

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present. Councilman Seiffelstein participated in the meeting by telephone from his home due to medical reasons.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:**[20-0659](#)**

The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020; and
The Special Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2020 (budget presentation).

City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of February 11, 2020 and the special meeting minutes of February 18, 2020.

PROCLAMATIONS**4. [20-0657](#)**

Presentation of a Proclamation for Meals for March.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

5. [20-0658](#)

Presentation of Proclamation recognizing March 31, 2020 as Equal Pay Day.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

**ORAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ON BOARDS,
COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

***CSO Workgroup (Mayor Wilson and Councilwoman Jackson)**

***Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilman Aguirre)**

***ARHA Redevelopment Committee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)**

CONSENT CALENDAR (7-16)**(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

7. [20-0660](#) Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Beautification Commission
Geoff Montross
 - (b) Board of Architectural Review
William Conkey
 - (c) Redevelopment and Housing Authority
Karl Sandberg

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

8. [20-0661](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee
1 Person designated by, but who need not be a member of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities
 - (b) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force
1 Citizen Member
 - (c) Board of Architectural Review
1 Parker-Gray District Representative
 - (d) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission
1 High School Student Representative
 - (e) Commission on Employment
1 Citizen Member
 - (f) Commission on Persons with Disabilities
2 Citizen Members
1 Representative for the Commission on Aging
1 At-Large Representative of the Business Community
 - (g) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Representative of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association

- 1 Planning District II Representative
- 1 Representative of the Alexandria Public Records Advisory Commission
- 1 Business Representative

- (h) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
 - 1 Low Income Tenant Member

- (i) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee
 - 1 Representative of the Potomac Yard Area

- (j) Public Health Advisory Commission
 - 1 Citizen member who shall not be a health professional

- (k) Sister Cities Committee
 - 2 Citizen Members

- (l) Waterfront Commission
 - 1 Commission for the Arts Representative

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

- 9. [20-0536](#) Consideration of a License Agreement with ARP Waterfront, LLC for the use of a Portion of the City Marina Plaza for Outdoor Dining associated with Special Use Permit #2017-0002 for Public Hearing on March 14, 2020.

- 10. [20-0571](#) Consideration of a Lease Agreement between the City of Alexandria's Workforce Development Center and Upwardly Global for Office Space at 1900 N. Beauregard Street.

- 11. [20-0607](#) Consideration of a Fiscal Year 2021 Grant Application to the Virginia Commission for the Arts for a Creative Community Partnership Grant for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

- 12. [20-0609](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the FY 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Firefighter Training, Equipment, and Health Screenings.

- 13. [20-0652](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2020.

(Ordinances for Introduction)

- 14. [20-0627](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an

Ordinance authorizing the owner of the property located at 2200 and 2200A Mill Road to construct and maintain encroachments for residential balcony overhangs into the public right-of ways on Dock Lane (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2017-0004 associated with 2200 Mill Road - Eisenhower East Block 20 approve by City Council on December 16, 2017).

15. [20-0629](#)

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 6-403 (GENERAL REGULATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS) of Article VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES) and Section 7-1201 (PERMITTED UTILITIES), Section 7-1202 (SPECIAL USE UTILITIES), Section 7-1205 (Radio and television reception or transmission structures), and Section 7-1206 (General provisions pertaining to installation of wireless facilities) of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) and add Section 7-1207 (Installation of Small Cell Facilities on Existing Structures), Section 7-1208 (Installation of standard facilities on existing structures), Section 7-1209 (Installation of new structures to support small cell facilities), Section 7-1210 (Installation of a new structure to support standard facilities), Section 7-1211 (Modification, replacement, or installation of additional wireless facilities on an existing structure), and Section 7-1212 (Aesthetic standards governing wireless facility installations) of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2019-00008 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2019-00008 relating to telecommunications and wireless facility regulations approved by City Council on February 22, 2020).

16. [20-0631](#)

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2019-00004 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment (Implementation Ordinance for Master Plan Amendment No. 2019-00004 the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan approved by City Council on February 22, 2020).

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

7. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Geoff Montross, Beautification Commission; (b) William Conkey, Board of Architectural Review; and (c) Karl Sandberg, Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

8. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions, and

committees: (a) appointed Merle Cuthrell as the person designated by, but who need not be a member of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; (b) reappointed Thomas Walczykowski as the citizen member to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force; (c) appointed Christine Sennott as the Parker-Gray District representative to the Board of Architectural Review; (d) appointed Annabelle O'Keefe as the high school student representative to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (e) reappointed Lenwood Roberts to the Commission on Employment; (f) appointed Elizabeth Adams and reappointed Mark Benedict as the two citizen members; appointed Amanda Hayes as the representative for the Commission on Aging, and appointed Fredrick Lopez at-large representative of the business community to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities (g) appointed Christopher Brownlowe as the representative of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association, appointed Martha Raymond as the Planning District II representative, reappointed Monica St. Dennis as the representative of the Alexandria Public Records Advisory Commission, and reappointed Danny Smith as the business representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (h) appointed Geraldine Baldwin as the low-income tenant to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; (i) appointed Nancy Appleby as the representative of the Potomac Yard Area to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; (j) appointed Kathleen Hicks as the citizen member who shall not be a health professional to the Public Health Advisory Commission; (k) reappointed Stacie Andersen and appointed Linda Reda as the two citizen members to the Sister Cities Committee; and (l) reappointed Susan Cohen as the Commission for the Arts representative to the Waterfront Commission.

