City of Alexandria

City Council Chambers at Del Pepper Community Resource Center
4850 Mark Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22311

Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

6:15 PM

There will be an executive session beginning at 6:15 p.m. The legislative meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter.

City Council Legislative Meeting

The October 27, 2026 Legislative Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held in the City Council Chamber at Del Pepper Community Resource Center (4850 Mark Center Drive, Room 1305, Alexandria, Virginia 22311) 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.

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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 members of CIty Council were present, with Mayor Gaskins attending via Zoom webinar.

2. Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution.

27-1464 Approval of Electronic Participation Resolution by City Council. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the electronic participation resolution. (RES. NO. 3409)

II. Closed Session (if needed)

3. 27-1380 Executive Session - VA Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(6) - 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. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:17 p.m., pursuant to Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711 (A)(6) 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 7:20 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session that was previously circulated to the Council. (RES. NO. 3410)

III. Opening Matters

4. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Proclamations and Recognitions

5. 27-1386 Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

6. 27-1387 Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing October 23 -October 31 as Red Ribbon Week.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

V. Oral Reports

City Council Reports on Boards, Commissions, and Committees

7. 27-1463 Oral Reports from Members of City Council on Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

*Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors (Mayor Gaskins)

*City Council/School Board Subcommittee (Mayor Gaskins and Councilman Chapman)

*Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Vice Mayor Bagley)

*Waterfront Commission (Vice Mayor Bagley)

*COG Transportation Planning Board (Councilman Aguirre)

*City Council/School Board Ad Hoc Committee on Election Reform (Councilman Aguirre and Councilwoman Marks)

Economic Opportunities Commission (Councilwoman Marks)

Transportation Commission (Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Marks)

Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)(Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Greene)

City Council gave the reports.

8. City Council General Updates

City Council gave the general updates.

City Manager's Oral Report

9. 27-1421 Update on the Community Lodgings Inc. (CLI) Elbert Avenue Housing Project.

City Council received an overview of the proposed housing project with Community Lodgings Inc., at Elbert Avenue from the Ms. Xypolia, Director of the Office of Housing.

10. 27-1381 Update on the Detention Center Study

Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager, gave an update on the Detention Center and to address the central question about the operation of the detention center and if the detention center continues, how it will be funded and maintained. Mr. Lambert noted that there was a focus on population changes and complex needs of the inmates at the facility. Mr. Lambert responded to questions from Council about community feedback and other questions regarding jail operations.

11. 27-1378 Update on Duke Street Land Use Plan

Staff from the Department of Planning and Zoning and Transportation and Environmental Services gave an update on the proposed Duke Street Land Use plan and received guidance and feedback from City Council on the changing elements of the plan, including the use of the City campus areas, the transportation portions of the plan, and the potential for additional affordable housing in the plan. Staff noted that the plan would be before Council for further consideration in December 2026.

12. 27-1470 Update on Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs)

Police Chief McGuire reported that he had notified Flock Safety that the City would be discontinuing the program and use of the cameras, noting that the ALPR cameras would be deactivated and over the next month there would be close out of all systems to ensure evidentiary value of information. Chief McGuire noted that the final step would be the removal of the cameras and poles from the community. Mr. Parajon reported that staff would return on November 10 with a potential resolution for with guiding principles for evaluation for new surveillance technology.

VI. Action Docket

Roll-Call Consent Items (13-17)

13. 27-1354 Consideration of the Acceptance of a State Grant Award for the Freedom House Interior Rehabilitation & Accessibility Improvements Project.

14. 27-1369 Consideration of a Retroactive Grant Application to the Virginia Museum of History and Culture for the Commonwealth History Fund Grant Program.

15. 27-1373 Consideration of a Grant Submission to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to Support Site Remediation for Potomac Yard Landbay G - Block G.

16. 27-1379 Consideration of a Concept Proposal from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) for the Rape Prevention and Education Program (RPE).

17. 27-1456 Consideration of a Grant Application to Virginia Housing for the Capacity Building Training Grant to Fund Mold and Moisture Response Training for City Staff and Partners.

City Council approved the roll-call consent items. The approval was as follows:

13. City Council: (1) accepted the award issued on August 10, 2026 in the amount of $1,000,000, for the Freedom House Interior Rehabilitation & Accessibility Improvements Project; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

14. City Council: (1) retroactively approved submission of the grant application; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required to accept and implement the grant, if awarded.

15. City Council approved the submission of the grant application. If funds are awarded pursuant to the competitive review by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP), request approval to authorize the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to facilitate the project as proposed.

16. City Council: (1) authorized DCHS in the submission of the concept proposal and if awarded accept grant funding for the lifetime of the grant from VDH in an amount ranging from $25,000 to $100,000 to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence. This grant is renewed on an annual basis, from February 1st – January 31st; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

17. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application to Virginia Housing for up to $20,000 under the Capacity Building Training Grant, Organization Hosted Event category. The grant would fund the development and delivery of a one-day mold and moisture response training course available for staff of the Office of Housing, Code Administration, the Alexandria Health Department, the Department of Emergency and Customer Communications (Alex311), and the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA). No local match is required; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

VII. Individual Action Items (Roll-Call Vote)

18. 27-1466 Consideration of the Appointment of an Interim Independent Policing Auditor.

City Council approved the selection of OIR Group to provide interim independent policing auditor services, with Florence Finkle serving as the City's Independent

Policing Auditor, and authorized the City Manager and the Mayor to execute a contract with OIR for those services with a start date of October 29, 2026.

VIII. Other Business

19. 27-1371 Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council received, reviewed, and took formal action upon the following items:

(1) approved the Fiscal Year 2027 City Council Look-Ahead Schedule; and (2) accepted the official City Council Calendar for the period spanning October 2026 through July 2027.

20. Closed Session (cont.)(if needed)

21. Adjournment.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

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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.