

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

City Council Legislative Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the January 12, 2021 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 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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Public Comment will be received at this meeting.

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1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present, with Councilman Chapman arriving at 7:13 p.m. The meeting was being broadcast via Zoom webinar.

Mayor Wilson stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the January 12, 2021 Legislative 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 Section 4.0-00(g) in HB29 and HB30 to undertake essential business. All 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.

2. Public Discussion Period.

The following persons participated in the public discussion period:

- 1. George Demetriades, Alexandria, spoke against the increase of the stormwater utility fees and the flooding in the City and requested that the discussion be postponed.*
- 2. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Alexandria, spoke against the increase the stormwater utility fees and requested the discussion be postponed for more deliberation on the fees.*
- 3. Catherine Finley, Alexandria, spoke about addressing the neighborhood flooding concerns in the City and using the stormwater fees for solely fixing the flooding issues.*
- 4. Mitch Remy, Alexandria, spoke about the proposed projects to fix the flooding concerns in the City.*
- 5. Joe Sestak, Alexandria, thanked the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities Department and the arborist for the replacement of trees in his neighborhood.*
- 6. Andrea Koslow, Alexandria, spoke about flooding concerns in the neighborhood and the need to fix the problem soon.*
- 7. Marc Jarsulic, Alexandria, spoke about the flood mitigation action plan and how it has affected his home and surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Jarsulic requested further discussion and better solutions to the problems caused by the flooding.*
- 8. Vineeta Anand, Alexandria, spoke against the increase of the stormwater utility fees.*
- 9. Jim Burkart, Alexandria, spoke about the flooding issues in his neighborhood and questioned the justification in the budget for the cost of implementing the solutions and wanted assurances that the fees will be spent appropriately.*
- 10. Robert DeFilippo, Alexandria, spoke about lack of implementation on small scope project implementation to alleviate flooding in his neighborhood.*
- 11. Keith Burner, Alexandria, spoke in opposition to the increase of the stormwater utility fees and the proposed plan for the use of the fees.*
- 12. Brian Sands, Alexandria, spoke in support of the proposed increase in the stormwater utility fees and proposed plans and thanked staff and Council for acting quickly on the concerns of the neighborhoods affected by the flooding issues. Mr. Sands stated that he hoped the proposed timeline for implementation of projects would be examined and reconsidered to speed up the delivery of solutions to the community.*
- 13. Katie Waynick, Alexandria, spoke about the use of the stormwater utility fees for personnel and what the additional personnel would be working on. Ms. Waynick proposed the implementation of new revenue streams for addressing stormwater utility fees to increase capacity for the problem areas and other proposals for including residents in the discussion.*

[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.]

3. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

[21-0564](#)

Reading and Acting Upon Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2020;
The Special Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2020 (budget adoption);
The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2020;
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2020;
The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2020;
The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2020;
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2020; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2020.

City Council conditionally approved the minutes for the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of April 28, 2020; the special meeting minutes of April 29, 2020 (budget adoption); the regular meeting minutes of May 12, 2020; the public hearing meeting minutes of May 16, 2020; the regular meeting minutes of May 26, 2020; the regular meeting minutes of September 8, 2020; the public hearing meeting minutes of September 12, 2020; and the regular meeting minutes of September 22, 2020.

PROCLAMATIONS

4. [21-0611](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing January 11 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

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

***Health and Safety Coordinating Committee (Councilwoman Jackson and Mayor Wilson)**

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

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

***COG- Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee/FARM (Councilwoman Jackson)**

***CSO Monitoring Committee (Mayor Wilson and Councilwoman Jackson)**

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

(a) COVID-19 Update

(b) Report on "Shots Fired" incidents.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (5-14)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

5. [21-0612](#) Receipt of Resignations from Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

