

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

City Council Legislative Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the January 26, 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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Speaker's Form

<https://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/2020-VIRTUAL-City-Council-Speakers-Form>

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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.

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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 City Council were present via Zoom webinar, with Councilwoman Pepper arriving after roll call.

Mayor Wilson stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the January 26, 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.

2. Public Discussion Period.

The following persons participated in the public discussion period:

- 1. Ann Shack, Alexandria, spoke about residents' concerns regarding Outflow 001 and communication with Alexandria Renew Enterprises about the project.*
- 2. Alexander King, Alexandria, spoke about the flooding that has occurred in his neighborhood and about the City's proposals to fix the stormwater problems in the City.*
- 3. Jean Ibrahim, Alexandria, spoke about the flooding that has occurred in his neighborhood and the need to address the issues immediately.*
- 4. Jeff Hutchinsen, Alexandria, spoke about the health and safety concerns of the residents who live near the Outflow 001 project.*
- 5. Kelly Conlan Baron, Alexandria, spoke about the flooding problems in the City and the need to address the issues and include residents in the discussion and decisions about the solutions.*
- 6. John Craig, Alexandria, spoke about the flooding problems in the City and the need to include all residents in the discussion and need to address problems sooner rather than later.*
- 7. Vineeta Anand, Alexandria, spoke about the flooding problems in the City and spoke against the proposal to increase stormwater utility fees.*
- 8. Frank Fannon, Alexandria, spoke in opposition the Race and Social Equity resolution passed on Saturday.*
- 9. Darlene E Duffett, Alexandria, spoke about the proposed new stormwater utility fee and expressed concern that the issues with flooding would not be adequately addressed.*

[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.]

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

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

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

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

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

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (3-4)

3. [21-0565](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Extend the Term of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
4. [21-0587](#) Consideration of a Resolution Declaring the Official Intent of the City of Alexandria, Virginia to Reimburse Itself for Certain Capital Expenditures from Proceeds of General Obligation Bonds.[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council approved the items on the Roll-Call consent calendar separately. The approval was as follows:
 3. *City Council adopted the resolution extending the term of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group (PYMIG). (RES. NO. 2975) (separate motion)*
 4. *City Council adopted the resolution declaring the City's intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of future debt obligations for capital expenditures for certain projects paid or to be paid on a temporary basis with existing cash resources. (RES. NO. 2976) (separate motion)*

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

5. [21-0559](#) Update on the 2021 Virginia General Assembly

City Council approved the legislative positions included in 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 15 and January 22, 2021 meetings.
6. [21-0655](#) Consideration of Adopting the ResilientALX Charter.

City Council received and approved the adoption of the proposed ResilientALX Charter.

7. [21-0566](#) Potomac Yard Metro Report
City Council received the Potomac Yard Metro Report.
8. [21-0572](#) Pretrial and Probation Office Transition to Standalone Unit.
City Council concurred in the transition of the Pretrial and Probation Office to standalone status from its current organizational status as reporting to the Sheriff's Office, per termination of the Memorandum of Understanding, in which the City of Alexandria is the Administrator and the Sheriff's Office has been the Implementing Agent.
9. [21-0568](#) Updated Housing Contribution Procedures.
City Council: (1) approved the proposed draft language describing the criteria and process for requesting, evaluating, and considering developer requests for exceptions to reduce the mandatory provision of affordable housing when additional density beyond what is envisioned in a Small Area Plan is sought. The amendment reads as follows: Requests for an exception modifying the Affordable Housing Contribution requirement, along with a narrative explaining why such a request is justified, must be submitted no later than at the time of the Concept 2 submission. The request for exception shall not take into account ordinary or industry standard factors. The City shall select an independent expert to review the request and relevant financial documents pursuant to a scope of work established by the City, however, the applicant requesting the modification shall pay for the costs of the third-party review and shall provide its proforma financials for the project (as well as other documentation deemed necessary by the consultant to support the developer's assumptions). The findings and conclusions of the third party review will be shared with City Council as part of its overall consideration of the matter. However, the findings and conclusion of the third party review shall not be binding on City Council's determination whether to grant the modification.
10. [21-0460](#) Receipt and Endorsement of City of Alexandria Alternative Fuel Policy.
City Council received and endorsed the proposed Alternative Fuel Policy.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

11. [21-0668](#) 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).
City Council: (1) indicated its commitment to an aggressive approach to addressing flood mitigation on an accelerated basis through increase system maintenance and a substantial additional capital investment in stormwater capacity infrastructure; (2) adopted the resolution to establish an Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group, with the following changes to the proposed resolution (a) item #7, add the following language at the end, "or the maximum duration allowed by the Code;" (b) item #3, instead of the City Council appointing a chairperson, the committee will elect a chairperson from among the membership; (c) change the language in 4a to read, "Review and advise in regards to the plans, design, implementation, costs and

financing of the flood mitigation activities with the intent of minimizing community impacts and maximizing overall community benefits (RES. NO. 2977); (3) adopted the proposed ordinance on first reading which phases in a two-step increase in the current stormwater utility fee of \$140 per billing unit by \$70 to \$210 in June of 2021 and by another \$70 to \$280 in November of 2021, and schedule it for second reading, public hearing, and final passage on February 20, 2021; and (4) provided guidance to the City Manager to reflect this aggressive approach in the forthcoming FY 2022 Proposed Operating Budget and the FY 2022 to FY 2031 Capital Improvement Program.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. *Councilman Aguirre congratulated Alexandria Archaeology volunteers on celebrating 43 years of service and he noted that they held a great presentation on the City's Archaeology and history.*

OTHER

12. [21-0667](#) 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 10:58 p.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.