

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency, the October 6, 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 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:

URL: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_j55JQdEASDKag1z3SRoHDw
Webinar ID: 969 7375 9879
Webinar Passcode: 452503
Dial-in number: 301-715-8592

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 and to address Council, you must register first. Those wishing to address Council should also 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. Speakers are requested to sign up after the docket has been created and posted to the City's website.

Please verify the scheduled meeting on the City's website. If there is not a docket posted, please 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 during the Public Discussion Period. THERE ARE NO OTHER ITEMS LISTED FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

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 by the last 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 members of City Council were present, with Councilman Chapman and Councilman Aguirre joining following roll call. All members and staff were participating via video conference call.

2. Public Discussion Period.

[This period is a public comment period. 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 signed up for the public discussion period.

PROCLAMATIONS

- 3. [21-0288](#)** Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Latino Heritage Month.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

- 4. [21-0289](#)** Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing October as National Bullying Awareness Month.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

***Citizen Corps Council (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Seifeldein)**

***Eisenhower Partnership Board of Directors (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilwoman Pepper)**

***COG Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Commission (Councilwoman Jackson)**

***Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilman Chapman)**

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

***Alexandria Works! Coalition (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilwoman Pepper)**

***COG Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) (Councilwoman Pepper)**

***COG Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQ) (Councilwoman Pepper)**

***Sister Cities Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

***COG Human Services Policy Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

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

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

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (5-12)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

5. [21-0297](#) Receipt of the following resignation from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Commission for the Arts
Shaan Shuster

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

6. [21-0294](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Beautification Commission
1 Citizen Member

- (b) Building Code Board of Appeals
1 Citizen Member
- (c) Commission on Information Technology
1 Member Representing an Institution of Higher Education located in Northern Virginia
- (d) Commission on Persons with Disabilities
2 Citizen Members
- (e) Emergency Medical Services Council
1 Citizen Member
- (f) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
1 member to be nominated by the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution
- (g) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Representative from the George Washington Masonic Memorial
- (h) Industrial Development Authority
1 Citizen Member
- (i) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
1 Landlord Representative
- (j) Park and Recreation Commission
1 Member from Planning District I
- (k) Urban Design Advisory Committee
1 Resident Representing the Old Town North Residential Community

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

7. [21-0243](#) Consideration of Submission of a Grant Application for a Circuit Court Records Preservation Program, Item Conservation Grant from the Library of Virginia.

(Ordinances for Introduction)

8. [21-0229](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the owner of the property located at 1217 Colonial Avenue to construct and maintain an encroachment for a retaining wall at that location (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2020-0003 associated with

1217 Colonial Avenue approved by City Council on September 12, 2020).

9. [21-0231](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 1-700 (ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES) of Article I (GENERAL REGULATIONS); Sections 2-138 (DWELLING, TOWNHOUSE), 2-140 (DWELLING, TWO-FAMILY), 2-145 (FLOOR AREA), 2-154 (HEIGHT OF BUILDING), 2-174 (MEDICAL CARE FACILITY), of Article II (DEFINITIONS); Sections 3-707 (CERTAIN STRUCTURES, LOTS AND USES INCONSISTENT WITH THESE PROVISIONS), 3-1108 (CERTAIN STRUCTURES, LOTS AND USES INCONSISTENT WITH THESE PROVISIONS), 3-1406 (FLOOR AREA RATIO), of Article III (RESIDENTIAL ZONE REGULATIONS); Sections 7-202 (PERMITTED OBSTRUCTIONS), 7-1701 (OPEN AND CLOSED FENCES LESS THAT SIX FEET IN HEIGHT), 7-1702 (CORNER LOTS), of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS); Sections 11-804 (CONDITIONAL ZONING), 11-1008 (FINAL DECISIONS SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW), 11-1103 (STANDARDS FOR VARIANCE), 11-1104 (CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS), 11-1207 (WRITTEN NOTICE OR ORDER), 11-1302 (SPECIAL EXCEPTION ESTABLISHED), of Article XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES); Sections 12-101 (TERMS DEFINED) and 12-102 (NONCOMPLYING STRUCTURES) of Article XII (NONCOMPLIANCE AND NONCONFORMITY) and to add and ordain Section 7-1703 (THROUGH LOTS), of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2020-00005 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2020-0005 associated with Zoning Ordinance Practical Updates approved by City Council on September 12, 2020).
10. [21-0233](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 7-2100 (Increased density and height for public elementary and secondary schools) of Article VII (Supplemental Zone Regulations) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2019-00007 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2019-00007 associated with Increased Density for Public School Sites approved by City Council on September 12, 2020).
11. [21-0235](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 051.02 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 a portion of the property at 1101 Janneys Lane from, POS/Public open space and community recreation zone to R-8/Single-family zone; by rezoning 1201