9. City Council: (1) scheduled the proposed License Agreement to authorize the City Manager to execute the 3-year License Agreement with ARP Waterfront, LLC for public hearing on March 14, 2020, and (2) after the public hearing approve the proposed License Agreement.

10. City Council approved the agreement between the City of Alexandria and Upwardly Global to sublease office space at the Department of Community and Human Services located at 1900 N. Beauregard Street.

11. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$4,500 to the Virginia Commission for the Arts Creative Community Partnership Grant Program; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council: (1) approved the submission of a grant application for \$1,754,485 (\$1,579,037 of which comes from federal funding) for paramedic training and firefighter training classes; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

13. City Council received the monthly financial report.

14. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on March 14, 2020.

15. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on March 14, 2020.

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CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

17. [20-0674](#) Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed James Howard as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee.
18. [20-0675](#) Commission on Aging
1 Citizen Member who shall be 60+ years of age or older
City Council appointed Raymond Biegun as the citizen member who shall be 60+ years of age or older to the Commission on Aging.
19. [20-0676](#) Commission on Information Technology
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Sara Crifasi as the citizen member to the Commission on Information Technology.
20. [20-0677](#) Commission on Persons with Disabilities
1 Citizen Member
City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Katherine Lloyd as the citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities.
21. [20-0678](#) Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Mike Mackey as the citizen member to the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission.
22. [20-0679](#) Park and Recreation Commission
1 Representative for Park Planning District III
City Council appointed David Brennan as the representative for Park Planning District III to the Park and Recreation Commission.
23. [20-0680](#) Redevelopment and Housing Authority
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Willie F. Bailey, Sr. as the citizen member to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority.
24. [20-0681](#) Traffic and Parking Board
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Annie Ebbers as the citizen member to the Traffic and Parking Board.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION (60 min.)

25. [20-0643](#) Update on the 2020 Virginia General Assembly Session.
City Council received an update on the legislation before the Virginia General Assembly 2020.
26. [20-0654](#) Update on COVID-19
City Council received an update on COVID-19 and the preparation measures the City is undergoing to address the virus.
27. [20-0446](#) 100 King Street and Unit Block (King Street Place) - Pedestrian Improvements.
An update on the pilot project for the 100 block and the Unit block of King Street to implement pedestrian improvements by removing traffic and on-street parking during the pilot period.
City Council received an update on the pilot project for the 100 block and the Unit block of King Street to implement pedestrian improvements by removing traffic and on-street parking during the pilot period.
28. [20-0612](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Support Grant Applications to the Virginia Department of Transportation and Department of Rail and Public Transportation for FY 2026 to FY 2027 SMART SCALE projects. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
City Council passed a resolution that: (1) authorized the submission of up to \$143.5 million in SMART SCALE applications; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required. (RES. NO. 2925)

(Ordinances and Resolutions)

29. [20-0601](#) Resolution to Endorse Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Targets to Address the Region's Housing Needs.
City Council scheduled a public hearing on March 14 in regards to the proposed City resolution endorsing COG's Resolution Adopting Targets to Address the Region's Housing Needs and affirming Alexandria's commitment to meet its allocation of the COG target, and after the public hearing adopt by roll-call vote this City resolution.
30. [20-0610](#) Introduction. 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 2020 (Fiscal Year 2021).
City Council: (1) passed this ordinance on first reading after establishing the tax rates to be advertised for residential and commercial real property and personal property, and (2) set the ordinance for second reading and public hearing on Saturday, April 18, 2020 and final passage on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

The maximum rates authorized by City Council in the attached ordinance reflect: A real estate tax rate on residential, commercial and industrial property for calendar year 2020 of \$1.155 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The FY 2021 proposed budget reflects a real estate tax rate of \$1.15 to fund the base budget;
 - Assumed in this amount is the continued dedication of 0.6 cents for affordable housing; and

- Assumed in the amount is the continued reservation of 2.2 cents of the real property tax rate for transportation projects
- 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:

- A personal property tax rate on vehicles for calendar year 2020 of \$5.33 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2021 proposed budget recommends a vehicle personal property tax rate of \$5.33 to fund the base budget;
- A tangible business personal property tax rate for calendar year 2020 of \$ 4.75 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2021 proposed budget recommends a tangible personal property tax rate of \$4.75 to fund the base budget; and
- A machinery and tools tax rate of \$ 4.50 per hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2021 proposed budget recommends a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 to fund the base budget.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilman Aguirre reported that the Office of Voter Registration and Elections hosted a group from Latin America learning about the American voting process.
2. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attend a Bingo Night on March 6 at Samuel Tucker Elementary School.
3. Councilman Aguirre reported that on March 7 the Complete Count Committee participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade promoting the 2020 Census.
4. Councilman Aguirre reported that the City hosted the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau, Steven Dillingham, and had a conversation about the Census at the national level. Councilman Aguirre thanked the Governor's Office for organizing the visit and allowing the City to showcase the work Alexandria has been doing to prepare for the Census count.
5. Councilman Chapman reported that AEDP presented the information from their annual report, which highlighted improvements in their office and touching on some of the City's goals.
6. Councilman Chapman noted that the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce were seeking their annual "40 under 40" program upcoming and he encourage the community submit nominations for to the Chamber by Friday.

OTHER

31. [20-0653](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) received the updated City Council Schedule which includes: the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers; and (2) approved the City Council Schedule for March 2020 through July 2020. City Council also approved the amendment of the language on the calendar stating the following: If the Mayor determines that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend the Saturday Public Hearing, the hearing will be continued to the next Saturday that is not a legal holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 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