss or consider 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.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:06 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session that was previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 3245)

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

5. [25-2393](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

6. [25-2394](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring the 60th Anniversary of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

7. [25-2395](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Commission for Women.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

[25-2452](#)

- Commission on Aging (Councilman Aguirre)
- Council of Governments (COG) Transportation Planning Board (TPB) (Councilman Aguirre)
- Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force (Councilman Aguirre and Councilwoman Gaskins)
- Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP) (Councilman Aguirre and Councilmember Bagley)
- Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Councilmember Bagley)
- ARHA Redevelopment Work Group (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)
 - City/Schools Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)

City Council gave the reports.

IV. Oral Report from the City Manager.

City Manager Parajon introduced the new CEO for the Alexandria Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Erik Johnson and welcomed him to the City.

City Manager Parajon reported that Community Lodgings received a competitive award for state housing opportunities for tax credits at the Elbert Avenue project to allow the project to move forward. Mr. Parajon also noted that Virginia Housing also awarded \$1.25 million in Amazon Impact Reach funds to the project facilitate deeper affordability. Mr. Parajon reported that the City has received approximately \$28 million of the \$75 million from Virginia commitment for the Amazon project.

City Manager Parajon reported that both of the rating agencies have affirmed that the City's general obligation rating is AAA and stable.

V. ACTION DOCKET

Regular Consent Calendar (8-10)

8. [25-2388](#) Consideration of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2024 Fourth Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.
9. [25-2352](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the FY 2025 Combatting Hate Crimes Grant Program through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice (DCJS).
10. [25-2408](#) Consideration of a Request to Release FY 2025 Contingent Reserve Funds of \$150,000 Allocated for the Alexandria Sheriff's Office to Continue a Hiring Bonus Program.

City Council approved the consent calendar. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

8. City Council received as information the FY 2024 Fourth Quarter Capital Projects Status

9. City Council: (1) approved the submission of an application to the Department of Criminal Justice (DCJS) Grant Program for up to \$150,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

10. City Council approved the release of contingent funds allocated in the FY25 budget process for extending the hiring bonus program for certified deputies working in the jail.

VI. ACTION MATTERS**Recommendations from the City Manager**

11. [25-2385](#) Receipt and referral of bids for a Franchise to use certain public property to design, install, own, operate, maintain, repair, upgrade, and remove electric vehicle supply equipment for the use and benefit of the public, including incidental design, construction, and modifications to City infrastructure to further and accommodate such use.

City Council received the submitted proposals and referred to the City Manager for evaluation, review and consideration in the manner prescribed by law, including the selection of and the negotiation of a franchise agreement or agreements with on or more of the responsive bidders and directed the City Manager to recommend to City Council, as soon as feasible, a firm to be awarded a public electric vehicle supply equipment franchise by City Council.

12. [25-2389](#) Acceptance of the Virginia General Assembly funding through the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to the Alexandria Community Services Board (ACSB) in the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) for the use of on-going dollars for staff attraction, training and development and for the creation of a Peer Support Specialist position for the

Marcus Alert program.

City Council: (1) authorized the acceptance of funding to Alexandria Community Services Board (ACSB) in the amount of \$213,060.33 for the duration of this current fiscal year (FY2025) with no match required, to provide staff training and development. The funding will be used to support the following activities in the department: provide stipends to pay for student interns, support educational trainings for current staff, and funding one-time referral incentives for staff referring peers to current vacancies. These dollars will be on-going, based budgeted dollars from the State's general fund; (2) authorized the acceptance of funding the ACSB in the amount of \$121, 715 for the Marcus Alert program, to support on full-time Peer Support Specialist position; (3) approved the addition of one full-time Peer Support Specialist position that will be fully supported by the award from Department of Behavioral Health and Department Services (DBHDS), to include benefits costs; and (4) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

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

a. [25-2453](#)

Approval of a Resolution Declaring the City of Alexandria a Safe Haven for the LGBTQ+ Community.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(a) City Council adopted a resolution declaring the City of Alexandria a Safe Haven for the LGBTQ+ community. (RES. NO. 3246)

(b) Councilwoman Bagley reported there will be a community meeting on the City Hall renovation at the Minnie Howard Campus.

(c) Councilwoman Bagley requested that staff revisit the e-bike program development.

(d) Councilman McPike reported that there will be a electric vehicle fair held in the City on Saturday, September 28.

(e) Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Champions Breakfast.

(f) Councilman Aguirre reported that he and other members of Council attended the Constitution Day event hosted by Mayor Wilson.

(g) Councilman Aguirre welcomed the Genesis/Hyundai dealer to their renovated facility on Mount Vernon Avenue.

(h) Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the field day for employees hosted by Human Resources

(i) Councilman Aguirre reported that DASH recently held a celebration recognizing its 5.3. million riders on the system.

(j) Councilman Aguirre reported that he and Vice Mayor Jackson attended an art installation kicking off Art on the Avenue at the Hilton Mark Center.

(k) Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended Northern Virginia Aging Network Breakfast, where they discussed their legislative agenda which helps the City's

Commission on Aging form their legislative agenda requests.

(l) Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the recent Tons of Trucks event.

(m) Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Seaport Foundation's Wine on the Water event.

(n) Councilman Aguirre reported that Tenants and Workers United recently held their annual Membership meeting.

(o) Councilman Aguirre reported that the City recently held a parade and celebration in honor of Noah Lyles, Olympic gold medalist, upon his return to his hometown, Alexandria.

(p) Councilman Aguirre reported that the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra has started their new season and he encouraged residences to attend their concerts.

(q) Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the City held an Emergency Preparedness Fair on Market Square for the community.

(r) Vice Mayor Jackson reported that she attended a Tech on Tap event at the Virginia Tech Innovation Campus recently.

(s) Vice Mayor Jackson also highlighted the event held at the Hilton Mark Center in conjunction with Del Ray's Art on the Ave.

14. [25-2398](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) received the updated City Council Look Ahead Schedule which includes: the Potomac Yard North Park Opening Ceremony, scheduled for 8:30 a.m., on Saturday, October 19, 2024; and (2) approved the City Council Calendar from 2024 to July 2025.

15. Closed Session (if needed).

Not needed.

VIII. ADJOURN.

City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:34 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.