

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

City Council Legislative Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency, the February 23, 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 4.0-01(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 be accessed via Zoom by following the link below:

Registration link:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NH9VEJWGT-aU6cbkAuExNg

Webinar ID: 977 8808 3866

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Dial-in number: 301 715 8592 (Washington DC)

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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 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/s3/2020-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.

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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 via Zoom webinar.

Mayor Wilson noted that due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the February 23, 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

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2. Public Comment 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 public speakers.

PROCLAMATIONS

- 3. [21-0760](#)** Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Month of March as Irish American Heritage Month and March 6, 2021 as Irish Cultural Celebration Day.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

***Library Board (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

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

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

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

***COG Food and Agriculture Regional Member (FARM) Ad Hoc Advisory Committee (Councilwoman Jackson)**

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

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

***Alexandria Transportation Commission (Councilman Aguirre and Councilman Chapman)**

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

(1) COVID-19 AND VACCINATION UPDATE FROM THE ALEXANDRIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Dr. Haering gave an update on the number of cases and deaths in the City and the distribution of vaccinations throughout the City. Dr. Haering reported that approximately 25,000 people have received vaccinations and there is still not accurate demographic information available for the City. Dr. Haering addressed the issues with the state registration system and scheduling for second dose clinics/vaccinations.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)**CONSENT CALENDAR (4)****(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

4. [21-0694](#) Consideration of a Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Application to the Virginia Commission for the Arts for a Creative Community Partnership Grant for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$4500 to the Virginia Commission for the Art's Creative Community Partnership Grant Program. The grant application deadline is April 1, 2021; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION (60 min.)**

5. [21-0701](#) Update on the 2021 Virginia General Assembly Session.
- City Council received the staff's update on the 2021 General Assembly Session.*
6. [21-0759](#) Discussion of Preliminary Framework for the Allocation of Potentially Forthcoming Federal Stimulus Funding.
- City Council: (1) received this report regarding the proposed preliminary framework on how to allocate potentially forthcoming federal stimulus funding; (2) directed the City Manager to consult with community stakeholders and then to develop a federal stimulus funding allocation plan for future Council consideration; and (3) allocated \$1.0 million in City funding to serve as interim bridge funding for food security and eviction prevention programs to be able to continue until such time as the federal stimulus funds become available.*
7. [21-0770](#) Work Session in Regard to Visit Alexandria Marketing Plans.
- City Council received a presentation from Visit Alexandria CEO Patricia Washington on the marketing plans that have been used during the pandemic and plans for reviving the tourism and hospitality industry here in the City. Ms. Washington responded to questions from Council.*

8. [21-0605](#) Consideration of a Two-Way to One-Way (southbound) Conversion of the Access Street in Front of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]
This item has been deferred.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

9. [21-0768](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Subsidize the Stormwater Utility Fee as an Expenditure Grant Rather than an Exemption on Real Estate Tax Bills for Certain Low-Income and/or Disabled Property Owners. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
City Council approved the resolution to subsidize the stormwater utility fee as an expenditure grant rather than an exemption on real estate tax bills for certain low-income and/or disabled property owners. (RES. NO. 2978)

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. *Councilwoman Pepper welcomed Sermaine McLean, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, back to work.*
2. *Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker requested that the City Clerk return with a short memorandum on how Council receives comments for meetings and methods for receipt of that information.*

OTHER

10. [21-0718](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule, Including Discussion on Possible Offsite City Council Meeting Locations.
Deputy City Manager Triggs gave a brief presentation on options for returning to in-person meetings and responded to questions from Council about the options.
City Council received and adopted the FY 2021 City Council Schedule for February 2021 through July 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 pm.

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.

