

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Saturday, March 15, 2025

9:30 AM

City Council Public Hearing

The March 15, 2025, Public Hearing 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 via Zoom by the following link:

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Public Comment will be received at this meeting.

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*****TAKE NOTICE: City Council will take a lunch break in the middle of the docket at a reasonable time when the agenda allows for a break.*****

I. OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Gaskins called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of City Council were present with Councilman Chapman arriving during public discussion period.

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

Not needed.

3. Public Discussion Period

The following person participated in the public discussion period:

- 1. Melissa Elbirt, Alexandria, spoke about divesting City funds from Israel support in protest of the war in Gaza.*
- 2. Carrie Schwartz, Alexandria, spoke in protest of the war in Gaza.*
- 3. Alison O'Connell, Alexandria, spoke in protest of the war in Gaza and requested that the City divest from support of Israel.*
- 4. Glen Pine, Alexandria, spoke in protest of the war in Gaza and requested that the City divest from support of Israel.*
- 5. John Rebstock, Alexandria, spoke about concerns about the budget and other issues in the City.*
- 6. Jonathan Krall, Alexandria, spoke in protest of the war in Gaza and requested that the City divest from support of Israel.*

7. *Janice Grenadier, Alexandria, spoke about corruption in the Justice system and need for reform.*

8. *Casandra Newell, Alexandria, spoke about the growing protests and hostility toward Jewish residents.*

[This period is a public comment period on items not listed on the agenda. The first 15 speakers will speak at the beginning of the meeting. Any remaining speakers will be heard at the conclusion of the docketed items.]

II. ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR

Planning Commission (4-6)

4. [25-2965](#) Special Use Permit #2024-00089
1913 Mount Vernon Avenue Public Hearing and consideration of a Special Use Permit for a parking reduction for an outdoor garden center; zoned CL/Commercial low
Applicant: D. Jason Portlance
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0
5. [25-2966](#) Special Use Permit #2024-00091
2701 Cameron Mills Road
526 Monticello Boulevard Public Hearing and consideration of a Special Use Permit for a cemetery and lot modifications; zoned R-8/Residential
Applicant: Westminster Presbyterian Church of Alexandria, Inc.
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-0-1
6. [25-2967](#) Zoning Text Amendment #2025-00001
(A) Initiation of and (B) Public Hearing and consideration of a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to: (1) correct technical errors and unintentional omissions in Articles II, III, IV, V, VII, and XI; (2) amend Sections 4-500 and 6-700 to increase height and FAR limits for public buildings constructed prior to January 24, 1998 in the Commercial District (CD) and King Street Retail (KR) zones; (3) amend Section 7-200 to allow fences up to 10 feet in height in required side or rear yards when a subject property immediately abuts a lot developed with a nonresidential use and to clarify that wall mounted mechanical equipment may be located in a required side or rear yard; (4) amend Section 11-400 to allow additions less than 3,000 square feet to be exempt from Site Plan requirements; (5) amend Sections 12-200 and 12-300 to clarify that a public building constructed prior to June 24, 1998 is not a nonconforming use, that such public building is a noncomplying use, and that such use may be expanded without Special Use Permit approval; and (6) to amend Article XI to make the Director of Planning & Zoning responsible for certain activities and make other clarifications.

Applicant: City of Alexandria, Department of Planning & Zoning
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

City Council approved the action consent calendar. The approvals were as follows:

4. *City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.*
5. *City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.*
6. *City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.*

III. Roll-Call Consent Calendar (7-10)

7. [25-2856](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) to delete Section 7-203(B)(7) (ACCESSORY DWELLINGS) and add Sections 7-302 (SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS) and 7-1400 (SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2024-00011 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2024-00011 associated with short-term residential rental regulations approved by City Council on February 22, 2025). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
8. [25-2858](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way at North Clarens Street, adjacent to the property at 1 & 2 North Clarens Street (VAC No. 2024-00007) (Implementation Ordinance for Vacation No. 2024-00007 associated with Clarens Estates approved by City Council on February 22, 2025). {ROLL-CALL VOTE]
9. [25-2973](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 1-1-11 of Chapter 1 (USE AND INTRODUCTION) of Title 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
10. [25-2974](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend Section 5-6-224 (Method of Storm and Subsoil Water Disposal) of Subdivision J (Miscellaneous Provisions) of Article B (SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND DRAINS) of Chapter 6 (Water and Sewer) of Title 5 (Transportation And Environmental Services) to Transfer Signature Authority. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council closed the public hearing and approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approvals were as follows:
 7. *City Council adopted an ordinance to amend and reordain Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) to delete Section 7-203(B)(7) (ACCESSORY DWELLINGS) and add Section 7-302 (SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS) and 7-1400 (SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore*

approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2024-00011 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2024-00011 associated with short-term residential rental regulations approved by City Council on February 22, 2025). (ORD. NO. 5575)