(a) Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee

Joseph Griebokski

Christine Watson

(b) Commission on Aging

Sharon Dantzig

(c) Waterfront Commission

Danielle Romanetti

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

6. [21-0613](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

(a) Archaeological Commission

1 Member-at-Large

(b) Beautification Commission

1 Member with Expertise in the field of landscape architecture or landscape design

1 Citizen Member

- (c) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
 - 2 ACPS Employees, identified by the Superintendent
 - 1 Student Member
- (d) Commission on Aging
 - 1 Citizen Member who is 60 years of age or older
- (e) Commission on HIV/AIDS
 - 1 Citizen Member
- (f) Commission on Persons with Disabilities
 - 2 Citizen Members
- (h) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
 - 1 Citizen Member
- (i) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
 - 1 Representative from Carlyle House
- (j) Library Board
 - 1 Citizen member
- (k) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee
 - 1 Member representing the Potomac West area
 - 1 Professional Skilled in landscape architecture, architecture, or urban design
- (l) Social Services Advisory Board
 - 1 Parent Member
- (n) Waterfront Commission
 - 1 Park Planning District III Representative
 - 1 Representative of the Historic Alexandria Foundation

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

- 7. [21-0532](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the National Park Service, Save America's Treasures Program, to Support the Exterior Restoration of the Freedom House Museum.
- 8. [21-0563](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Services Grant Program.

9. [21-0574](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending November 30, 2020.
10. [21-0582](#) Consideration of (1) Appointment of a Police Officer Representative and Firefighter Representative to the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board and (2) Appointment of a General Schedule Representative and Medic/Fire Marshal Representative and Alternate to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Board.

(Ordinances for Introduction)

11. [21-0474](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Section 10-1-15.1 (Truck traffic; prohibited on certain streets; penalty) of Chapter 1 (General Provisions) of Title 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
12. [21-0547](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 3-1409 (Use limitations) of Article No. III (RESIDENTIAL ZONE REGULATIONS); Sections 4-107 (Use limitations), 4-207 (Use limitations), 4-307 (Use limitations), 4-407 (Use limitations), 4-507 (Use limitations), 4-607 (Use limitations), 4-707 (Use limitations), 4-807 (Use limitations), 4-906 (Use limitations), 4-1006 (Use limitations), 4-1106 (Use limitations), 4-1206 (Use limitations), and 4-1413 (Use limitations), all of Article No. IV (COMMERCIAL, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES); Sections 5-110 (Use limitations), 5-210 (Use limitations), 5-310 (Use limitations), 5-410 (Use limitations), 5-511 (Use limitations), and 5-602 (Coordinated development districts created, consistency with master plan, required approvals) all of Article No. V (MIXED USE ZONES); and Section 6-707 (Use limitations) of Article No. VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2020-00009 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2020-00009 associated with Pick-up and Drop-off Requirements for Day Care Establishments approved by City Council on December 12, 2020).
13. [21-0549](#) 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 Potomac West Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan through the Oakville Triangle & Route 1 West Corridor and Vision Plan Overlay as Master Plan Amendment No. 2020-00003 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. 2020-00003 associated with Oakville Triangle approved by City Council on December 12, 2020).

14. [21-0551](#)

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading 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. 2020-00006 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2020-00006 associated with Oakville Triangle approved by City Council on December 12, 2020).

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of item #11, which was considered under separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

5. City Council received the following resignations from City boards, commissions, and committees with regret: (a) Joseph Grieboski and Christine Watson, Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee; (b) Sharon Dantzig, Commission on Aging; and (c) Danielle Romanetti, Waterfront Commission.

6. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) reappointed Ralph Rosenbaum as the member-at-large to the Archaeological Commission; (b) reappointed Richard Dorrier as the member with expertise in the field of landscape architecture or landscape design and appointed Eleanor Quigley as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (c) appointed Julie Crawford and reappointed Kurt Huffman as the two ACPS employees identified by the Superintendent and appointed Maile Organek as the student member to the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission; (d) appointed Lois Steele as the citizen member who is 60 years of age or older to the Commission on Aging; (e) appointed Jon Scarffe and Natasha Hansen as the two citizen members to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (f) appointed Susan Picerno and Thomas Valluzzi as the two citizen members as the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (g) appointed Susan Johnson as the citizen member to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (h) appointed Andrea Cochrane Tracey as the representative from Carlyle House to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (i) appointed Karen Marshall as the citizen member to the Library Board; (j) reappointed Travis Herret as the member representing the Potomac West area and appointed Melissa Bennett as the professional skilled in landscape architecture, architecture or urban design to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; (k) appointed Andrew Baird as the parent member to the Social Services Advisory Board; and (l) appointed Megan Podolsky as the park planning district III representative and appointed Robert Weinhagen as the representative of the Historic Alexandria Foundation to the Waterfront Commission.

7. City Council: (1) approved the application to the National Park Service, Save America's Treasures (SAT) grant program, for up to \$500,000; (2) approved the

acceptance of funds from the Save America's Treasures grant for up to \$500,000, if the grant is awarded; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

8. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application for continued funding (Sexual Assault Domestic Violence [SADV] Core Service Funding) to Department of Criminal Justice (DCJS) in the amount of \$506,000 for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 with an eight percent (8%) cash or in-kind match requirement of \$44,000 for each fiscal year; for a combined grant award of \$1,012,000 to enhance services for victims of intimate partner violence and sexual assault survivors residing in the City of Alexandria; (2) authorized the inclusion in SADV Core Service Funding grant application a request for competitive funding to DCJS; \$106,028 for fiscal year 2022 and \$104,258 for fiscal year 2023 with a twenty percent (20%) cash or in-kind match requirement of \$52,571 for each fiscal year for a sexual assault survivors residing in the City of Alexandria; (3) approved the addition of two Victim Witness Specialist positions (.50 PTE) and a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) consultant that will be fully supported by grant revenues if the competitive request is successful; and (4) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

9. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

10. City Council: (1) appointed the following employee-elected individuals to the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board for the period of January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2024: (a) Jason North as Police Officer Representative; and (b) Dylan Kempton as Firefighter Representative; (2) appointed the following individuals to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Plan Pension Board for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024: (a) Jina Edwards as General Schedule Representative; (b) James Mikell as Medic/Fire Marshal Representative; and (c) Kelsea Bonkoski as Medic/Fire Marshal Alternate.

11. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, January 23, 2021. (separate motion)

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ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (15-16)

15. [21-0459](#) Consideration of a Grant Application from DASH and the City of Alexandria for the FY 2022 to FY 2023 I-395/95 Commuter Choice Grant Program.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]
16. [21-0546](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Support Grant Applications to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for FY 2022 State Aid Grant

Programs. [ROLL-CALLVOTE]

City Council approved each item on the roll-call consent calendar under separate motions. The approval was as follows:

15. City Council: (1) approved the resolution to support the two I-395/95 Commuter Choice Grant application requests for up to \$11 million over two years; and (2) authorized the City Manager to apply for these grant funds and enter into any necessary agreements to accept this grant. (RES. NO. 2972)

16. City Council approved the submission of grant applications by February 1, 2021 for: (1) up to \$23,800,000 in eligible expenses for State aid transit operating assistance; (2) \$8,840,000 in eligible expenses for eight electric DASH buses; (3) up to \$220,000 for the City's commuter assistance program; and (4) authorized the City Manager to apply for State Aid Grants through the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and enter into any necessary agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia and/or NVTC to accept and implement the grants. (RES. NO. 2973)

