

# City of Alexandria

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



## **Action Docket - Final**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**City Council Legislative Meeting**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the March 9, 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. 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 the following link:

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Speaker's Form

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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 City Council were present via Zoom webinar.*

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*Mayor Wilson stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the March 9, 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 an HB30 to undertake essential business. All members of the City Council and staff*

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## **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.]**

*The following persons participated in the public discussion period:*

- 1. Don Beyer, Alexandria, spoke about the collective bargaining agreement ordinance.*
- 2. Ben Saks, Alexandria, spoke about the Citizen Review Board and collective bargaining agreement.*
- 3. Joseph Morrell, Alexandria, spoke against the collective bargaining agreement.*
- 4. Josh Turner, Alexandria, representing the Firefighters, spoke against the collective bargaining agreement ordinance.*
- 5. Nelva Hernande, Alexandria, spoke about changes to the collective bargaining agreement ordinance.*
- 6. Andy Lavigne, spoke on the collective bargaining ordinance and suggested it needed more work.*
- 7. Heidi Meinzer, Alexandria, attorney for the police unions, offered some suggestions for changes to the collective bargaining ordinance.*
- 8. Megan Ellzy, Alexandria, spoke on the collective bargaining ordinance and offered support if the ordinance is approved as amended.*
- 9. Kendell Wallace, a City seasonal employee, spoke about the need for a collective bargaining ordinance for employees.*
- 10. John MacKinnon, Alexandria, spoke against the collective bargaining agreement.*
- 11. James Rodriguez, Alexandria, spoke about the collective bargaining agreement ordinance for employees.*

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

- 3. [21-0797](#)** Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:  
  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2020;  
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2020;

The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2020;  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2020; and  
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2020.

*City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of November 10, 2020, the public hearing meeting minutes of November 14, 2020, the regular meeting minutes of November 24, 2020, the regular meeting minutes of December 8, 2020; and the public hearing meeting minutes of December 12, 2020.*

### **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 (Mayor Wilson and Councilwoman Jackson)**

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

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

**\*Eisenhower East Design Review Board (Councilwoman Pepper)**

*City Council gave the reports.*

### **ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

#### **1. Vaccination Update from the Alexandria Health Department**

*City Council received an update from the Alexandria Health Department on the status of the pandemic and vaccination distribution in the City.*

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

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

5. [21-0820](#) Receipt of the following resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Archaeological Commission  
Janice Magnuson

- (b) Commission for the Arts
  - Susan Cohen
  - Tamsin Green
  - Allison Heck
- (c) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
  - Valerie Ianieri

**Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:**

6. [21-0819](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
    - 2 Citizen Members
  - (b) Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission
    - 1 High School Student
  - (c) Citizen Corps Council
    - 1 Representative of Alexandria Civic Associations
  - (d) Commission on HIV/AIDS
    - 2 Citizen Members
  - (e) Community Services Board
    - 1 Citizen Member
  - (f) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Commission
    - 1 Member representing the Potomac West Area

**(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

7. [21-0651](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2021.
8. [21-0746](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Alcohol and Beverage Control Authority for Underage Drinking Prevention Initiatives Carried Out by the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria.
9. [21-0758](#) Consideration of Adopting the 2021 City of Alexandria Emergency Operations Plan

Update.

10. [21-0772](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the Urban Area Security Initiative for Funding to Pay for a Rail Operations Control Center Program Manager.
11. [21-0783](#) City Participation in a State Rental Assistance Program for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.
12. [21-0796](#) Receipt of the Viewers' Report for Vacation #2020-00005 - 2500 Oakville Street

**(Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading)**

13. [21-0749](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Closure of Wales Alley, between South Union and Strand Streets, to Vehicular Traffic.
14. [21-0748](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage of an Ordinance to amend Title 10 Chapter 4: Stopping, Standing and Parking and Title 3 Chapter 2 Article S: Payment, Contest and Enforcement of Parking Citations.
15. [21-0775](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration on First Reading of an Ordinance to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way at Oakville Street, between Swann Avenue and Fannon Street (VAC No. 2020-00005) (Implementation Ordinance for Vacation No. 2020-00005 associated with the Oakville Triangle Infrastructure Plan approved by City Council on January 23, 2021).
16. [21-0777](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet Nos. 074.03 and 074.04 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 the properties at 416 South Alfred Street and 431 South Columbus Street, from RC/High density apartment zone, and 901 Gibbon Street, 450 and 510 South Patrick Street, and 900 Wolfe Street from RB/Townhouse zone to RMF/Residential multifamily zone in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2020-00006 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2020-00006 associated with Heritage at Old Town approved by City Council on February 20, 2021).
17. [21-0786](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration of Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to expand the stated purpose of the Stormwater Utility Fee by amending Article C (STORMWATER UTILITY) to Chapter 6 (WATER AND SEWER) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES).

