

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

The November 12, 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

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 attending the meeting via Zoom.

2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution (if needed).

City Council approved the electronic participation resolution. (RES. NO. 3252)

3. Closed Session (if needed).

Not needed.

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. [25-2538](#)

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024,
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2024; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2024.

City Council adopted the minutes from the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of October 8, 2024, the public hearing meeting minutes of October 19, 2024, and the regular meeting minutes of October 22, 2024.

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

6. [25-2539](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring November 28, 2024 as Del Ray Turkey Trot Day.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

[25-2593](#)

- Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) (Councilman Aguirre and Councilmember Bagley)

City Council gave the report.

IV. Oral Report from the City Manager

7. [25-2526](#)

Staff Presentation - Appeal of the Traffic and Parking Board's July 22, 2024, Decision to Recommend Roadway Design Changes on South Pickett Street between Duke Street and Edsall Road.

City Council received a staff presentation of the appeal from the Traffic and Parking Board's decision to recommend roadway design changes on South Pickett Street between Duke Street and Edsall Road and responded to questions from Council about the proposed changes.

8. [25-2468](#)

Discussion of a Conversion of 5001 Eisenhower Avenue Office Building to Residential Use, to Include Possible City Financial Participation to Induce the Conversion.

City staff gave an overview of a proposal to convert 5001 Eisenhower Avenue into affordable housing units and how the conversion would occur and the timeframe for coming before City Council for consideration.

V. ACTION DOCKET

Regular Consent Calendar (9-18)

9. [25-2592](#)

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

(a) Archaeology Commission
Nicholas Dienna

(b) Commission for Women
Anuja Miner
Matthew Worner
Jennifer Wetmore

(c) Commission on Aging
Enid Borden

(d) Commission on HIV/AIDS
Mohammad Fayaz Naqshbandi

(e) Environmental Policy Commission

James VandePutte

- (f) Independent Community Policing Review Board
Todd A. Pilot
- (g) Parks and Recreation Commission
Philip Voorhees
- (h) Towing Advisory Board
Kevin McCourt
- (i) Sister Cities Committee
Kathryn Johnson

10. [25-2590](#)

Uncontested Appointments for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- (a) Commission on HIV/AIDS - 3-year term
1 citizen member
1 Sheriff's Designee
- (b) Commission on Information Technology - 3-year term
1 member representing the Alexandria City School Board
- (c) Economic Opportunity Commission - 2-year term
1 Category III - representative of business industry, labor, religious, welfare or other private groups and interests certified by the Commission
- (d) Environmental Policy Commission - 2-year term
1 citizen member
- (e) George Washington Birthday Celebration Commission - 2-year term
1 member nominated by the City of Alexandria Chapter of the daughters of the American Revolution
- (f) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - 2-year term
1 Historical Restoration & Preservation Commission representative
1 Historic Alexandria Foundation representative
- (g) Local Emergency Planning Committee - 2-year term
1 representative from law enforcement and firefighting personnel
- (h) Public Health Advisory Commission - 2-year term

1 Alexandria City School Board representative

(i) Urban Design Advisory Committee - 2-year term

1 resident representing the Old Town North residential community

11. [25-2523](#) Consideration of a First Amendment to a Five-Year License Agreement dated July 1, 2024, between the City of Alexandria and Zayo Group, LLC to Permit Zayo to Install Approximately 1,017 Feet of Fiber in Existing Verizon Conduits in the Vicinity of 1900 Duke Street in the City of Alexandria's Public Rights-of-Ways.
12. [25-2528](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2024 Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VD FP) Mini-Grant Program.
13. [25-2541](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2024.
14. [25-2542](#) Collection of Taxes and Annual Consideration of Authorization to Write-Off Property Tax Balances of Less Than Twenty Dollars.
15. [25-2578](#) Consideration of Grant Award Acceptance from the National Council on Aging's (NCOA) Center for Economic Well-Being (CEW) to the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) to increase older adults' participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
16. [25-2543](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2025.
17. [25-2524](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Grant a Non-exclusive Franchise to Crown Castle Fiber LLC for Use of the Public Rights-of-Way by Companies to Design, Install, Provide, Operate, Maintain, Repair, Control, Upgrade, Construct, and Remove a Fiber Network for the Purpose of Providing Telecommunications Services within the City.
18. [25-2550](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the owner of the property located at 461 Swann Avenue to construct and maintain an encroachment for outdoor dining at that location (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2024-00002 associated with 461 Swann Avenue/Founding Farmers approved by City Council on September 14, 2024).

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of docket item #14, which was considered under a separate motion. The approvals were as follows:

9. City Council received the following resignations from members of boards, commissions, and committees with regret: (a) Nicholas Dienna, Archaeological Commission; (b) Anuja Miner, Matthew Worner, and Jennifer Wetmore, Commission

for Women; (c) Enid Borden, Commission on Aging; (d) Mohammad Fayaz Nagshbandi, Commission on HIV/AIDS; (e) James VandePutte, Environmental Policy Commission; (f) Todd A. Pilot, Independent Community Policing Review Board; (g) Phillip Voorhees, Parks and Recreation Commission; (h) Kevin McCourt, Towing Advisory Board; and (i) Kathryn Johnson, Sister Cities Committee.

10. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Rachael Jacobson as the citizen member and appointed Quentin Wade as the Sheriff's designee to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (b) appointed Emily Dillard as the member representing the Alexandria City School Board to the Commission on Information Technology; (c) reappointed Charles Brown as the Category III representative of business industry, labor, religious, welfare or other private groups and interests certified by the Commission to the Economic Opportunities Commission; (d) appointed Yanique Revers as the citizen member to the Environmental Policy Commission; (e) reappointed Sandra Welch as the member nominated by the City of Alexandria Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (f) appointed Nigel Mease as the Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission representative and reappointed Gail C. Rothrock as the Historic Alexandria Foundation representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (g) appointed Anthony Kelly as the representative from law enforcement and firefighting personnel as the Local Emergency Planning Committee; (h) appointed Holly Ann Jackson as the Alexandria City School Board representative to the Public Health Advisory Commission; and (i) appointed Zaira Suarez as the resident representing the Old Town North residential community to the Urban Design Advisory Committee.

11. City Council: (a) considered the proposed Amendment to the existing License Agreement with Zayo and scheduled the amendment for public hearing on Saturday, November 16, 2024.

12. City Council: (a) authorized the submission of a competitive Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) mini-grant application for funding up to \$26,592; and (b) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

13. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

14. City Council: (1) received the listings of delinquent local property taxes; (2) authorized the Director of Finance to write-off uncollected tax balances for tax year 2023 less than twenty dollars each, totaling \$12,402 as of June 30, 2024, for which the Director of Finance has determined that the cost of collecting such balances would exceed the recoverable amount; provided that the Director of Finance will not include any balance for which she has reason to believe the taxpayer has intentionally paid less than the amount due and owed; and (3) authorized the Director of Finance to destroy records associated with taxes paid in calendar year 2018 and prior years in accordance with Code of Virginia Section 58.1-3129(A). (separate motion)

15. City Council: (1) authorized the acceptance of a \$100,000 grant to the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) for the National Council on Aging (NCOA) Senior Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Initiative. This 18-month grant, which requires no matching funds, will support outreach, application assistance, and enrollment of 1,500 older adults (age 60+) in the SNAP program; (2) authorized the employment of temporary staff, supervised by the Food Security Coordinator to implement the grant; and (3) authorized the City Manager to

execute all necessary documents that may be required.

16. *City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, November 16, 2024.*

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VI. ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (19)

19. [25-2540](#) Consideration of a Resolution Accepting City of Alexandria Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Federal Appropriations. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council: (1) endorsed the resolution accepting City of Alexandria priorities for FY 2024 federal appropriations; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required. (RES. NO. 3253)*

VII. ACTION MATTERS

Contested Appointment

20. [25-2583](#) Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority - 4-year term
1 citizen member
- City Council moved to re-advertise for the position on the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.*
21. [25-2584](#) Beautification Commission - 2-year term
1 citizen member
- City Council appointed Susan Berry as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission.*
22. [25-2585](#) Board of Zoning Appeals - 4-year term
1 citizen member
- City Council moved to re-advertise for the position on the Board of Zoning Appeals.*
23. [25-2586](#) Commission for Women - 3-year term
1 citizen member
- City Council appointed Krystle R. Bransky as the citizen member to the Commission for Women.*
24. [25-2587](#) Commission on Information Technology - 3-year term
2 citizen members
- City Council reappointed Timothy J. Casey and Stephen Morris as the two citizen members to the Commission on Information Technology.*

25. [25-2588](#) Public Health Advisory Commission - 2-year term
1 non-health professional citizen member
City Council reappointed Jerome R. Cordts as the non-health professional citizen member to the Public Health Advisory Commission.

26. [25-2589](#) Sister Cities Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member
City Council reappointed Paul Anderson as the citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

27. [25-2535](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of proposed changes to the Ordinances for the Independent Policing Auditor as well as the Independent Community Policing Review Board.
City Council deferred consideration on the ordinance until January 2025.

28. [25-2432](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 3 (Towing and Storage Fees and Regulations) of Chapter 13 (Towing and Storage of Motor Vehicles) of Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on November 16, 2024.

29. [25-2527](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Temporary Closure of the 200 Block of King Street to Vehicular Traffic
City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on November 16, 2024.

30. [25-2525](#) Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Updated Conceptual Plans for Phase I of the Duke Street Transitway [ROLL-CALL VOTE].
City Council adopted a resolution with the following amendments: Approve the resolution for the Duke Street Transitway including: (1) conversion of the access road from two-way operation to one-way operation westbound between Longview and Cambridge Roads; (2) add cue jump lane for buses running in the eastbound direction of N. Quaker Lane; and (3) the removal of a bus lane between Roth Street and Wheeler Avenue. (RES. NO. 3254)

IX. OTHER

31. **Oral Reports and Oral Presentations by Members of City Council.**

Councilwoman Gaskins requested Council support for the memorandum she circulated proposing the creation of three new subcommittees, including boards and commissions review, personnel committee, and the concept of standing committees.

32. [25-2545](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) received the updated City Council Look Ahead Schedule which includes: the City Council Installation to be held at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22311, located on the Northern Virginia Community College Alexandria Campus; and (2) approved the City Council calendar from November 2024 - July 2025.

33. Closed Session (if needed).

X. ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 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.