

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Saturday, April 18, 2020

9:30 AM

Council Chambers - Virtual Meeting

City Council Public Hearing

The April 18, 2020 public hearing meeting of the City Council is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) and/or the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on March 24, 2020. All of the members of the City Council and staff are participating from remote locations through a video conference call on Zoom. The public may access the meeting and make public comments either through the video conference call or may come in person to Council Chamber, City Hall. The City will be observing social distancing regulations in the Chamber. The video conference call will be broadcasted live on the government channel 70, streaming on the City's website and can be accessed via Zoom by:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BCBhkQSTQUq0v-MU7vUTxA

Zoom audio conference:

Dial: 301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 926 0843 7532

Password: 708903

OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of Council were present at the meeting by video conference.

Mayor Wilson stated that the April 18, 2020 public hearing meeting of the City Council was being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708(A)(3) and/or the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on March 24, 2020. All members of the City Council and staff were participating from remote locations through a video conference call on the Zoom app.

2. Public Discussion Period

Due to the state law limitations on topics discussed at electronic meetings, the open public comment period shall be limited to comments related to the COVID – 19 emergency or the continuity of the government.

[This period is restricted to items not listed on the docket. The first 15 speakers will be heard under item #2 at the beginning of the meeting. Any remaining speakers will be heard at the conclusion of the docketed items.]

There were no speakers for the public discussion period.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

3. [20-0705](#) Public Hearing on the FY 2021 City Council Preliminary Add/Delete Proposals and the City Manager's proposed amendments to the FY 2021 proposed budget. Budget Adoption is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
City Council closed the public hearing on: (1) the preliminary Add/Delete proposals and (2) budget amendments contained in the Proposed Budget Version 2.0.
4. [20-0733](#) Public Hearing and Consideration of Draft City Fiscal Year (CFY) 2021 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development.
City Council: (1) closed the public hearing to receive comments on the Draft CFY 2021 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development (Action Plan) including the City's draft application for CFY 2021 funding for \$1,141,608 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies, \$585,127 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds, as well as \$671,570 of COVID-19 CDBG grant funds through the recently approved CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act; (2) approved the Action Plan; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute any documents required to facilitate receipt of these and any related federal grant funds.
5. [20-0816](#) Public Hearing and Consideration of Enhanced Southwest Access to the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station and Modifications to the WMATA Funding Agreement for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station.
City Council closed the public hearing and (1) received the staff's recommendation to proceed with the enhanced southwest access concept Modified Idea #1; (2) approved the modifications to the WMATA Funding Agreement to reflect the addition of \$50 million in funding from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), and authorized the City Manager to enter into an amendment to the Funding Agreement that reflects change and is in general conformance with the remaining terms and conditions of the executed Funding Agreement; and (3) authorized the City Manager to direct WMATA to finalize negotiations with Potomac Yard Constructors (PYC) to design and construct Modified Idea #1 for enhanced southwest access to the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

6. [20-0815](#) Public Hearing and Second 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 closed the public hearing and scheduled the ordinance for final passage

with the budget on April 29, 2020.

7. [20-0814](#) Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance to Revise Transportation and Environmental Services Department Grading Plan Review Fees. Final passage is scheduled for April 29.

City Council closed the public hearing and scheduled the ordinance for final passage on April 29, 2020.

8. [20-0798](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to impose a moratorium on penalties and interest for Restaurant Meals Taxes, Transient Occupancy Taxes and BPOL taxes; and consideration of resolutions to change the filing deadline for Business Personal Property and Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Applications.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council closed the public hearing and approved the ordinance to impose a moratorium on penalties and interest for Restaurant Meals Taxes, Transient Occupancy Taxes and BPOL taxes, and approved the resolutions to change the filing deadlines for Business Personal Property and Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Applications.

9. [20-0799](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an ordinance to ensure the continuity of city government, implementing emergency procedures, modifying public meeting requirements and public practices and procedures in order to address continuity of operations associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic Disaster. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council closed the public hearing and approved the ordinance to ensure the continuity of city government, implementing emergency procedures, modifying public meeting requirements and public practices and procedures in order to address the continuity of operations associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic Disaster, with an amendment to the ordinance on page 3, lines 14 and 15 (Section 2(b)) as follows:

b. The docket items to be discussed at such electronic meetings shall be limited to those topics (1) necessary for the continuity of the government; (2) authorized pursuant to Section 2.2-3708.2 (A)(3) of the Code of Virginia; or (3) authorized pursuant to any other authority the Commonwealth may provide to localities for electronic meetings without a quorum physically assembled after this ordinance is adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.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.