## END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

*City Council approved the Consent Calendar, with the exception of items #8, #14, and #17, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:*

*5. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Janice Magnuson, Archaeological Commission; (b) Susan Cohen, Tamsin Green, and Allison, Commission for the Arts; and (c) Valerie Ianieri, Landlord-Tenant Relations Board.*

*6. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) reappointed Kerem Bilge and appointed Laura Withers as the two citizen members to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) reappointed Annabelle O'Keefe as the high school student to the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission; (c) appointed Donna Reuss as the representative of Alexandria civic associations to the Citizen Corps Council; (d) appointed Sarah Bueter and Robert Whitman as the two citizen members to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (e) appointed Jenna Mukai as the citizen member to the Community Services Board; and (f) appointed Sean Sweeney as the representative from the Potomac West area to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Commission.*

*7. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.*

*8. City Council: (1) approved the submission of an application to Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (VA ABC) for funding in the amount of \$10,000 to be used to support underage drinking prevention initiatives for Alexandria youth; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required. (separate motion)*

*9. City Council received and approved the 2021 City of Alexandria Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) update.*

*10. City Council: (1) approved the submission of a grant application for \$217,050 to fund payment of salary and benefits for an Alexandria Fire Department Captain; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.*

*11. City Council: (1) approved acceptance of an allocation of funds from the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to be administered locally by the Office of Housing as rental assistance to benefit individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who secure housing in the City of Alexandria, and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute a memorandum with DBHDS to memorialize the working agreement between that State agency and the Office of Housing.*

*12. City Council received the viewers' report for vacation #2020-00005- 2500 Oakville Street.*

*13. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on March 13, 2021.*

*14. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on March 13, 2021. (separate motion)*



15. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on March 13, 2021.

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17. City Council moved to defer this ordinance for consideration until the next Legislative Meeting. (separate motion)

## ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

18. [21-0771](#) Consideration of Resolution Approving KMT Medical Transport LLC to Provide Private Medical Transports in the City of Alexandria. [ROLL-CALLVOTE]  
*City Council passed the resolution approved KMT Medical Transport LLC to provide private medical transports in the City of Alexandria. (RES. NO. 2979) (separate motion)*

19. [21-0789](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First and Second Reading of an Ordinance to adopt Supplement 137 of the City Code. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]  
*City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approval was as follows:*  
  
18. *City Council adopted the resolution that approves KMT Medical Transport LLC to provide non-emergency medical transportation, either through non-emergency ambulance, wheelchair van or sedan to their clients in the City of Alexandria. (RES. NO. 2979)*  
  
19. *City Council passed the ordinance on first and second reading to adopt Supplement 137 of the City Code. (ORD. NO.5334)*

## CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

20. [21-0810](#) Alexandria Transportation Commission  
1 Citizen Member who Resides East of Quaker Lane  
*City Council reappointed Bruce Marsh as the citizen member who resides east of Quaker Lane to the Alexandria Transportation Commission.*
21. [21-0811](#) Archaeological Commission  
1 Alexandria Historical Society Representative  
*City Council waived residency requirement and appointed Christopher Warren as the Alexandria Historical Society representative to the Archaeological Commission.*
22. [21-0812](#) Beautification Commission  
1 Citizen Member  
*City Council moved to readvertise this vacancy.*
23. [21-0813](#) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee

1 Citizen Member

*City Council appointed Karen Graf as the citizen member to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee.*

24. [21-0814](#)

Commission for the Arts

1 Professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the cityscape, such as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design

2 public at-large members, as arts consumers or participants

1 Member with expertise in visual arts either as a professional practitioner of visual arts, curator of visual art, or as a professional arts administrator currently working in the field

*City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Allison Heck as the professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the cityscape, such as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design and reappointed Gayle Converse and appointed Christina Calloway as the two public at-large member, as arts consumers or participants, and waived the residency requirement and appointed Judy Heiser as the member with expertise in visual arts, either as a professional practitioner of visual art, curator of visual art, or as a professional arts administrator currently working in the field to the Commission for the Arts.*

