

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

The October 26, 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 a 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 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 members of City Council were present with Councilwoman Jackson arriving during executive session.

Closed Executive Session

2. [22-0426](#) 6:00 p.m. - Closed Session - Consideration of a closed executive session to discuss actual or probable litigation; 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; and a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:05 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; actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiation or litigating posture of the City; and a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice; specifically, potential investment of public funds for development on the west end of the City; potential settlement of litigation involving the opioid epidemic; and potential enforcement actions against a utility that has reliability concerns for the public; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(6), (A)(7) and (A)(8) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:04 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the Closed Executive Session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 3025)

City Council adopted a resolution approving of the City's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, Janssen and their related corporate entities, and directing the City Attorney and/or the City's outside counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the City's participating in the settlements. (RES. NO. 3026)

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Second Amendment to the Development and Financing Agreement between the City, Landmark Holdings, LLC, and Inova Health Care Services in substantial conformance with the attached proposed second amendment including the environmental remediation cost sharing among the parties as well as environmental indemnification amendments to the Ground Lease between Inova Health Care Services and the City's Industrial Development Authority.

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

PROCLAMATIONS

3. [22-0420](#) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing the 2021 Ben Brenman Award Honorees.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

***Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) (Mayor Wilson)**

***COG Board of Directors (Mayor Wilson)**

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

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

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

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

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

(a) COVID-19 Vaccination Update - Dr. Ann Gaddy, MD, MPH, Acting Director, Alexandria Health Department

Dr. Gaddy, Acting Director, Alexandria Health Department, gave an update on COVID-19 and receipt of vaccinations in the City. Dr. Gaddy reported that the City has a 77% vaccination rate and the Health Department is concentrating on setting up distribution of booster vaccinations and she encouraged those who are eligible to receive booster to sign up. Dr. Gaddy noted that there was a race disparity of those receiving booster shots and the department is working to address the issue. Dr. Gaddy reported that the department is waiting for FDA emergency approval for pediatric vaccinations for children age 5-11 years old and they may be available to distribute at the beginning of November.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (4)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

4. [22-0323](#) Consideration of Approval for the Department of Community and Human Services to Accept and Utilize State Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Funding to Expand Child and Family Behavioral Health Outpatient Services.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar. The City Manager recommendation was as follows:

4. City Council: (1) approved the Department of Community and Human Services' (DCHS)/Community Services Board (CSB) annual receipt of \$176,799 to increase staffing, capacity and community access to Child and Family outpatient services. The

funding would become part of DCHS's ongoing Performance Contract with Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (VDBHDS); (2) authorized the addition of a position (1.0 FTE) fully supported by the additional VDBHDS revenues; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

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

5. [22-0419](#) Compensation Initiative for City and City Related Employees.
- City Council: (1) approved a 1.5% increase in the rate of pay to all FY 2022 City pay scales as originally proposed in the FY 2021 operating budget; (2) approved a two-grade increase for Police Captains and Police Lieutenants and a one-grade increase for Deputy Sheriff Captains and Deputy Sheriff Lieutenants as originally proposed in the FY 2021 operating budget; (3) approved moving the Deputy Fire Chiefs and Chief Deputy Sheriffs to the Executive Pay Scale as originally proposed in the FY 2021 operating budget; (4) approved a one-time \$3,000 bonus for all eligible full time City and State-paid employees and a one-time prorated bonus for City and State-paid part-time employees in recognition of the valuable work these employees have undertaken during the COVID-19 pandemic in delivering City services and helping keep the public and their fellow employees safe; (5) approved the City funding of the one-time \$3,000 bonuses for those 100% City-funded Deputy Sheriff positions for whom the Commonwealth of Virginia did not provide the State's planned \$3,000 Deputy Sheriff one-time bonuses; and (6) indicated that compensation will be a priority for funding consideration as part of planning for the upcoming FY2023 proposed City operating budget.*
6. [22-0353](#) Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Noise Mitigation Update.
- City Council received an update on the noise mitigation initiative for solutions to National Airport airplane traffic over surrounding communities. City Council also received a report from the City's representative to the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority Working Group, Stephen Thayer.*
- 6a. [22-0434](#) Reliability of Electrical Service Provided by Dominion Energy in Alexandria.
- Mr. Wright, Mr. Locke, and Mr. Wormer, representatives from Dominion Energy, gave an overview of their plans for upgrading the electrical services in the City of Alexandria and responded to questions from Council about upcoming projects, communications from Dominion to customers during outages, investments that the company is making and any plans for providing the City customers with some form refunds, restitution and outreach to customers who experience extended outages. City Council requested that Dominion Energy return to present an update on matters within 60 to 90 days.*

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7. [22-0176](#) Resolution Approving a \$50 million Grant Application for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program for the Waterfront Flood Mitigation Project. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council: (1) adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a*

competitive grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for up to \$50 million for the FEMA Building Resiliency Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program for the City's Waterfront Flood Mitigation Project; (2) authorized the City Manager to enter into any agreements that may be required to receive these funds, should the requested allocation be approved, and to provide certification of Council's commitment to fund the City's local share; and committed to fund its local share of engineering and construction costs. (RES. NO. 3027)

8. [22-0177](#) Resolution Approving a \$10 million Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and Virginia Resources Authority (VRA)'s for the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) Grant Program for the Waterfront Flood Mitigation Project. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council: (1) adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a competitive grant application to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for a grant request and potential award of up to \$10 million for planning and design costs from FY 2021 Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund for the planning and design activities associated with the City's Waterfront Flood Mitigation Project; (2) authorized the City Manager to enter into any agreements that may be required to receive these funds should the request allocation be approved, and to provide certification of Council's commitment to fund the City's local share; and (3) committed to fund its local share of engineering and construction costs and to fund the remaining costs of implementing the Project to complete planning and design activities covered under the grant award. (RES. NO. 3028)

9. [22-0368](#)

Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund Program. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council: (1) adopted a resolution to support the FY 2021 Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPC) grant application totaling \$516,500; and (2) authorized the City Manager to enter into any agreements that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved. (RES. NO. 3029)

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. *Councilman Aguirre reported that Ethiopian Fall Festival was held this past Sunday at Hemsley Park and there were many residents in attendance at the annual event.*

OTHER

10. [22-0365](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council received and approved the City Council Schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 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.