

# City of Alexandria

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



## **Action Docket - Final**

**Tuesday, May 25, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council Legislative Meeting**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the May 25, 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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**Meeting Agenda and Live Webcast**

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**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.

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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](mailto:gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov). Speakers are encouraged to submit their written comments to the City Clerk.**

**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.*

**2. [21-1124](#)**

Resolution Finding the Need to Conduct City Council Meetings Electronically.  
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

*City Council adopted a resolution finding the need to conduct City Council meeting electronically. (RES. NO. 2994)*

**Closed Session**

**3. [21-1123](#)**

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 and to consult with legal counsel regarding actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.

*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 and staff regarding actual or probable litigation where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; specifically, potential investment of public funds for broadband services for the community, and potential settlement of litigation involving a claim made by an employee in the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(6) and (A)(7) of the Code of Virginia.*

*City Council reconvened in open session at 7:01 p.m.*

*City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 2995)*

*City Council authorized the City Attorney to enter into the settlement agreement to resolve the claims made by the employee in the case captioned Courtney Price v. City of Alexandria, on the terms discussed in closed session.*

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*Mayor Wilson offered condolences to the family of Delegate Richard Hobson, who passed away last week.*

#### **4. Public Discussion Period.**

**[This period is a public comment period. The first 15 speakers will begin of the meeting. Any remaining speakers will be heard at the conclusion of the docketed items.]**

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

*1. Patrick Moran, Alexandria, spoke about the remove of school resource officers from City schools and requested that Council take corrective actions to restore those positions to the City.*

#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

5. [21-1121](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the 77th Anniversary of D-Day Commemoration Month.  
*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*
6. [21-1122](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week.  
*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

#### **Oral Reports from Members of City Council on Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**\*COG Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Commission (Councilwoman Jackson)****\*City/Schools Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

*City Council gave the reports.*

**ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER****(a) Report by Dr. Anne Gaddy, MD, MPH, Acting Director Alexandria Health Department on COVID-19 Mitigation and Vaccination Progress.**

*City Manager Jinks reported that a community service fair was held at Southern Towers that included rental assistance, food assistance and vaccine distribution.*

*Dr. Gaddy, Acting Director, Alexandria Health Department, gave an update on COVID-19 mitigation and vaccination distribution, noting that cases and the positivity rate are down in the City and the number of people aged 12 and up is at 52% in the City. Ms. Talis, Population Health Manager, gave an update on vaccination distribution in the community, highlighting partnerships with ACPS and other community partners to hold vaccination clinics to reach targeted areas. Ms. Talis also noted that POD sites would be moving to Francis Hammond and the US Patent and Trade Office.*

*Dr. Gaddy recognized the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers who received national awards for the call center used during the pandemic and vaccine distribution and for the logistical support the MRC volunteers provided for different areas during the past year.*

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)****CONSENT CALENDAR (7-10)****(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

7. [21-1044](#) Consideration of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2021 Third Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.
8. [21-1090](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to Next Generation (NG) 9-1-1 Funding and Virginia Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Education Program through Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Educational Training.
9. [21-1103](#) Consideration of a Grant Application for a Public Safety Resilience Behavioral Health Specialist (part-time employee).
10. [21-1115](#) Consideration of the City's Draft FY 2022 to FY 2026 Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development and Draft One Year Action Plan to Enable HUD FY 2022 Funding.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

*City Council approved the consent calendar. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:*

*7. City Council received as information the FY 2021 Third Quarter Capital Projects Status Report.*

*8. City Council: (1) approved the submission of the Next Generation (NG) 9-1-1 Funding and Virginia Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Education Program application for \$3000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.*

*9. City Council: (1) received and approved the grant application; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.*

*10. City Council: (1) approved the City's Draft FY 2022 to Fy 2026 Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development Draft FY 2022 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development; and (2) authorized the City Manager to make any necessary adjustments to the Consolidated Plan and FY 2022 Action Plan and grant application to reflect changes to grant figures received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and execute all necessary documents.*

**ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (11-12)**

11. [21-1043](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Add and Amend fees on the Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
12. [21-1093](#) Consideration of Approval of a Six-Year Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Capital Funding Agreement. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

**END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR**

*City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approval was as follows:*

*11. City Council adopted the resolution to make the following changes to the Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule: (1) to authorize fees to cover costs associated with a third party financial analysis when an applicant requests a modification of the contribution required under the Housing Contribution Policy; (2) to authorize fees to cover costs associated with a third part green building review when an applicant requests flexibility or a unique approach to meeting the City's Green Building Policy with a Development Site Plan (DSP) or Development Special Use Permit (DSUP); and (3) to establish a limitation of three DSP/DSUP applications with each development plan review fee. (RES. NO. 2996)*

*12. City Council: (1) approved the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Capital Funding Agreement (CFA) for FY 2022 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027); and (2) adopt the resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign and execute the WMATA CFA. (RES. NO. 2997)*

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

13. [21-0665](#) FY 2022 Long-Range Planning Interdepartmental Work Program.  
*City Council adopted the proposed Long-Range Planning Interdepartmental Work Program for FY 2021.*
14. [21-0938](#) Potomac Yard Metro Report.  
*City Council received the report on Potomac Yard Metro.*
15. [21-1107](#) Oral Report on City of Alexandria Mediation Program (CAMP).  
*City Council received the oral report on City of Alexandria Mediation Program (CAMP).*
16. [21-1106](#) Consideration and Approval of Funding to Support Ongoing COVID-19 Eviction Prevention Response.  
*City Council: (1) approved the Legal Services of Northern Virginia's (LSNV) request for funding to hire a second Housing Justice Attorney to provide individual representation for City residents facing eviction and increase the organization's capacity to address the City's eviction crisis; (2) authorized the creation of a Data Management Position to support the data collection and analysis needs of the Eviction Prevention Task Force; and (3) approved an ordinance allocation of \$200,000 from the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funding to fund this request.*

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

1. *Councilman Aguirre recognized the Chamber of Commerce for hosting the Annual Breakfast with Council to discuss issues and discuss initiatives the City is undertaking.*
2. *Councilman Aguirre congratulated the Church of the Resurrection on the grand opening of the Spire housing project.*
3. *Councilwoman Jackson inquired about the installation of signage approved by the Traffic and Parking Board and what were the next steps in the process. In response to Councilwoman Jackson, Mr. Ziemann, Division Chief, Transportation and Environmental Services, noted that the process is proceeding and staff would let Council know when the sign would be installed.*
4. *Councilwoman Jackson noted that residents have requested that a scientific expert be included a part of the Natural Channel Design Task Force as it relates to stream restoration. In response to Councilwoman Jackson, City Manager Jinks reported that a memorandum outlining the process is forthcoming from staff.*
5. *Councilwoman Pepper reported that Council has received emails about parking challenges occurring along the Waterfront, noting that many residents are having a problem parking near their homes because of the increase of people coming to the restaurants in the area. In response to Councilwoman Jackson, City Manager Jinks*

*stated that there would be an update in the future on the issue and that there has been increased parking enforcement in the area to address the issue.*

*6. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker inquired whether there would be an update to the electronic participation policy for Council meetings and for City Boards and Commissions, noting the authority expires on July 1. In response to Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, City Attorney Anderson, stated that an update of the policy is scheduled for June and staff is in the process of helping boards and commissions navigate any changes that would effect them.*

## OTHER

17. [21-1081](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

*City Council: (1) received and approved the FY 2021 City Council Schedule for May through July 2021; and (2) received and adopted the Proposed FY 2022 City Council Schedule.*

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*The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.*

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*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.*