and 1203 Janneys Lane from R-20/Single-family zone to R-8/Single-family zone; and by rezoning a portion of 1099 Francis Hammond Parkway from R-8/Single-family zone to POS/Public open space and community recreation zone in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2020-00002 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2020-00002 associated with Douglas MacArthur Elementary School approved by City Council on September 12, 2020).

12. [21-0239](#)

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Articles II - VIII, XI and XII to amend commercial use definitions, commercial use conditions and home occupation requirements and to change certain uses from requiring Special Use Permits and Administrative Use Permits to either Administrative Special Use Permits or permitted uses, of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2020-00003 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2020-00003 associated with small business practical updates approved by City Council on September 12, 2020).

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

5. *City Council received the following resignation with regret: (a) Shaan Shuster, Commission for the Arts.*

6. *City Council appointed the following persons to boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Steven Cohen as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (b) appointed James Jordan as the citizen member to the Building Code Board of Appeals; (c) appointed J.D. Maddox as the member representing an institution of higher education located in Northern Virginia to the Commission on Information Technology; (d) appointed Christopher Nace and Mark Reddish as the two citizen members to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (e) appointed Taylor Herbel as the citizen member to the Emergency Medical Services Council; (f) appointed Edgar Bates as the representative from the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (g) appointed Shawn Eyer as the representative from the George Washington Masonic Memorial to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (h) appointed Eric Strickland as the citizen member to the Industrial Development Authority; (i) appointed Soomin Kim as the landlord representative to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; (j) appointed Stuart Fox as the representative from Park Planning District I to the Park and Recreation Commission; and (k) reappointed Thomas Soapes as the resident representing Old Town North to the Urban Design Advisory Committee.*

7. *City Council: (1) approved a grant application totaling \$15,375, to be submitted not later than October 21, 2020, the Library of Virginia. The exact amount awarded will be determined by the Library of Virginia Grants Review Board which consists of LVA historical and conservation experts along with four Circuit Court Clerks; and (2)*

authorized the City Manager and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

8. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, October 17, 2020.

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CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

13. [21-0291](#) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed Scott Campbell as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee.
14. [21-0296](#) Commission for Women
2 Citizen Members
City Council appointed Marie R. Divine and Yvette Jiang as the two citizen members to the Commission for Women.
15. [21-0292](#) Commission for the Arts
1 Member Shall be a Student who Resides in the City and Attends a High School located in the City of Alexandria
City Council appointed Elizabeth Lo as the member who shall be a student resides in the City and attends a high school located in the City of Alexandria to the Commission for the Arts.
16. [21-0293](#) Traffic and Parking Board
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Lavonda Bonnard as the citizen member to the Traffic and Parking Board.

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

17. [21-0253](#) Potomac Yard Metro Oral Report
City Council received the report on Potomac Yard Metro construction.