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

17. [21-0629](#) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force
1 Member from or representing T. C. Williams High School
City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Kristen Mcinerney as the member from and representing T.C. Williams High School.
18. [21-0628](#) Alexandria Renew Enterprises
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed James Beall as the citizen member to the Alexandria Renew Enterprises.
19. [21-0627](#) Alexandria Transportation Commission
1 Citizen Member who Resides west of Quaker Lane
City Council appointed Jeremy Drislane as the citizen member who resides west of Quaker Lane to the Alexandria Transportation Commission.
20. [21-0626](#) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission
1 Community Member with experience as a Parent, Guardian, Teacher and/or with Expertise in Early Childhood, Youth or General Education Policy
City Council reappointed Kelley Organek 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.
21. [21-0625](#) Commission for Women
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Anuja Miner as the citizen member to the Commission for Women.
22. [21-0624](#) Commission on Information Technology

1 Citizen Member

City Council reappointed Catharine Rice as the citizen member to the Commission on Information Technology.

23. [21-0616](#)

Community Criminal Justice Board

1 Citizen Member

City Council appointed Kendall Wangsgard as the citizen member to the Community Criminal Justice Board.

24. [21-0622](#)

Environmental Policy Commission

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 four members shall have scientific expertise.

City Council appointed Christine Maietta as the 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 four members shall have scientific expertise to the Environmental Policy Commission.

25. [21-0623](#)

Historic Alexandria Resources Commission

1 Representative who serves as a volunteer at a historic property or attraction which is open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis

City Council reappointed Martha Harris as the representative who serves as a volunteer at a historic property or attraction which is open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission.

26. [21-0621](#)

Human Rights Commission

1 Citizen Member

City Council appointed Danielle Beach as the citizen member to the Human Rights Commission.

27. [21-0619](#)

Redevelopment and Housing Authority

1 Citizen Member

City Council reappointed Daniel Bauman as the citizen member to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

28. [21-0618](#)

Visit Alexandria Board of Governors

1 Hotel Owner/Manager Representative

City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Tristan Harris as the hotel owner/manager representative to the Visit Alexandria Board of Governors.

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

29. [21-0557](#)

Update on the 2021 Virginia General Assembly Session.

City Council approved the legislative positions included in Attachment 1 (Recommended Positions on Bills of Impact to the City), as recommended by Council's Legislative Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker) at their January 5 and January 8, 2021 meetings.

30. [21-0524](#) Final Report of the Alexandria Complete Count Committee for the 2020 U.S. Census.
- City Council: (1) received the Final Report from the Alexandria Complete Count Committee summarizing outreach activities; and (2) commended the members of the Committee and the Complete Count Partners for their work resulting in a Complete Count for Alexandria.*
31. [21-0562](#) Discussion of The FY 2022 Proposed Long-Range Planning Interdepartmental Work Program.
- City Council received the report and provided guidance to staff on the Draft FY 2022 Long-Range Planning Interdepartmental Work Program.*
32. [21-0608](#) Receipt of Information Regarding Options for Civilian Oversight of Policing in Alexandria and the Models for such an Oversight Body.
- City Council received the report and directed the City Manager: (1) to establish a community outreach and discussion process utilizing the Model C1 option for civilian oversight of policing as the basis for that community discussion, including explanation of all the options presented; (2) to use collected input from the City Council's discussion and the community outreach for all the options to inform an updated draft ordinance for C1; and (3) bring all the information back for Council consideration in March.*

(ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS)

33. [21-0595](#) Consideration of Adoption of "All Alexandria: Committing to Race and Social Equity" Resolution.
- City Council received and discussed the resolution "All Alexandria Committing to Race and Social Equity," and set it for public hearing and adoption on January 23, 2021.*
34. [21-0598](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration of Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to increase the Stormwater Utility Fee by amending Article C (STORMWATER UTILITY) to Chapter 6 (WATER AND SEWER) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council moved to defer first reading until the January 26 Legislative Meeting and bring the ordinance for public hearing and second reading and final passage on February 20.*

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

OTHER

35. [21-0567](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council received and adopted the FY 2021 City Council Schedule for January 2021 through July 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 a.m.