

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

City Council Legislative Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the September 8, 2020 Legislative 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, streaming on the City's website, and can be accessed via Zoom by the following link:

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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. Please sign up after the docket is created, you are able verify on the City's website. If the docket isn't posted you will have to return at a later date to complete the speaker's form in order to speak at a Council meeting.

Public Comment will be received at this meeting.

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

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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.

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 via Zoom webinar.

2. WORK SESSIONS

- a. [20-1064](#) Registrar of Voters Update on the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election.

City Council received an update on the preparations for the upcoming Presidential elections in November from Ms. Turner, Registrar of Voters, and she responded to questions from Council about early voting, absentee voting and safety precautions being taken to prevent the spread of coronavirus at voting precincts.

- b. [21-0166](#) Update on General Assembly Special Session 2020.

Ms. Taylor, Legislative Director, gave Council an update on the special session of the General Assembly to address the pandemic and the State's response to it.

3. Public Discussion Period.

Please Note: The public discussion period will begin at 7:00 p.m.

[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.]

4. PROCLAMATIONS

- [21-0124](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Citizenship Day.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

- *Chesapeake Bay Water and Resources Policy Committee (Councilwoman Jackson)**
- *Chesapeake Bay Water and Policy Resources Policy Committee - Agriculture Task Force (Councilwoman Jackson)**
- *Douglas MacArthur Elementary School Advisory Committee (Councilwoman Jackson)**
- *Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Aguirre)**
- *Eisenhower Partnership Board of Directors (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilwoman Pepper)**
- *Citizen Corps Council (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Seifeldein)**
- *Health and Safety Committee (Mayor Wilson and Councilwoman Jackson)**
- *Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**
- *Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilman Aguirre)**
- *Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (COG)(CEEPC) (Councilwoman Pepper)**
- *Eisenhower East Design Review Board (Councilwoman Pepper)**
- *Alexandria Works! Coalition (Youth Summer Program) (Councilwoman Pepper and Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**
- *COG Board of Directors (Mayor Wilson)**

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jinks reported that Washington Business Journal just announced 25 best real estate deals for the region for 2019 and Alexandria had three projects on the list: Carlyle Crossings aka Wegmans, Victory Center, and Virginia Tech/JBG agreement. Mr. Jinks reported that Public Technology Institute awarded the City of Alexandria a small sized city award in public safety and emergency management for the work from home/911 system used during the pandemic emergency.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (5-15)**(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

5. [21-0125](#) Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Commission on Aging
Carol Downs
Amanda Hayes Rudolph
 - (b) Industrial Development Authority
Allison Cryor DiNardo
Andrew Palmieri
Mark Williams
 - (c) Planning Commission
Maria Wasowski
 - (d) Redevelopment and Housing Authority
Salena Zellers

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

6. [21-0171](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
1 Citizen Member
 - (b) Beautification Commission
1 Citizen Member
 - (c) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
1 High School Student
 - (d) Commission on HIV/AIDS
1 Citizen Member
 - (e) Commission Persons with Disabilities
1 Citizen Member
 - (f) Community Services Board

1 Consumer (current or former direct recipient of public or private mental health, intellectual disability, or substance abuse treatment rehabilitation services) or a family member (immediate family member or the principal caregiver who is not paid)

1 Sheriff's Designee

(g) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee

1 Representative Nominated by the American Legion

2 Citizen Members

(h) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission

1 Representative from Planning District I

1 Representative from the Historical Alexandria Foundation

(i) Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission

1 Citizen Member appointed by City Council

(j) Industrial Development Authority

1 Citizen Member

(k) Park and Recreation Commission

1 Park Planning District I Representative

(l) Urban Design Advisory Committee

1 Qualified Professional in Urban Design/Architecture

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

7. [20-1003](#) Consideration of a Temporary Construction Use and Maintenance Agreement with Arlington County to Construct the Potomac Yard/Four Mile Run Connector Trail over City-Owned Property.
8. [20-1050](#) Consideration of a Form Lease for Renewing and Issuing Leases to Artists and Arts Organizations through March 31, 2022 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center located at 105 N. Union Street.
9. [21-0126](#) Consideration of the Submission of a Grant Application for Expansion of the Alexandria Treatment Court ("ATC").
10. [21-0146](#) Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement to Facilitate the City's Participation in a Regional Analysis of Impediments to Measure Alexandria's Progress in Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and to Inform its Upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan to HUD

