

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

City Council Legislative Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency, the November 24, 2020 Legislative Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held electronically pursuant to the 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 4.0-01(g) in HB29 and HB30, enacted by the 2020 Virginia General Assembly (Virginia Acts of Assembly Ch. 1283 and 1289), to undertake essential business. All the members of the City Council and staff are participating from remote locations through a video conference on Zoom. This meeting is being held, electronically, unless a determination is made that it is safe enough to be held in person in the City Council Chamber at 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia. 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 accessed via Zoom by following the link below:

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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 to address Council, you must register first. Those wishing to address Council should also submit a Speaker's Form using the link below.

Speaker's Form

**<https://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/VIRTUAL-City-Council-Speakers-Form>
Those wishing to address Council should submit a Speaker's Form. Submission of written statements is encouraged. Please sign up after the docket is created and you are able to verify the meeting date on the City's website. If the docket is not 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 (see link above). If you have a prepared statement or written comments for the record, 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.

Individuals 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 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.

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1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present via Zoom webinar.

Mayor Wilson noted that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency, the November 24, 2020 Legislative Meeting of the Alexandria City Council was being held electronically pursuant to the 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 4.0-01(g) in HB29 and HB30, enacted by the 2020 Virginia General Assembly (Virginia Acts of Assembly Ch. 1283 and 1289), to undertake essential business. All members of the City Council and staff are participating from remote locations through video conference on Zoom. This meeting is being held, electronically, unless a determination is made that it is safe enough to be held in person in the City Council Chamber at 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia. 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.

[21-0462](#)

6:00 p.m. - Consideration of a closed meeting for the discussion of the investment

of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, to consult with legal counsel regarding a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice and discussion of a personnel matter.

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:03 p.m. to discuss the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where if made public initially, the financial interest of the City would be adversely affected, to consult with legal counsel regarding a specific legal matter requiring provision of legal advice and to discuss a personnel matter; specifically, potential investment of public funds for development on the west end of the City, a decision by the City Manager regarding a personnel matter and the legal implications regarding the rights of public employees; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(6), (A)(8) and (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia.

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

3. 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.]

There were no public speakers for the public comment period.

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

***Waterfront Commission (Councilman Seifeldein)**

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

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

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

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

***COG - Food and Agriculture Committee (FARM) (Councilwoman Jackson)**

***COG - Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee
(Councilwoman Jackson)**

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

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

***Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Group (PYMIG)(Councilman Aguirre and Mayor Wilson)**

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

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

***Combined Sewer Workgroup (Mayor Wilson and Councilwoman Jackson)**

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

***Oral Update on Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic Risks and Vaccination Planning by Dr. Stephen Haering, Health Director**

City Council received an updated from Dr. Haering, Director, Alexandria Health Department, on the ongoing pandemic and the risks caused by the virus. Dr. Haering also gave an overview of the proposed distribution plan for any vaccines that may be approved for use and responded to questions from Council.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (4-8)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

4. [21-0255](#) Consideration of the nomination of the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery to the National Park Service African American Civil Rights Network
5. [21-0326](#) Consideration of a Submission of a Grant Application for The Center for Tech and Civic Life COVID-19 Response Grant
6. [21-0468](#) Consideration and Approval of the Pass-through of State Compensation Board Money to Sworn Sheriff's Department Personnel.
7. [21-0344](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the Institute of Museum and Library Services to support the digitization of the Moss Kendrix Collection at the Alexandria Black History Museum
8. [21-0481](#) Authorization to Participate in the Commonwealth of Virginia Municipal Utility Relief Program

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of item #8, which was considered under a separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

4. City Council: (1) ratified the nomination of the Contrabands and Freedman Cemetery to the National Park Service African American Civil Rights Network; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

5. City Council: (1) ratified the grant application and award of \$201,650 received from Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL). The City of Alexandria is eligible to apply for a grant amount based on a formula that considers the citizen voting age population and other jurisdiction demographic data; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

6. City Council, in carrying out the intent of the recently adopted State budget bill, approved the payment of one-time \$500 bonuses to all sworn employees of the Sheriff's Office. (separate motion)

7. City Council authorized the City Manager to: (1) approve the application to the Institute of Museum and Library Services for a \$237,355 grant; (2) approve the acceptance of funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for \$237,355, if the grant is awarded; and (3) authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

8. City Council: (1) supported the Alexandria Renew Enterprise's (AlexRenew) participation in the COVID-19 Municipal Utility Relief Program; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all required documentation for participation in the program.

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

9. [21-0330](#) Duke Street Transitway Project Oral Update.

City Council received the oral updated on the Duke Street Transitway Project.

10. [21-0467](#) Receipt of Body-Worn Camera Report

City Council: (1) received the Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Proposal Report; and (2) directed the City Manager to develop a plan for a multi-year phase in of the BWC program for the Alexandria Police Department, Alexandria Sheriff's Office, Fire Marshals, and other related City agencies.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

11. [21-0331](#) Consideration of a Resolution to extend the Phase II Dockless Mobility Pilot Program through 2021. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council: (1) approved a resolution for a 12-month extension of the Phase II Dockless Mobility Pilot Program from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and (2) authorized the City Manager to amend the existing Memorandum of Understanding

*(MOU) with permitted dockless mobility operators to extend the terms of the MOU.
(RES. NO. 2967)*

12. [21-0366](#) Consideration of a Resolution for a competitive grant application to the Virginia Department of Transportation 2022-2023 State of Good Repair (Primary Extension) Program. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council: (1) adopted the resolution to apply for a Primary Extension Improvement Program funding allocation for \$1.5 million from Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for the resurfacing of City-maintained primary route extensions; and (2) authorized the City Manager to submit this resolution to VDOT and enter into any agreements with the State that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved. (RES. NO. 2968)*

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

- a. [21-0479](#) Expanding Opportunities for Public Comment (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)
- Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker requested information for City staff about different methods of receiving public comment beyond the current methods that are used by the City. The City Manager and City Clerk will provide information for Council to review and consider at a future meeting.*

OTHER

13. [21-0394](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.
- City Council received and adopted the FY 2021 City Council Schedule for November 2020 through July 2021, with the remainder of the Council meetings for the calendar year to held in the virtual format.*

City Council reconvened in closed executive session at 11:13 p.m., to discuss the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the City would be adversely affected, to consult with legal counsel regarding a specific legal matter requiring provision of legal advice and to discuss a personnel matter; specifically, potential investment of public funds for development on the west end of the City, a decision by the City Manager regarding a personnel matter and the legal implications regarding the rights of public employees; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(6), (A)(8) and (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened in open session at 12:36 a.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 2969)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 a.m.

NOTE: The action docket is a summary of the Council's meeting deliberation 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.