18. [21-0282](#) Oral Update Regarding the Accessory Dwelling Unit Policy Study.
- City Council received the update and the proposed schedule for further stakeholder engagement, as well as the timeline for bringing final recommendations back to City Council for consideration.*
19. [21-0225](#) Review and Confirmation of the Extension of Suspension of Enforcement of Certain City Codes and Ordinances Taken by the City Manager Pursuant to the City's Continuity of Government Ordinance to Continue to Ease Certain Restrictions on Businesses that are Working to Comply with the Governor's Forward Virginia Plan.
- City Council: (1) confirmed the extension of the suspension of the codes and ordinances to allow flexibility for businesses as described in the document and allow the suspensions to continue until March 31, 2021 or sooner if the City Manager determines that the suspensions should be lifted for any reason; and (2) directed staff to prepare a text amendment and ordinance to be brought forward for Planning Commission and City Council consideration in November to address the longer term need for these necessary temporary changes.*

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

20. [21-0207](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Soliciting Franchise Proposals for a Telecommunications Facility Franchise Agreement for the design, construction, installation, upgrade, repair, removal and operation of Specified Small Cell Facilities and Related Infrastructure in the public rights-of-ways in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.
- City Council passed the proposed ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passed on Saturday, October 17, 2020.*
21. [20-1004](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Funding Request for \$4.5 million in FY 2027 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council: (1) approved the resolution supporting the \$4.5 million in FY 2027 CMAQ/RSTP funding request; and (2) authorized the City Manager to submit this funding request to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) and enter into necessary agreements with the Commonwealth to accept these grants. (RES. NO. 2962)*
22. [21-0217](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Title 5, Chapter 6 of the City Code to update the existing sewage disposal ordinance related to the discharge of Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) into the sanitary sewer collection system from food service establishments.
- City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, October 17, 2020.*

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

23. [21-0262](#)

Consideration of a Proposal to Provide Board and Commission Applications to the Public.

City Council: (1) received and approved the proposal from Councilman Chapman; and (2) directed the City Clerk to attach the Personal Data Record form with redacted personal information to the online docket for board and commission considerations. The redaction should include references' information, resumes (which contain home addresses) and the addition of a privacy statement explaining the redaction.

1. Councilman Chapman stated that there is small committee of community historians working to put together a virtual African American heritage trail along the Waterfront area. Councilman Chapman reported that the virtual tour is available for people to use as they walk along the Waterfront in Alexandria.

2. Councilman Chapman stated that several members will be attending the virtual Virginia Municipal League conference this week.

3. Councilman Chapman reported a number of Old Town businesses would be hosting Oyster Week from October 12 - October 17.

4. Councilman Aguirre gave an update on the 2020 Census, noting that the deadline has been extending until October 31. Councilman Aguirre also noted that the City of Alexandria has surpassed 73% for completion.

5. Councilman Aguirre thanked the Health Department for organizing the flu shots clinics for the past two weeks and he also thanked all the City departments that assisted in making the clinics a success for the community. Councilman Aguirre thanked the Medical Reserve Corps volunteers for helping with the events as well.

6. Councilwoman Jackson reported that the Commission for Women will be hosting a virtual event in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Councilwoman Jackson noted that event begins at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

7. Mayor Wilson requested that City staff bring a proposal for request for additional time to pay the real estate tax that is due in November. Mayor Wilson stated that the request should include a process for taxpayers to request additional time to make payment prior to the deadline and be docketed for consideration at the October 17 Public Hearing meeting.

OTHER**24. [21-0254](#)**

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) received the updated FY 2021 City Council Schedule which includes: the modified dates for the Virtual Virginia Municipal League (VML) Conference on October 7 and 8, 2020; the Interjurisdictional meeting on the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center Study, which has been scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6 p.m.; and the Virtual City Summit sponsored by National League of Cities (NLC) on November 18 through November 20, 2020; and (2) adopted the FY 2021 City Council Schedule from October 2020 through July 2021.

City Council had a discussion about the possibility of returning to in-person meetings at City Hall and Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager gave an overview of the layout for

Council Chambers, showing seating arrangements, safety partitions and other precautions begin explored to provide a safe environment for Council members. City Staff will be reviewing Council's concerns and suggestions for returning to in-person meetings and the remaining meetings in October will be virtual.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 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.