8. City Council adopted an ordinance to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way at North Clarens Street, adjacent to the property at 1 & 2 North Clarens Street (VAC No. 2024-00007) (Implementation Ordinance for Vacation No. 2024-00007 associated with Clarens Estates approved by City Council on February 22, 2025). (ORD. NO. 5576)

9. City Council adopted an ordinance to amend and reordain Section 1-1-11 of Chapter 1 (USE AND INTRODUCTION) of Title 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. (ORD. NO. 5577)

10. City Council adopted an ordinance to amend Section 5-6-224 (Method of Storm and Subsoil Water Disposal) of Subdivision J (Miscellaneous Provisions) of Article B (SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND DRAINS) of Chapter 6 (Water and Sewer) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) to transfer signature authority. (ORD. NO. 5578)

IV. Public Hearing Matters

11. [25-2978](#) Public Hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2026 (including Schools) and the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2026 to FY 2035 (including Schools CIP), and Proposed Tax Rate Recommendations.

City Council held the budget public hearing.

12. [25-2968](#) Zoning Text Amendment #2025-00002
Coordinated Development District Concept Plan #2023-00003
CDD #21 Amendment
1250, 1350, 1460-1470A, 1500, 1600, 1800, 1900, 2000 N Beauregard St.
5066, 5105, 5106, 5115, 5118, 5121, 5129 Fairbanks Rd.
2618, 2623, 2627, 2641, 2638, 2648, 2658 Foster Ave.
5741 Leverett Ct.
5650 Rayburn Ave.
5501, 5600, 5711, 5900A Sanger Ave.
5055, 5143, 5165, 5173, 5183 Seminary Rd.
5443A Sheffield Ct.
(A) Initiation of and Public Hearing and consideration of a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to amend Section 5-602 replacing references to the Beauregard Small Area Plan with the AlexWest Small Area Plan and (C) Public Hearing and consideration of an amendment to Coordinated Development District Concept Plan #21, including for the Adams Neighborhood, to align with the AlexWest Small Area Plan, zoned CDD #21/Coordinated Development District #21.
Applicants: City of Alexandria (Text Amendment); 1900 Beauregard Property Owner, LLC, represented by Kenneth W. Wire, Attorney; Alexandria

Development Associates, LLC, represented by Kenneth W. Wire & Megan Rappolt, Attorneys; 5021 Seminary Road (VA) Owner, LLC, represented by Kenneth W. Wire & Megan Rappolt, Attorneys; Morgan Properties Management Company, LLC, represented by Matthew J. Allman, Attorney
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

City Council closed the public hearing and approved the Planning Commission recommendation, including the modification to CDD conditions 37, deletion of condition 38 as defined in the staff memo dated March 4, acknowledge staff communication about the Upland Park and Adams Neighborhood with the applicants, and the modifications to the zoning table as recommended by staff.

13. [25-2964](#)

Zoning Text Amendment #2024-00010

(A) Initiation of a Text Amendment and (B) Public Hearing and consideration of a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to amend Article IX Signs

Applicant: City of Alexandria, Department of Planning & Zoning

Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 5-0

City Council closed the public hearing and approved the Planning Commission recommendation, as amended.

14. [25-2969](#)

Zoning Ordinance Subdivision cases are heard by the Planning Commission, placed on the City Council docket for information, and heard by City Council only upon appeal. Subdivision #2024-00018

29 E Reed Avenue Public Hearing and consideration of a request for a Subdivision to re-subdivide an existing lot into two lots; zoned RB/Residential

Applicant: Classic Cottages, LLC

Planning Commission Action: Approved 7-0

15. [25-2970](#)

Development Site Plans are heard by the Planning Commission, placed on the City Council docket for information, and heard by City Council only upon appeal.

Development Site Plan Amendment #2025-00003

3830 Seminary Road Public Hearing and consideration of a Development Site Plan for a religious building to modify the front yard setback and to construct a fence (amending SIT68-010); zoned R-20/Residential

Applicant: Beth El Hebrew Congregation

Planning Commission Action: Approved 4-3

City Council received items 14 and 15 as information.

V. ADJOURN.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 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.