25. [21-0815](#)

Commission for Women

1 Citizen Member

*City Council appointed Jennifer Stowe as the citizen member to the Commission for Women.*

26. [21-0816](#)

Local Emergency Planning Committee

1 Owner/Operator of a Facility Subject to Federal Emergency Planning requirements of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

*City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Lucas Dushac as the owner and operator of a facility subject to Federal Emergency Planning requirements of Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.*

27. [21-0817](#)

Traffic and Parking Board

2 Citizen Members

*City Council reappointed James Lewis and Ann Tucker as the two citizen members to the Traffic and Parking Board.*

28. [21-0818](#)

Waterfront Commission

1 at-large Citizen Representative from any group or area other than groups listed in membership composition

*City Council appointed Lebaron Reid as the at-large citizen representative from any*

*group or area other than groups listed in the membership composition to the Waterfront Commission.*

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

29. [21-0822](#) Update on the 2021 Virginia General Assembly Session.  
*City Council received the staff update on the 2021 General Assembly session.*
30. [21-0794](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by adding a new Article AA (INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY POLICING REVIEW BOARD) and to amend Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of Chapter 1 (POLICE PROTECTION) OF Title 4 (PUBLIC SAFETY) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, to add Sections 4-1-5 (INDEPENDENT POLICING AUDITOR/INVESTIGATOR) AND 4-1-6 (INDEPENDENT POLICING AUDITOR/INVESTIGATOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES).  
*City Council deferred introduction and first reading of the ordinance and directed staff to schedule a special meeting to discuss and wordsmith the ordinance regarding the independent community policing review board.*
31. [21-0793](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Title 2 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, General Government, Chapter 5, Officers and Employees, by adding Article E, Collective Bargaining.  
*City Council deferred the ordinance until the special meeting and have the introduction and first reading on the collective bargaining ordinance at that time.*
32. [21-0784](#) Introduction. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2021 (Fiscal Year 2022).  
*City Council: (1) passed the proposed ordinance on first reading after establishing the tax rates of \$1.13 to be advertised for residential; and (2) set the ordinance for second reading and public hearing on Saturday, April 17 and final passage on Wednesday, May 5. (1) Assumed in this proposed amount is the continued dedication of 0.6 cents for affordable housing; (2) assumed in the proposed amount is the continued reservation of 2.2 cents of the real property tax rate for transportation projects; (3) a special services district tax is proposed to continue to be levied on all real property located in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District at the current rate of \$0.20 per one hundred dollars of valuation; (4) the FY 2022 proposed budget recommends a vehicle personal property tax rate of \$5.33 to fund the base budget; and (5) the FY 2022 proposed budget recommends a tangible personal property tax rate of \$4.75 and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 to fund the base budget.*

33. [21-0681](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sections 2-136.1 (DWELLING, ACCESSORY), 2-141 (DWELLING UNIT), and 2-145 (FLOOR AREA) of Article II (DEFINITIONS); Sections 7-101 (PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES), 7-103 (USE LIMITATIONS), 7-202 (PERMITTED OBSTRUCTIONS), and 7-203 of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS); and Section 11-1302 (Special exception established) of Article XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES) and add and ordain Section 7-203 (ACCESSORY DWELLINGS) 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. 2020-00007 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2020-00007 associated with Accessory Dwelling Units approved by City Council on January 23, 2021).
- City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, March 13, 2021.*
34. [21-0779](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration 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 Alexandria West Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2020-00007 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. 2020-00007 associated with Newport Village approved by City Council on February 20, 2021).
- City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, March 13, 2021.*
35. [21-0781](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 011.01 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 the property at 4898 West Braddock Road, from RA/Multifamily zone to CRMU-H/Commercial residential mixed use (high) zone in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2020-00003 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2020-00003 associated with Newport Village approved by City Council on February 20, 2021).
- City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on March 13, 2021.*

## ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

## OTHER

1. *Councilman Aguirre congratulated Sheriff Lawhorne on announcing his retirement.*
2. *Councilman Chapman recognized Maggie Butler who turned 100 years old and was celebrated by the community.*
3. *Mayor Wilson mentioned an amendment to the resolution for order of business to create a roll-call consent calendar for ordinances on the public hearing dockets and requested that the City Clerk and City Manager work on the amendment.*

**36.**    [21-0785](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

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

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*The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 a.m.*