11. [21-0162](#) Consideration of Receipt of City Council Closed Meetings Report for FY2019 to FY 2020.

(Ordinances for Introduction)

12. [20-1066](#) 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 Braddock Road Metro Station Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2020-00002 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. 2020-00002 associated with 701 North Henry Street approved by City Council on July 7, 2020).
13. [20-1068](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 054.04 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 701 North Henry Street from, CSL/Commercial Service Low to CRMU-M/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Medium) in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2020-00001 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2020-00001 associated with 701 North Henry Street approved by City Council on July 7, 2020).
14. [21-0148](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend City Code Section 2-5-31 Regarding the Employee Homeownership Incentive Program to Update Assistance Amounts Pursuant to FY 2021 Budget.
15. [21-0127](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for the Support of the City Government for FY 2021.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of items #5, #8, #10, and #15, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

5. City Council accepted the following resignations from boards, commissions, and committees with regret: (a) Carol Downs and Amanda Hayes Rudolph, Commission on Aging; (b) Allison Cryor DiNardo, Andrew Palmieri, and Mark Williams, Industrial Development Authority; (c) Maria Wasowski, Planning Commission; and (d) Salena Zellers, Redevelopment and Housing Authority. (separate motion)

6. City Council made appointments to the following boards, commissions and committees: (a) appointed Allison Wynn as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) appointed Jessica Karode as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (c) appointed Janell Sendi as the citizen member to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (d) reappointed Toni Popkin as the citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (e) appointed Sarah Riley as the consumer member (current or former direct recipient of public or private mental health, intellectual disability, or substance abuse treatment rehabilitation services) or family member (immediate family member or the principal caregiver who is not paid) and appointed Andrea Oliver as the Sheriff's designee to the Community Services Board; (f) appointed Carol Myers as the representative nominated by the American Legion and appointed Chris Jones and Jennifer Warren as the two citizen members to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (g) appointed Rosemarie Esber as the representative from Planning District I and reappointed Gail Rothrock as the representative from the Historic Alexandria Foundation the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (h) appointed Deborah Osborne as the citizen member appointed by City Council to the Historic Restoration and Preservation Commission; (i) appointed Lisa Edouard as the citizen member to the Industrial Development Authority; (j) reappointed Barbara Marvin as the Park Planning District 1 representative to the Park and Recreation Commission; and (k) reappointed Abbey Oklak as the qualified professional in urban design/architecture to the Urban Design Advisory Committee.

7. City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a temporary construction use and maintenance agreement with Arlington County to construct the Potomac Yard/Four Mile Run Connector Trail over City-owned property and to authorize the City Manager, if necessary, to execute additional documents to effectuate the construction use and maintenance agreement.

8. City Council scheduled a public hearing on September 12 regarding the form and content of the proposed lease to be used for renewals and new leases at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, and at the conclusion of the public hearing, authorize the City Manager, using of the form lease, to renew current leases and issue new leases to artists and arts organizations. (separate motion)

9. City Council: (1) ratified a grant application, to the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$499,112 for the funds to expand the Alexandria Treatment Center (ATC); and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

10. City Council: (1) approved the draft Intergovernmental Agreement for a regional analysis of impediments to housing convened by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG); and (2) authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement that is in substantial conformance with the draft agreement. (separate motion)

11. City Council received the report on Closed Meetings for FY2019 to FY2020.

12. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, September 12, 2020.

