

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

6:00 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 the members of Council were present except Councilman Aguirre, who arrived during the closed executive session.

2. Closed meeting.**[20-0251](#)**

6:00 p.m. - Consideration of a closed meeting to consult with Legal Counsel and Staff regarding the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved.

Attachments: [20-0251 Executive Session Resolution](#)

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:00 p.m. to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, which if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected and to discuss reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure and any other safety information subject to the exclusion for public safety records where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure, information technology system, or software program; specifically, incentives for redevelopment of a parcel on the west end of the city, and discussion about the safety of a planned additional use in government facility on the west end of the city, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(6) and (19) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:20 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session previously circulated to Council by a Roll Call Vote 6-0 (Councilman Aguirre was absent for the vote)(RES. NO. 2906).

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.**4. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:****[20-0255](#)**

The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2019
The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2019

Attachments: [20-0255 September 10 2019 meeting minutes](#)
[20-0255 September 24, 2019 meeting minutes](#)

City Council approved the minutes of the following City Council Meetings: the regular meeting of September 10, 2019 and the regular meeting of September 24, 2019.

PROCLAMATIONS**5. [20-0226](#) Presentation of Proclamation recognizing October as Disability Employment**

Awareness Month.

Attachments: [20-0226 proclamation](#)

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

6. [20-0227](#) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing Pedestrian Safety Week.

Attachments: [20-0227 proclamation](#)

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

7. [20-0228](#) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing Neighborhood Health and City residents for the 5th Annual Health Fair.

Attachments: [20-0228 proclamation](#)

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

8. [20-0229](#) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing World Polio Day.

Attachments: [20-0229 proclamation](#)

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

***Update on Alexandria Healthcare System Partners (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Seifeldein)**

***Legislative Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

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

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

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

***Library Board (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

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

***Waterfront Commission (Councilman Seifeldein)**

***Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) (Councilman Aguirre)**

***Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC)
(Councilman Aguirre and Councilwoman Jackson)**

***Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP)(Councilman Aguirre
and Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

*City Council gave reports and Mayor Wilson gave a report on Northern Virginia
Transportation Authority (NVTA)*

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (9-13)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

9. [20-0238](#) Receipt of the following resignations from Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

(a) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
Michelle-Smith Howard

(b) Commission for Women
Human Rights Commission
Kendra Martello

(c) Environmental Policy Commission
James Kapsis

Attachments: [20-0238_resignations](#)

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

10. [20-0239](#) 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
1 representative of the City’s small business community, including the retail,
restaurant, or hospitality sectors

(b) Beaugard Urban Design Advisory Committee
1 professional member skilled in architecture, planning, landscape architecture
and/or urban design

- (c) Building Code Board of Appeals
 - 1 citizen member
 - 1 alternate member
- (d) Commission on Aging
 - 1 citizen member who is 60 years of age or older
- (e) Community Policy and Management Team
 - 1 designee for Superintendent of Schools
- (f) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
 - 1 citizen member
- (g) Human Rights Commission
 - 1 citizen member
- (h) Public Health Advisory Commission
 - 1 representative of the Fire Department
- (i) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee
 - 1 member representing the Potomac Yard Civic Associations
- (j) Sister Cities Committee
 - 2 citizen members

Attachments: [20-0239 ballot](#)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

- 11. [19-2324](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2019.
Attachments: [19-2324 Att 1 - Revenue August 2019](#)
[19-2324 Att 2 - Expenditure August 2019](#)
- 12. [20-0120](#) Consideration to Join the U.S. Department of Energy Better Buildings Challenge Program.
Attachments: [20-0120 City of Alexandria October 2019 BBC Partnership Agreement](#)
- 13. [20-0237](#) Consideration of Support Letter for the Long Bridge Project Environmental Impact Statement

- Attachments:** [20-0237 Attachment 1- Long Bridge DEIS SupportLetter](#)
[20-0237 Attachment 2- Long Bridge Location Map](#)
[20-0237 Attachment 3- Long Bridge DEIS Alternatives](#)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved consent calendar items 9,11 and 12.

City Council approved consent calendar item 10, with the exception of 10 (b).

City Council moved to have the City Clerk re-advertise consent calendar item 10 (b).

City Council approved consent calendar item 13, with a vote of 6-0-1 (Mayor Wilson abstained)

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

14. [20-0247](#) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
4 Citizen members
- Attachments:** [20-0247 Alexandria Caen contested](#)
- City Council appointed the following persons:*
Franz Bauerlein
Joseph Grieboski
Elodie Gullion
Katherine Karau
15. [20-0249](#) Board of Zoning Appeals
2 Citizen Members
- Attachments:** [20-0249 BZA contested](#)
- City Council appointed the following persons:*
Laurence Altenburg
Quynn Nguyen
16. [20-0246](#) Citizen Corps Council
1 Citizen Member
- Attachments:** [20-0246 Citizen Corps Council contested](#)
- City Council appointed the following person:*
Robin McWilliams
17. [20-0256](#) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
1 young adult who is a community member with expertise in children, youth and family issues, public safety, medical/health related profession or non-profit experience

Attachments: [20-0256 EPC contested](#)

City Council moved to have the City Clerk re-advertise the vacancy.

