

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting - Public Hearing portion will begin at 6:30 p.m.

City Council Public Hearing

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the July 7, 2020 Public Hearing Meeting of the Alexandria 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 June 20, 2020 and/or Section 4.0.00(g) in HB29 and HB30 to undertake essential business. All the 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, 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:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9JXGyjT8SN6lIT83IB6hma

Dial in: 301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 910 9478 8732

Password: 787389

Links:

Meeting Agenda and Live Webcast

The meeting will be webcast live and video and audio recordings will be available a few days after the meeting.

Zoom registration form

If you wish to use Zoom to watch this meeting or address Council, you must register first. Those wishing to address Council should submit a Speakers Form using the link below.

Speakers Form

<https://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/VIRTUAL-City-Council-Speakers-Form>

Those wishing to address Council should submit a Speakers Form.

Submission of written statements is encouraged.

Public Comment will be received at this meeting.

All persons wishing to speak before City Council must complete a Speaker's Form.

If you have a prepared statement, you may email it to the City Clerk at gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov. Speakers are encouraged to submit their written comments to the City Clerk.

When your name is called to speak, the Zoom host will prompt you to unmute your microphone.

If you are participating via smartphone, press *6 to mute/unmute your

microphone.

You will be called on by name or the last 4 digits of your phone number when it is your turn to speak. When you are finished speaking or at 3 minutes (whichever comes first) you will be muted again.

OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of City Council were present via video conference, with Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Pepper joining the video conference during the closed executive session.

Mayor Wilson stated that the July 7, 2020 Public Hearing Meeting of the Alexandria 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 the members of the City Council and staff are participating from remote locations

2. Closed Meeting.

[20-1033](#)

5:30 p.m. - Consideration of a closed executive session for consultation with legal counsel regarding actual or probable litigation.

City Council convened in closed executive session at 5:30 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, specifically, actual and probable litigation regarding a claim and an employment matter in the Police Department, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened in open session at 6:49 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the Closed Executive Session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 2955)

3. Public Discussion Period.

[This period is restricted to items not listed on the docket. 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.]

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR (4-5)

Planning Commission

4. [20-1027](#) Special Use Permit #2020-00031
3109 Circle Hill Road
Public Hearing and consideration of a request for a Special Use Permit to construct a single-family dwelling on a developed, substandard lot; zoned: R-8/Single-family.
Applicants: Jeff Seibel and Nicole Mayer
Planning Commission Action: Recommended Approval 7-0
5. [20-1028](#) Special Use Permit #2020-00029
801 North Fairfax Street
Public Hearing and consideration of a request for a Special Use Permit for an increase in building height to 77 feet in the OCM(50) zone, per Section 4-905(D) of the Zoning Ordinance; zoned: OCM(50)/Office commercial medium (50).
Applicant: A & A Limited Partnership, a Virginia Limited Partnership, represented by Duncan W. Blair, attorney
Planning Commission Action: Recommended Approval 7-0

END OF ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendations. The approval was as follows:

4. *City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.*
5. *City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.*

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

Consent Calendar (6-11)

6. [20-0976](#) Consideration of Appointment of the General Schedule Employee Alternate to the City of Alexandria's Supplemental Retirement Board.
7. [20-0987](#) Consideration of the Submission of a Non-Competitive Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Litter Prevention and Recycling Program for Funding of the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program.
8. [20-1000](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending May 31, 2020.
9. [20-1008](#) Consideration of the Submission of a Grant Application for a Competitive Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.

10. [20-1009](#) Consideration of the Submission of a Grant Application for a Competitive State Homeland Security Grant (SHSP) through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM).
11. [20-1035](#) Consideration to Authorize the City to Receive a Donation of a Sculpture in Honor of Earl Lloyd.
- City Council approved the Consent Calendar, with the exception of docket item #8 and docket item #11, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's approval was as follows:*
6. *City Council appointed the following individual to the City of Alexandria's Supplemental Retirement Plan Board: Lillian Vagnoni for General Schedule Alternate; assuming City Council appointment, the effective dates of these terms will be July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022.*
7. *City Council: (1) approved a non-competitive grant application, due June 1, 2020 to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Litter Prevention and Recycling Program, for funding in the approximate amount of \$25,440 for the Adopt-a-Park Litter Control Program (the exact amount to be determined by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality by September 30, 2020); (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required; and (3) thanked all the organizations participating in this program for their support and efforts to improve the appearance of the City parks and, thereby, experience of the citizens visiting these parks.*
8. *City Council received the Monthly Financial Report. (separate motion)*
9. *City Council: (1) approved a grant application totaling \$45,740, submitted June 26, 2020, to the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). The exact amount awarded will be determined by DCJS; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.*
10. *City Council: (1) approved a grant application totaling \$65,033, submitted May 19, 2020, to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM). The exact amount awarded will be determined by the VDEM; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.*
11. *City Council authorized the City to receive the donation of a sculpture in honor of Earl Lloyd. (separate motion)*

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

12. [20-0804](#) Consideration of a Contract to Purchase Property at 4850 Mark Center Drive (IDA Office Building)
- City Council: (1) authorized the City Manager to enter into contract with the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) to purchase the office building and related property located at 4850 Mark Center Drive for \$58.7 million; and (2) received the report from the Planning Commission in regard to the purchase being consistent with the City's Master Plan per Section 9.06 of the City Code.*
13. [20-1025](#) **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

City Charter Section 9.06 Case #2020-00001

4850 Mark Center Drive (Parcel Address: 5110 Mark Center Drive)

Public Hearing and consideration of a request for Planning Commission to review whether the proposed purchase of property by the City of Alexandria is consistent with the City of Alexandria Master Plan pursuant to Section 9.06 of the City Charter.

