

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

6:15 PM

**There will be an executive session at 6:15 p.m. The regular meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.
Council Chamber**

City Council Legislative Meeting

The March 11, 2025, 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 Gaskins called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of City Council were present with Councilman Aguirre arriving during the closed executive session and Councilwoman Greene was absent for the executive session.

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

3. Closed Session

[25-2933](#)

6:15 p.m. - Consideration of a closed executive session to discuss a personnel matter. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council convene in closed executive session at 6:16 p.m., pursuant to Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711(A)(3) and (A)(6) to discuss or consider the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City and 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 City would be adversely affected.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:01 p.m.

City Council adopt the resolution regarding the closed executive session that was previously circulated to the Council. (RES. NO. 3278)

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

City Council observed a moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by multiple Girl Scout Troops from the community.

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

[25-2932](#)

Reading and Acting Upon Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:
The Special Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2025 and February 1, 2025 (Council Retreat);
The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2025;

The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2025; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2025.

City Council approved the minutes from the following meeting of City Council: the special meeting minutes of January 21, 2025 and February 1, 2025 (Council Retreat), the regular meeting minutes of February 18, 2025, the public hearing meeting minutes of February 22, 2025, and the regular meeting minutes of February 25, 2025.

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

6. [25-2887](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing National 311 Day.
City Council endorsed the proclamation.
7. [25-2934](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Women In Law Enforcement.
City Council endorsed the proclamation.
8. [25-2935](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing March as Senior Nutrition Programs Month.
City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

- [25-2943](#) *Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) (Vice Mayor Bagley and Councilman Aguirre)
*Subcommittee on Alexandria's Workforce Development Center (Councilman McPike and Councilman Elnoubi)
City Council gave the reports.

IV. Oral Report from the City Manager

9. [25-2904](#) Update on the 2025 General Assembly Session
City Council received the final update on the 2025 General Assembly Session for lobbyist Sarah Taylor and she responded to questions from Council about next steps related to City's legislative package.
10. [25-2779](#) Update Regarding Housing 2040 Master Plan.
City Council received an update from the staff from the Office of Housing and staff responded to questions about the City housing stock and plans to increase housing for the community.

V. ACTION DOCKET

Regular Consent Calendar (11-19)

11. [25-2944](#) Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- a) Alexandria Transportation Commission
Murat Omay
 - b) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
Robert Rapanut
Kristine E. Slayden
 - c) Commission on HIV/AIDS
Margaret Nabors
 - d) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
Laura Packard
12. [25-2945](#) Uncontested Appointments for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- a) Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force - 3-year term
1 Latino representative
 - b) Alexandria Transportation Commission - 3-year term
1 citizen who resides west of Quaker Lane, who shall be residents of the City possessing qualifications in land-use, transportation and/or municipal finance, of whom shall reside east
 - c) Beautification Commission - 2-year term
2 citizen members
 - d) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term
2 members designated by City Council as representatives
 - e) Citizen Corps Council - 3-year term
1 representative of the Crime Prevention council, or an individual with law enforcement or crime prevention experience
 - f) Public Records Advisory Commission - 2-year term
1 citizen member

13. [25-2875](#) Authorize the Grant Application and Acceptance of Funds if Awarded from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnerships for Success for Communities and Tribes.
14. [25-2880](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2025.
15. [25-2961](#) Receipt of the Viewers' Report to Vacate a Portion of the Public Right-of-Way at North Clarens Street.
16. [25-2857](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading 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).
17. [25-2877](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading 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.
18. [25-2878](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading 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, to increase interdepartmental enforcement flexibility.
19. [25-2855](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading 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).

City Council approved the regular consent calendar, with the exception of docket item #18, which was considered under separate motion. The approval was as follows:

11. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Murat Omay, Alexandria Transportation Commission; (b) Robert Rapanut and Kristine E. Slayden, Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (c) Margaret Nabors, Commission on HIV/AIDS; and (d) Laura Packard, George Washington Birthday Celebration

Committee.

12. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) reappointed Marilyn N. Cruz as the Latina representative to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force; (b) appointed Matthew T. McManus as the citizen who resides west of Quaker Lane who shall be residents of the City possessing qualifications in land-use, transportation and/or municipal finance to the Alexandria Transportation Commission; (c) appointed Alexandra Garza and Sarah Hill as the two citizen members to the Beautification Commission; (d) appointed Melinda A. Lyle and Michelle Millben as the two members designated by City Council as representatives to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (e) appointed Eric Letzgas as the representative of the Crime Prevention Council, or an individual with law enforcement or crime prevention experience to the Citizen Corps Council; and (f) appointed Jorden Lynn as the citizen member as Public Records Advisory Commission.

13. City Council: (1) authorized the application and potential acceptance of the grant award for funding to the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) in the amount of \$1,250,000 for the duration of five years with no match required to implement evidence-based substance use prevention and mental health promotion programming in the City of Alexandria; (2) approved the following positions supported by grant revenues if the competitive request is successful: one Grant Coordinator (1 FTE) to oversee grant activities, one Training and Prevention Specialist (1 FTE) to provide implementation support for grant activities, and one Human Services Specialist II (1 FTE) to deliver evidence-based prevention education curricula; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

14. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

15. City Council received the viewers' report to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way at North Clarens Street.

