

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

City Council Legislative Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency, the October 27, 2020 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 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 access 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:

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Meeting Agenda and Live Webcast

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Zoom registration form

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Speaker's Form

<https://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/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, 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.

Closed Meeting.

- 2. [21-0347](#)** 6:00 p.m. - Consideration of a closed meeting to discuss actual or probable litigation and a prospective business interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the City and for the discussion or consideration 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.

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:03 p.m. to consult with Legal Counsel and staff regarding actual or probable litigation where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiation or litigating posture of the public body and discussion of 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; specifically, potential settlement of litigation involving improvements at a school on the west end of the City; and the potential investment of public funds for development on the west end of the City; pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) and (A)(6) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:22 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 2964)

City Council authorized the City Attorney to enter into the settlement agreement to resolve the following four lawsuits to which the City is a party involving the improvements to the Parker Gray Stadium at T.C. Williams High School in the terms discussed in closed session:

**Ky Lewis et. al. v. City of Alexandria et. al, Case No. CL-18-002864*

**William and Mimi Goff, et. al. v. The City Council of Alexandria, et. al., Case No. CL-18-003477*

**Dario Lugo III, et. al v. The City Council of Alexandria, et.al., Case No. CL-18-003479*

**Ethel Cacheris v. The City Council of Alexandria, et. al., Case No. CL-18-003463*

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3. Public Discussion Period.

[This period is a public comment period. The first 15 speakers will be heard under item #3 at the beginning of the meeting. Any remaining speakers will be heard at the conclusion of the docketed items.]

There were no speakers for the public discussion period.

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

- *Legislative Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**
- *ARHA Redevelopment Committee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**
- *City/Schools Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**
- *COG Board of Directors (Mayor Wilson)**
- *Library Board (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**
- *Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**
- *Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilman Chapman)**

- *Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) (Councilman Aguirre)**
- *Alexandria Transportation Commission (Councilman Aguirre and Councilman Chapman)**
- *COG Transportation Planning Board (Councilman Aguirre)**
- *Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Group (PYMIG) (Councilman Aguirre and Mayor Wilson)**
- *2020 Census Complete Count Committee (Councilman Aguirre)**
- *INOVA Alexandria Health Systems Partners Board (Councilwoman Jackson)**
- *Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Aguirre)**
- *Eisenhower East Design Review Board (Councilwoman Pepper)**

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jinks reported that many of the streetlights throughout the City have been switched to LED lights and have helped reduced the cost of City's electricity bill, brighter lights and are using less energy.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (4-5)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

4. [20-1053](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2020.
5. [21-0334](#) Receipt of the Viewers' Report for Vacation for the vacation of a portion of the public right-of-way adjacent to 2 East Mason Avenue and along Commonwealth to add area to a residential side yard for a fence.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved consent calendar items 4 and 5 under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

4. *City Council received the Monthly Financial Report. (separate motion)*

5. City Council received the viewers' report for the vacation of a portion of the public right-of-way adjacent to 2 East Mason Avenue and along Commonwealth Avenue to add area to a residential side yard for a fence. (separate motion)

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

6. [21-0314](#) Report on the 2021 General Assembly Special Session.
City Council received the report on the 2021 General Assembly Special Session from Legislative Director Sarah Taylor.
7. [21-0336](#) Public Safety and Behavioral Health Response Models.
City Council: (1) directed staff to continue work on policing and behavioral health issues identified in this report, including (a) data outcomes, (b) stakeholder engagement, (c) human services outreach in city facilities, and (d) coordination of the Children and Youth Master Plan Initiatives, and report back with an update to Council in six months; (2) considered resource needs related to policing and behavioral health issues in upcoming budget and policy discussions; and (3) allocate \$75,000 from the FY 2021 Policing Initiatives contingent to fund the recommended data analyst position for half a year.
8. [21-0311](#) Office of Historic Alexandria Report on Plans and Initiatives
City Council received the report from the Office of Historic Alexandria on Plans and Initiatives from Director Bulova.
9. [21-0335](#) Receipt of Proposed Coordinated Community Post-COVID-19 Recovery Plan.
This item was deferred until a legislative meeting in November.
10. [21-0339](#) Consideration of the Reallocation of up to \$1.5 Million in Federal CARES Funding for Round 2 of Small Business Assistance Grants and for Winterization and Outdoor Activation Grants.
City Council approved the allocation of Federal CARES funding to the following business support activities: (1) allocate up to \$995,000 in additional funding towards the second round of small business assistance grants to be administered by the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP); and (2) allocate \$500,000 to initiate a Winterization and Outdoor Activation grants program for restaurants, retail, and fitness businesses with permits/permission to operate outdoors, to be administered by the AEDP.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

11. [21-0338](#) Passage of an Ordinance to amend Title 5, Chapter 6 of the City Code to update the existing Sewage Disposal Ordinance related to the Discharge of Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) into the Sanitary Sewer Collection System from Food Service Establishments.

City Council approved on second reading the ordinance that has been updated based on the feedback received from City Council following the introduction of the ordinance on October 6th and the public hearing on October 17th. A copy of the September 30th docket memo to City Council provides background information about Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) and a discussion that summarizes the need for a new ordinance and clarified that the date of enactment was July 1, 2021. (ORD. NO. 5304)

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilman Aguirre reported that Senator Warner visited Alexandria to discuss Temporary Protective Status and discuss the issue with the community.
2. Councilman Aguirre thanked staff for the work on the Arlandria-Chirilagua Small Area Plan and work to include all the members of the community offering meetings in English and Spanish.
3. Councilman Aguirre thanked the Chamber of Commerce from restarting Leadership Alexandria, where he, Mayor Wilson, and City Manager Jinks participated in a session.
4. Councilman Chapman reported that the 100th Anniversary Celebration for Parker-Gray was held.
5. Councilman Chapman congratulated Councilman Aguirre on being named 40 Under 40 by the Chamber of Commerce.

OTHER

12. [21-0299](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) received the updated FY 2021 City Council Schedule which includes: the City CIP/Process Overview and Major Project Updates Work Session on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. (Virtual); the City CIP/Major Project Updates (continued) on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., location TBD; the Joint Work Session with City Council with City Council and ACPS on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., location TBD; and (2) adopted the FY 2021 City Council Scheduled for October 2020 through July 2021. City Council noted that the November 10 Legislative Meeting, November 14 Public Hearing meeting and the November 7 City Council Retreat would be held virtually.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

NOTE: The action docket is a summary of the Council's meeting deliberations 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.

