

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

City Council Legislative Meeting

The June 23, 2020 Legislative Meeting of the City Council is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 18, 2020 and/or Section 4-0.00(g) in HB29 and HB30 to undertake essential business. All members of the City Council and staff are participating from remote locations through a video conference call on Zoom. The meeting can be accessed by the public through the live broadcast on the government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and can be accessed via Zoom by the following link:

URL: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yX_mK3u2QbCkWB1ek0Pmhw
Dial-in: 301-715-8592
Webinar ID: 910 1326 6259
Password: 479392

Zoom registration form

If you wish to use Zoom to watch this meeting or address Council, you must register first.

Submission of written statements is encouraged. Written statements may be emailed to the City Clerk at gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov.

Public Comment will be received at this meeting.

The speaker's form will be available starting Sunday, June 21, 2020. You can access the speaker's form at the following link:
<https://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/VIRTUAL-City-Council-Speakers-Form>

Individual with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements to participate in the City Council meeting may call the City Clerk and Clerk of Council's Office at 703-746-4550 (TTY/TDD 703-838-5056). We request that you provide a 48-hour notice so that the proper arrangements may be made. City Council meetings are closed-captioned for the hearing impaired.

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present virtually through video conference call on Zoom, with Councilman Chapman and Councilman Seifeldein joining virtually during the closed executive session.

Mayor Wilson stated that the June 23, 2020 Legislative Meeting of the City Council was being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 and/or Section 4-0.00(g) in HB29 and HB30 to undertake essential business. All members of the City Council and staff are participating from remote locations through a video conference call on Zoom. The meeting can be accessed by the public through the live broadcast on the government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and via Zoom.

2. Closed meeting.

[20-0983](#)

6:00 p.m. - Consideration of a closed executive session to discuss a personnel matter, for consultation with legal counsel regarding actual or probable litigation, and discussion and consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose.

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:03 p.m., to consult with Legal Counsel and Staff regarding actual or probable litigation where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, a personnel matter, and consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; specifically, probable litigation regarding an employment matter in the Fire Department; the performance of the three public appointees of the City Council; and the potential acquisition of an office building on the west end of the City; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A) (7), (A)(1) and (A)(3) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:29 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 2952)

3. Public Discussion Period.

[This period is a public comment period. The first 15 speakers will be heard under item #3 at the beginning of the meeting. Any remaining speakers will be heard at the conclusion of the docketed items.]

The following person participated in the public discussion period:

1. *Janice Grenadier, Alexandria, spoke about injustices and corruption in the court system and reported that she has started a website for people to post their complaints on the internet.*

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

***Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

***Virginia Railway Express (VRE)(Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

***Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)(Councilman Aguirre)**

***Transportation Planning Board (COG)(Councilman Aguirre)**

***Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) (Mayor Wilson)**

***City/Schools Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

City Council gave the reports.

Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation and video tribute to Councilwoman Pepper, who will be celebrating 35 years as member of the Alexandria City Council in July.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

[20-1014](#) City Manager's Oral Report

COVID-19 Update (Oral Report)

Ms. Suehr, Director of Project Implementation, gave a presentation of the plan for the reopening of the City government offices and facilities, highlighting the work the planning committee has been doing over the past few months to address potential concerns of employees as they move toward returning to the "new normal" for City government operations.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)

CONSENT CALENDAR (4-10)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

4. [20-0845](#) Consideration of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2020 Third Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.
5. [20-0908](#) Introduction of an Amendment to a Five-Year Agreement dated December 1, 2018, between the City of Alexandria, Virginia and Zayo Group LLC, to Permit Zayo to Install a 66-Foot Conduit and Fiber Optic Cables in the City of Alexandria's Public Rights-of-Ways.

6. [20-0938](#) Consideration of the Submission of a Grant Application for a Reimbursement Grant through the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program.
7. [20-0981](#) Consideration for the City Membership in the PJM Cities Coalition.

(Ordinances for Introduction)

8. [20-0953](#) 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 Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2020-00001 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. 2020-00001 associated with Silverstone approved by City Council on June 20, 2020).
9. [20-0955](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 5-602 (Coordinated development districts created, consistency with master plan, required approvals) of Article V (MIXED USE ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2020-00004 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2020-00004 associated with Silverstone approved by City Council on June 20, 2020).
10. [20-0957](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 5-602 (Coordinated development districts created, consistency with master plan, required approvals) of Article V (MIXED USE ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2020-00001 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2020-00001 associated with North Potomac Yard approved by City Council on June 20, 2020).

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of item #4, which was considered under a separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

4. City Council received as information the FY 2020 Third Quarter Capital Projects Status Report. (separate motion)

5. City Council: (1) considered the proposed amendment to the existing License Agreement with Zayo and set it for public hearing on Tuesday, July 7, 2020; and (2) after the public hearing, authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendment and to take other actions that are necessary to implement the Amendment.

6. City Council: (1) approved a grant application, submitted June 8, 2020, to the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program. The exact amount awarded will be determined by the Bulletproof Best Partnership Program; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

7. City Council: (1) adopted the PJM Cities Charter; and (2) authorized the City Manager to sign a letter joining the PJM Cities Coalition as member in the Participating Cities Tier.

8. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

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ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (11-12)

11. [20-0823](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Establish the 2020 Personal Property Tax Relief Rates. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
12. [20-0917](#) Consideration of a resolution to support the County of Arlington's Mount Vernon Trail Enhancement Project Grant Application for Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) SMART SCALE funding.

END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approvals were as follows:

11. *City Council adopted the resolution to establish the personal property tax relief rates for calendar year 2020. (RES. NO. 2953)*

12. *City Council adopted the resolution in support of Arlington's grant application for Mt. Vernon Trail Enhancement to include safety and capacity improvements to the trail within the City of Alexandria; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required. (RES. NO. 2954)*

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

13. [20-0892](#) Consideration of the 2020 Alexandria Resident Survey Results.

City Council received the results of the 2020 Alexandria Resident Survey.

14. [20-0999](#) Drafting of Public Employee Collective Bargaining Ordinance.

City Council directed the City Manager and the City Attorney to draft a proposed City ordinance that would authorize public employee collective bargaining for the City of Alexandria government, and bring the draft ordinance forward for City Council consideration and adoption by December 31, 2020.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. *Councilwoman Pepper thanked everyone for the recognition of her 35 years of service on City Council.*
2. *Councilman Seifeldein presented a memorandum that requested that the City Manager and staff return to Council within 120 days with preliminary findings of new approaches to community safety practices that prioritize unarmed professional's intervention in non-criminal, non-emergency, and non-life threatening 911 calls and service calls. Councilman Seifeldein's request also noted that the approaches should explore creative and innovative public safety models and engage various and diverse community stakeholders. Councilman Seifeldein thanked Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Jackson for collaborating with him on this memo.*
3. *Councilman Aguirre recognized World Central Kitchen for providing meals in Alexandria at various sites over the past several weeks.*
4. *Councilman Aguirre reminded everyone to complete their 2020 Census form.*

[20-1019](#)

After Items - Councilman Seifeldein memo

OTHER

15. [20-0950](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) received and adopted the City Council Schedule for June 2020 through July 2020; (2) received and adopted the FY 2021 City Council Schedule for August 2020 through July 2021; and (3) confirmed the electronic meeting format for the City Council July 7 Public Hearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 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.