

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

City Council Legislative Meeting

The September 28, 2021 Legislative meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held in the Council Chamber (301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314) and electronically. Members of City Council and staff are participating either in-person or from remote location through a video conference call on Zoom. The meeting can be accessed by the public in the City Council Chamber, 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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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, with Councilwoman Pepper attending the meeting via Zoom.

2. Closed Meeting.

[22-0294](#)

Closed Executive Session -- Discussion with legal counsel and staff pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.

[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:02 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 negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; specifically, potential settlement of litigation involving development of property in the Old Town neighborhood of the City; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(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. 3020)

City Council moved to authorize the city attorney to enter into the settlement agreement to resolve the law suit titled MAL RE OH v. Alexandria City Council on the terms discussed in closed session.

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

City Council observed the moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. RECOGNITION OF ALEXANDRIA'S CENTENARIANS

City Council received a presentation recognizing 12 Alexandrians who are Centenarians.

PROCLAMATIONS

4a. [22-0304](#)

Presentation of A Proclamation Recognizing Latino Heritage Month.

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)**

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

***Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group (Councilman Chapman)**

***ARHA Redevelopment Work Group (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

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

***Minnie Howard School Project (Councilman Aguirre)**

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

***Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Group (PYMIG) (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Aguirre)**

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jinks reported the process for employee vaccination records has began for City employees with 82% of the workforce filing vaccination verification by the deadline last week. Mr. Jinks also noted that weekly testing will begin the week of October 25 for those who are not vaccinated. Mr. Jinks reported that booster shots will begin soon for essential workers including education staff and first responders and the City will be working with the Health Department to get those who received the Pfizer shot scheduled for receiving a booster soon. Mr. Jinks reported that a task force of employees have been reviewing hybrid work/workplace to begin bringing back those who have been working 100% from home, with implementation possibly beginning in November. Mr. Jinks noted that generally employees will be able to work up to 24 hours or three days a week from home. Mr. Jinks welcomed Dr. Daniel Medina, hired to serve as the Flood Action Alexandria Program Manager. Mr. Jinks announced that Wendell Bishop has been hired to serve as the City's Purchasing Agent. Mr. Jinks reported that the City received an award from the Northern Virginia Literacy Council Community Partner Award for the COVID-19 Community Response Advisory Community.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (5-7)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

5. [22-0210](#) Consideration of a Joint City of Alexandria and Arlington County Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Project.
6. [22-0213](#) Consideration for the Applications for the Annual Renewals of the Justice Assistance Grant for Part I Crimes Task Force and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for an Aggressive Driving/DUI Interdiction and Pedestrian Safety Grants for the Police Department.

7. [22-0219](#) Consideration of the Alexandria Community Services Board FY 2022 Performance Contract with the State.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of docket item number 5, which was considered under a separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

5. City Council endorsed the City of Alexandria's participation in the joint City of Alexandria and Arlington County Next Generation 9-1-1 Computer Aided Dispatch System project. (separate motion)

6. City Council: (1) approved the two proposed grant applications; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

7. City Council received and approved the Alexandria Community Services Board's (ACSB) Performance Contract with the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Department Services (DBHDS).

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

8. [22-0296](#) Consideration of Increasing Staffing and Legal Resources for Eviction Prevention Activities.

City Council increased the capacity to support households in the eviction process by funding two Service Navigators and two Housing Relocator positions (\$307,000), storage assistance for household belongings (\$50,000), and additional legal services to assist those at risk for eviction (\$50,000).

9. [21-1273](#) Discussion of Draft Arlandria-Chirilagua Plan Concepts.

City Council received Arlandria-Chirilagua Plan update and gave staff feedback on the draft recommendations of the Plan.

10. [22-0279](#) Introduction of the 2021 Community Health Improvement Plan.

City Council endorsed the Community Health Improvement Plan.

11. [22-0247](#) Alexandria Co-Response Pilot Program Update.

City Council received the update on the implementation of Alexandria's Co-Response Pilot Program (ACORP).

12. [22-0297](#) Stormwater Progress Oral Update.

City Council received the oral update on the Stormwater Progress and welcomed the new Flood Action Alexandria Program Manager, Dr. Daniel Medina.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

13. [22-0280](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund Program. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council: (1) approved the resolution to support a FY2021 Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) grant application of \$144,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to submit this resolution and enter into any agreements that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved. (RES. NO. 3021)*
14. [22-0119](#) Consideration of a Resolution for Submission to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for Regional Transportation Funding in FY 2026 to FY 2027. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council: (1) adopted the resolution to approve applications to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for 70% regional transportation funding for up to \$5 million for West End Transitway Phase II Design of South Van Dorn Street and up to \$5 million for the Holmes Run Trail Bridge at Morgan Street; and (2) authorized the City Manager to submit the proposal to the NVTA and enter into any necessary agreements with NVTA to accept the funds. (RES. NO. 3022)*

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilwoman Jackson announced that she will become the chair of the Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committee for the remainder of the year.
2. Councilman Aguirre reported that he and Councilman Chapman toured the Douglas Cemetery recently and he spoke about the state of disrepair the cemetery was in and would like to have a conversation about restoration of the cemetery with the second tranche of ARPA money. Councilman Chapman noted that the community is forming a Friends of the Douglas Cemetery group to raise money for the upkeep of the cemetery and how the Commonwealth has funds available to focus on African American historic cemeteries.
3. Councilman Aguirre reported that DASH launched its new bus network with an opening celebration also attended by Mayor Wilson and Councilwoman Jackson. Councilman Aguirre noted that DASH has started using the new, bigger electric buses and he thanked all the groups for all their hard work on the launch.
4. Councilman Aguirre reported that he and Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker has a chance to discuss with Senators Warner and Kaine the infrastructure package that will be upcoming and how it will impact the entire region once the package is approved.
5. Councilman Aguirre reported that he and Mayor Wilson attended the groundbreaking ceremony for St. Andrews United Methodist Church's new building this weekend.

OTHER

15. [22-0248](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.
- City Council: (1) received the updated City Council schedule which includes: the City Manager Candidate Interviews which are scheduled for Wednesday, November 3 and*

Thursday, November 4 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; moving the April 9, 2022 Public Hearing to April 23, 2022, which will allow more time for community input for the City Council's Add/Delete items; and (2) approved the City Council schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

NOTE: The action docket is a summary of 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.