18. [20-0242](#)

Commission for Women
2 Citizen Members

Attachments: [20-0242 Commission for Women contested](#)

City Council appointed the following persons:

Shelley Brown

Uzma Quraishi

19. [20-0244](#)

Commission on Employment
1 business representative from recognized area businesses including minority-owned and small businesses

Attachments: [20-0244 Commission on Employment contested](#)

City Council moved to have the City Clerk re-advertise the vacancy.

20. [20-0243](#)

Environmental Policy Commission
1 citizen member
1 member from the field of environmental sciences (e.g. environmental/sanitary engineering, ecology, geology, botany, hydrology, chemistry) or who have Alexandria waterfront expertise, provided that at least for members shall have scientific expertise

Attachments: [20-0243 EPC contested](#)

City Council appointed the following persons:

Edith Cecchini

Kathie Hoekstra

21. [20-0248](#)

Public Records Advisory Commission
1 Citizen Member

Attachments: [20-0248 Public Record contested](#)

City Council appointed the following person:

Sean Ferguson

22. [20-0245](#)

Redevelopment and Housing Authority
1 citizen member

Attachments: [20-0245 ARHA contested](#)

City Council reappointed the following person:

Karl Sandberg

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

23. [20-0046](#) Consideration of Recommendations for Shared Expectations for Open Space in New Development.
- Attachments:** [20-0046 Staff Report](#)
[20-0046 Presentation](#)
- City Council accepted the report and directed staff to improve regulatory policy by addressing inconsistencies and identify improvements, to create design guidance based on shared expectations and utilize the expectations for future small area planning.*
24. [20-0099](#) Consideration of Reinstatement of the Ad Hoc Open Space Steering Committee.
- City Council accepted the recommendation.*
25. [20-0187](#) Consideration of an Increase of \$1.4 Million in the City Loan to ARHA for Redevelopment of Ramsey Homes.
- Attachments:** [20-0187 ARHA Request for \\$1.4 M Ramsey Homes 100219](#)
[20-0187 ARHA - Request for \\$3.6 M \(Ramsey Homes\) CC 052218](#)
- City Council approved the recommendation.*

Ordinances and Resolutions

26. [20-0230](#) Resolution in Response to Presidential Executive Order #13888 related to Restricting Refugee Resettlement in States and Localities. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- Attachments:** [20-0230 Resolution in Support of Refugee Resettlement in the City of Alexandria](#)
- City Council approved the resolution by a Roll Call Vote of 7-0.*
27. [20-0141](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the City Code to Amend the Composition of the Commission for Women.
- Attachments:** [20-0141 Proposed Ordinance](#)
- City Council moved for the introduction and first reading of the ordinance on the November 16, 2019 Public Hearing.*
28. [19-2151](#) Consideration of a Resolution from the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board regarding Voluntary Rent Increase Guidelines. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- Attachments:** [19-2151 2019 Data Summary](#)
[19-2151 Voluntary Rent Resolution 2019](#)
- City Council approved the resolution by a Roll Call Vote of 6-0-1. Councilman Seifeldein abstained from the vote.*

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Resoluton Declaring a Climate Emergency [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council approved the resolution by a Roll Call Vote of 7-0.

[20-0232](#)

Council Orals (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilwoman Pepper):
Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

Attachments: [20-0232 Climate Emergency Resolution](#)
[20-0232 Letter to Council urging City govt GHG reductions](#)

(b) Compensation of Council Aides

City Council moved to have City Manager and staff to report back on Council Aide Compensation by a Roll Call Vote of 7-0.

[20-0233](#)

Council Orals (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilman Aguirre): Council Aide Compensation.

Attachments: [20-0233 Council Aide Compensation Memo 10.16.19](#)

Council Orals:

(c) Other orals

Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Tech on Tap at Port City on last Thursday.

Councilman Aguirre reported on the following Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) events:

Monday, November 4, 2019 at The Garden on Eisenhower Avenue regarding Mental Health.

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at Chick Armstrong Recreation Center regarding Affordable Housing.

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at Charles Houston Recreation Center regarding Poverty.

29. [20-0156](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

Attachments: [20-0156 Attachment - FY 2020 City Council Schedule](#)

City Council approved the City Council Schedule.

Closed Meeting (if needed).

30. [20-0252](#) Consideration of a closed meeting to consult with Legal Counsel and Staff regarding the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved.

Attachments: [20-0252 Executive Session Resolution](#)

This meeting was not needed.

Adjourned - 9:32 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.