Applicant: City of Alexandria

Planning Commission Action: Approved 7-0

City Council received the report as information.

****City Council approved 14-16 as a block.****

14. [20-1010](#)

Public Hearing and Consideration 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.

City Council closed the public hearing and authorized the City Manager to execute the Amendment to the existing five-year license agreement with Zayo Group, LLC and to take other actions that are necessary to implement the Amendment.

15. [20-1002](#)

Public Hearing in regard to the Consideration of a Three (3) Year Lease Agreement Renewal with Child and Family Network Centers at Leonard "Chick" Armstrong Recreation Center Located At 25 West Reed Avenue.

City Council: (1) received the report recommending a three-year lease agreement renewal between Child and Family Network Centers and the City of Alexandria for the use of one (1) classroom to conduct a pre-school program for children from low-income families; and (2) closed the public hearing and authorized the City Manager to execute the lease agreement and take any other actions necessary to effectuate the lease renewal.

15a. [20-1041](#)

Review and Confirmation of the Suspension of Enforcement of Certain City Codes and Ordinances Taken by the City Manager Pursuant to the City's Continuity of Government Ordinance to ease the restrictions on retail and health and fitness businesses in compliance with the Governor's Forward Virginia Plan, to toll the period of validity during the COVID-19 emergency period, and to extend previously ratified suspensions.

City Council confirmed the suspension of enforcement of the codes and ordinances required to allow flexibility for retail, and health and fitness businesses, the tolling of the period of validity for land use applications, and extend previously confirmed suspensions as described in the attached document labeled Attachment 1 and allow the suspensions to continue until the Sunday before Thanksgiving (end of the outdoor dining program period) or sooner if the City Manager determines that the suspensions should be lifted for any reason.

16. [20-0986](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) received and adopted the City Council schedule for July 2020; and (2) received and adopted the FY2021 City Council Schedule for August 2020 through July 2021.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

Planning Commission (continued)

17. [20-1029](#) Master Plan Amendment #2020-00002
Rezoning #2020-00001
Development Special Use Permit #2019-00028
Transportation Management Plan Special Use Permit #2020-00009
701 North Henry Street
Public Hearing and consideration of a request for: (A) an amendment to the Braddock Road Metro Station Small Area Plan chapter of the Master Plan to amend the Braddock Metro Neighborhood Plan (BMNP) to update the Development Table to reflect the proposed rezoning and increase in density; (B) an amendment to the official zoning map to change the zone from CSL/Commercial service low to CRMU-M/Commercial residential mixed use (medium); (C) a Development Special Use Permit and Site Plan with modifications to construct a 94-unit multifamily residential building with below grade parking and ground floor retail, including Special Use Permits for an increase in the floor area ratio to 2.0, for an increase in density in exchange for the provision of affordable housing pursuant to Section 7-700 of the Zoning Ordinance, and a modification to the street tree spacing requirements in the Landscape Guidelines; and (D) a Transportation Management Plan Special Use Permit; zoned: CSL/Commercial Service Low.
Applicant: AVANTI HG 701 LLC, represented by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney
Planning Commission Action: Recommended Approval 6-1

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation with the following amendments:

new condition 8i – If a legal mechanism is able to be achieved to have an 8 ft. fence or wall within one year of the date of approval, the applicant shall install an 8 ft fence rather than the proposed 6 ft fence shown on the plans, prior to the certificate of occupancy.

Amendment condition 95k (p. 44) to read as follows: Amendments to the approved Affordable Housing Plan must be submitted to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee for consideration and require final approval from the City Council.

Add condition 44(a) stating, "Subject to agreement by the neighbors and access to their property, the applicant shall at its expense, underground the utilities serving the homes along North Patrick Street."

18. [20-1030](#) FY 2021 Long Range Planning Interdepartmental Work Program

Staff: City of Alexandria, Department of Planning & Zoning

Planning Commission Action: Endorsed 7-0

City Council adopted the proposed Long-Range Planning Interdepartmental Work Program for FY 2021.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

****Please note: City Council approved the ordinances as a block.****

19. [20-0954](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage 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). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council closed the public hearing and adopted the 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. (ORD. NO. 5289)*
20. [20-0956](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage 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). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council closed the public hearing and adopted 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. (ORD. NO. 5290)*
21. [20-0958](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage 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. 2020-0001 associated with North Potomac Yard approved by City Council on June 20, 2020). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council closed the public hearing and adopted 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. (ORD. NO. 5291)

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

DEFERRAL/WITHDRAWAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Planning Commission (continued)

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 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.