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15. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, September 12, 2020. (separate motion)

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (16-19)

16. [20-0867](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Request that the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Official Name be “Potomac Yard-VT” Metrorail Station.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]
17. [21-0119](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement to Finalize a Bequest from the Demaris Jarroll Williams Revocable Trust to The Lyceum.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]
18. [21-0149](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Extend the Payment Deadline for Tax Year 2020 Personal Property Taxes (Car Tax and Business Personal Property Tax) from October 5, 2020 to December 15, 2020. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
19. [21-0170](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First and Second Reading of an Ordinance to adopt Supplement 135 of the City Code. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the Roll-Call Consent calendar, with the exception of item #16, which was considered under a separate motion. The approvals were as follows:

16. City Council deferred approval of the resolution and requested that staff return at the next legislative meeting with additional information about the cost and timeline for naming the new metro station.

17. City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement to finalize a bequest from the Demaris Jarroll Williams Revocable Trust to the Lyceum. (RES. NO. 2956)

18. City Council adopted a resolution extending the proposed property tax deadline from October 5, 2020 to December 15, 2020. (RES. NO. 2957)

19. City Council approved an ordinance to adopt Supplement 135 of the City Code. (ORD. NO. 5292)

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

20. [21-0181](#) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force
1 Member from/and representing a community organization with specific outreach to the Latino Community
- City Council requested that the appointment be deferred and staff review the membership composition for the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force and return to Council with any recommendations.

21. [21-0182](#) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed Nicholas Lee as the citizen member to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee.
22. [21-0180](#) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission
1 ACPS Employee, identified by the Superintendent
1 Member who shall be a community member with experience as a parent, guardian, teacher and/or with expertise in early childhood, youth or general education policy
City Council deferred the appointment for the ACPS employee, identified by the Superintendent to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission, until confirmation is received from the Superintendent.
City Council appointed Claudette Haynes as the community member with experience as a parent, guardian, teacher and/or with expertise in early childhood, youth, or general education policy to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission.
23. [21-0186](#) Commission on Employment
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed Patrick Edwards as the citizen member to the Commission on Employment.
24. [21-0189](#) Commission on HIV/AIDS
1 Citizen Member
City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Arion Lillard-Green to the Commission on HIV/AIDS.
25. [21-0191](#) Commission on Information Technology
1 Student Representing T.C. Williams High School, recommended by faculty
City Council appointed Marcus Washington as the student representing T.C. Williams High School to the Commission on Information Technology.
26. [21-0193](#) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
1 Landlord Representative
City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Razvan Cernucan as the landlord representative to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board.
27. [21-0179](#) Planning Commission
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Vivian Ramirez as the citizen member to the Planning Commission.
28. [21-0187](#) Public Health Advisory Commission

1 Citizen Member

City Council reappointed Patricia Rodgers as the citizen member to the Public Health Advisory Commission.

29. [21-0192](#)

Redevelopment and Housing Authority

1 Citizen Member

City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Salena Zellers to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

30. [21-0185](#)

Sister Cities Committee

2 Citizen Members

City Council appointed Kelly Sullivan and David Vondle as the two citizen members to the Sister Cities Committee.

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

31. [20-1044](#)

Receipt of the Draft Community Policing Review Board and Independent Policing Auditor Ordinance

City Council received the City Manager's recommendation and thanked him for the report. City Council requested that the City Manager make the following changes to the proposal, including a re-draft of the ordinance to including granting investigative and subpoena powers to the board (a hybrid investigator/auditor proposal). City Council would like at least two options to consider and the pros/cons of the two different options along with range of options available for consideration. City Council would also like for the City Manager to bring forth information related to most conservative financing of the initiative. All of these recommendations would be scheduled first the first legislative meeting in October.

32. [21-0169](#)

Consideration of Proposed Plans for the Allocation of the Second \$13.9 Million Grant of Federal CARES Act Funding Towards Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 on Residents, Businesses and City of Alexandria Government.