16. City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, March 15, 2025.

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18. City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, March 15, 2025. (separate motion)

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VI. ACTION MATTERS

Contested appointments

20. [25-2946](#)

Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee - 2-year term
1 citizen member

City Council appointed Michael M. De La Guardia as the citizen member to the Budget

and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee.

21. [25-2947](#) Commission for the Arts - 3-year term
1 professional with expertise in the arts, including, but not limited to, arts educators, professional practitioners of various art disciplines and professional administrators working in the arts
City Council reappointed Marcee F. Craighill as the professional with expertise in the arts, including, but not limited to, arts educators, professional practitioners of various art disciplines and professional administrators working in the arts to the Commission for the Arts.
22. [25-2948](#) Commission on Aging - 3-year term
1 citizen who is 60 years of age or older
City Council reappointed William T. Reeder as the citizen who is 60 years of age or older to the Commission on Aging.
23. [25-2949](#) Commission on Information Technology - 3-year term
1 citizen member
City Council appointed Tom VanAntwerp as the citizen member to the Commission on Information Technology.
24. [25-2950](#) Commission on Persons with Disabilities -2-year term
2 citizen members
City Council appointed Babette Cooper and reappointed Robert Ludke as the two citizen members to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities.
25. [25-2951](#) Human Rights Commission - 3-year term
1 citizen member
City Council appointed Kara Pitek as the citizen member to the Human Rights Commission.
26. [25-2952](#) Traffic and Parking Board - 2-year term
1 citizen member
City Council reappointed Ann Tucker as the citizen member to the Traffic and Parking Board.

Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager

27. [25-2874](#) Consideration of Adoption of the Repetitive Loss Area Analysis (RLAA) supporting the City of Alexandria's (City) ongoing participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Community Rating System (CRS).
City Council: (1) adopted the recommendations of the Repetitive Loss Area Analysis (RLAA) study that includes recommended actions aimed at reducing flood risk in the identified areas; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

28. [25-2873](#) Consideration of a Request to Approve the Submission of the Flood Insurance Assessment to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- City Council: (1) approved the submission of the Flood Insurance Assessment Technical memo; and
(2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.*

Ordinances and Resolutions

29. [25-2879](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2025 (Fiscal Year 2026).
- City Council authorized the maximum rates in the proposed ordinance as follows:*
- A base real estate tax rate on residential, commercial and industrial property for calendar year 2025 of \$ 1.15 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.*
- 1. Assumed in this proposed amount is the continued dedication of 1.0 cents for affordable housing;*
 - 2. Assumed in the proposed amount is the continued reservation of 2.2 cents of the real property tax rate for transportation projects;*
 - 3. A Special Services District tax is proposed to continue to be levied on all real property located in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District at the current rate of \$0.20 per one hundred dollars of valuation;*
- For all other taxes, the following rates are proposed:*
- 4. A personal property tax rate on vehicles for calendar year 2025 of \$5.33 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2026 proposed budget recommends a vehicle personal property tax rate of \$5.33 to fund the base budget; and*
 - 5. A tangible business personal property tax rate for calendar year 2025 of \$4.75 per one hundred dollars of assessed value and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 per hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2026 proposed budget recommends a tangible personal property tax rate of \$4.75 and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 to fund the base budget.*
- The public hearing and second reading will be Tuesday, April 8, 2025, with final passage on April 30 during budget adoption.*

VII. OTHER

30. Oral Reports and Oral Presentations by Members of City Council

- 1. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Latinos Amigos group at Alexandria City High School where he spoke with students about volunteer opportunities with the City.*

2. Councilman Aguirre reported that the Virginia Innovation Campus held their grand opening and ribbon cutting recently. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was also a Virginia Tech STEM fair held at the location.
3. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended Islamic Relief USA 7th Annual City of Alexandria Iftar event.
4. Councilman Aguirre reported that WMATA held their Metro Awards event.
5. Councilman Aguirre thanked Congressman Beyer for organizing the Resources Fair for Alexandria, Fairfax County, Arlington County and Falls Church to assist Federal employees.
6. Councilman McPike thanked everyone involved in Empty Bowls event to fundraise for ALIVE! food bank.
7. Councilman McPike thanked the Office of Historic Alexandria and ACPS for the unveiling of the marker at Minnie Howard School.
8. Vice Mayor Bagley reported that she attended the performance for the Alexandria Choral Society that focus on democracy, participation and citizenship.
9. Councilwoman Greene thanked Ms. Ruble's class at Mount Vernon Elementary School for inviting her to speak recently.
10. Mayor Gaskins reported that she participated in the Douglas McArthur Career Day event with other City staff and departments.
11. Mayor Gaskins reported that she and other members attended the Arlington Links Gala that supports scholarships and community services in the City.

31. [25-2883](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) approved the City Council Look Ahead which includes:

- * Patrick Henry K-8 Recreation Center Synthetic Field & Completion Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Patrick Henry K-8 School (4643 Taney Avenue).
- * City Council Town Hall scheduled for Saturday, March 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Del Pepper Community Resource Center (4850 Mark Center Drive).
- * 2025 Economic Summit scheduled for Thursday, May 8th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., location to TBD; and (2) received the City Council Calendar from March 2025 - December 2025.

VIII. ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 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.