City Council: (a) allocated the second tranche of the \$13,909,478 in Federal CARES funding to the following:

- 1. \$4.23 million for the City government's direct costs incurred in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;*
 - 2. \$2.5 million to benefit renters through the provision of \$1.0 million to continue the Office of Housing emergency rental assistance program and \$1.5 million to continue the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) eviction prevention and housing stability (includes rent, mortgage, and utilities) assistance program;*
 - 3. \$2.4 million toward a second round of small business assistance grants to be administered by the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP);*
 - 4. \$1.53 million toward expanding and extending food security programs;*
 - 5. \$2.0 million to start the Alexandria Resilience Fund for community non-profits;*
 - 6. \$960,000 toward Department of Community of Human Services (DCHS) childcare and workforce development initiatives; and*
 - 7. \$290,000 ACPS's Virtual Plus+ childcare program for school-aged children;*
- (b) allocated \$190,000 in Braddock Small Area Plan developer contributions from AEDP to provide small business grants to storefront businesses in the Braddock*

Small Area Plan neighborhood.

33. [21-0142](#) Consideration of a \$2.5 Million Capital Improvement Loan to Landmark Towers, LLC to Preserve Market Affordability and Secure a Right of First Refusal of a Multi-Family Apartment Building at 101 South Whiting Street.
- City Council: (1) approved a loan of \$2.5 million to Landmark Towers, LLC for capital improvements at 101 South Whiting Street, contingent on preservation of its long term market affordability and provision of a right of first refusal in the event of its future sale, as well as potential joint exploration of redevelopment options to increase affordable and workforce rental housing onsite; and (2) authorized to the City Manager to execute the loan agreement and related documents.*
34. [21-0144](#) Consideration of a Predevelopment Loan of \$500,000 to AHDC for an Arlandria Project at West Glebe Road and Mount Vernon Avenue that Includes Affordable Rental Housing and a Mix of Community-Serving Uses
- City Council approved the predevelopment loan of \$500,000 and authorized the City Manager to execute a loan agreement fro a proposed mixed use residential and commercial development at 221 West Glebe Road, as well as 3610, 3612, and 3700 Mount Vernon Avenue.*
35. [21-0143](#) Consideration of a Predevelopment Loan of \$250,000 to AHDC for a New Project at 4547, 4555, and 4575 Seminary Road that Combines Affordable Rental Housing, Affordable Homeownership Options, and a Component of Permanent Support Housing for Alexandrians with Development Disabilities
- City Council approved the \$250,000 predevelopment loan to AHDC for a proposed project at 4547, 4555, and 4575 Seminary Road and authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary loan documents, with the contingency that staff will address the residents concerns and questions about the project prior to disbursement of the loan.*
36. [21-0145](#) Consideration of a Predevelopment Loan of \$400,000 to Wesley Housing for Development of Parcview II, a New Committed Affordable Rental Project at 5380 Holmes Run Parkway to be collocated with Parcview Apartments
- City Council: (1) approved a predevelopment loan in the amount of \$400,000 to Wesley Housing to facilitate predevelopment activities at 5380 Holmes Run Parkway related to Parcview II; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the appropriate agreements.*

ORDINANCE (for introduction and first reading)

37. [21-0168](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an ordinance to prevent the spread of the Novel Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and the disease it causes, commonly referred to as COVID-19, by requiring face coverings in certain indoor and outdoor locations.
- City Council approved the proposed face covering ordinance with an effective date of October 1, 2020 on first reading and set it for second reading, public hearing and adoption on September 12, 2020.*

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

OTHER

- 38.** [20-1049](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council received and adopted the FY 2021 City Council Schedule for September 2020 through July 2021, noting the balance of the meetings for the calendar year are listed as "Council Chambers" as a placeholder until Council determines whether future meetings will be virtual or in-person in Council Chambers.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 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.