

# City of Alexandria

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



## **Action Docket - Final**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chamber**

**City Council Legislative Meeting**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** City Council will convene in closed executive session at 6:00 p.m. for approximately one hour. The regular portion of the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter.

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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 Councilman Chapman arriving during the executive session.*

## 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

### 22-1017

Consideration of convening in closed executive session for a discussion of a personnel matter and 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 6:01 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 and to discuss personnel matters; specifically, a proposed settlement for litigation involving an employee of the Alexandria Police Department and various personnel matters involving employees in the Alexandria Police Department and the Alexandria Fire Department; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(7) and (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia.*

*City Council reconvened in open session at 7:07 p.m.*

*City Council adopted the resolution regarding the Closed Executive Session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 3060)*

*City Council moved to authorize the City Attorney to enter into the settlement agreement of the litigation titled Rachel Shockey v. City of Alexandria under the terms as discussed in closed session.*

## 3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

**\*Commission on Aging (Councilman Aguirre)**

**\*Council of Governments (COG) Transportation Planning Board (TPB)  
(Councilman Aguirre)**

**\*Waterfront Commission (Councilmember Bagley)**

**\*Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP) (Councilmember Bagley and Councilman Aguirre)**

**\*Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Councilmember Bagley)**

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

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

*City Council gave the reports.*

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

*None.*

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**None.**

### **ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (4-6)**

**4. [22-0892](#)**

Consideration of a resolution to support Grant Applications to the Virginia Department of Transportation and Department of Rail and Public Transportation for FY 2028 to FY 2029 SMART SCALE projects. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

**5. [22-0895](#)**

Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Execution of Administrative Project Agreements with the Virginia Department of Transportation. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

**6. [22-0893](#)**

Consideration of a Resolution Consenting to the Issuance of Bonds for Virginia Railway Express. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

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

*4. City Council approved the resolution to: (1) authorize the submission of up to \$56 million in SMART (System Management Allocation of Resources for Transportation) SCALE (Safety, Congestion mitigation, Accessibility, Land use, Environmental) applications from the City of Alexandria and DASH; and (2) authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required. (RES. NO. 3061)*

*5. City Council adopted the resolution delegating to the City Manager or his designee*

*authority to approve and execute all project agreements with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). (RES. NO. 3062)*

*6. City Council adopted the resolution consenting to the issuance of bonds from Virginia Railway Express. (RES. NO. 3063)*

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION**

7. [22-1016](#) Update on 2022 Virginia General Assembly (Oral Report). Deferred until Tuesday, April 5, 2022  
*This item was deferred.*
8. [22-1006](#) 2022 City Council Priorities.  
*City Council: (1) discussed and considered the proposed City Council Priorities, as developed during the January 29, 2022 City Council Retreat and as discussed at the March 8, 2022 Legislative meeting; and (2) directed the City Manager to develop business plans for each priority and provide regularly scheduled progress reports on the priorities during the upcoming year.*
9. [22-0762](#) Dominion Energy Presentation - Reliability of Electrical Service Provided by Dominion Energy in Alexandria.  
*City Council received the report from the representatives from Dominion Energy about the services and improvements from the company in the City of Alexandria and the representatives will send an update to Council by the end of the month outlining the discussion this evening and that will address any questions from Council.*
10. [22-0888](#) Oral Report - Flood Action Alexandria update  
*City Council received the update on Flood Action Alexandria from members of staff and responded to questions from City Council.*

## **ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

- 1. Councilman Aguirre reported that he spoke at the Health Services Agency of Northern Virginia in favor of the INOVA hospital project for the certificate of public need, which was granted.*
- 2. Councilman Aguirre reported that he and Mayor Wilson attended the ribbon cutting for Matt and Tony's, a new restaurant on Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray.*
- 3. Councilman Aguirre reported that he and Councilman McPike attended a walking tour of the Arlandria-Chirilagua neighborhood along with Tenants and Workers United and he encouraged everyone to take the informative tour.*
- 4. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that she attended the National League of Cities (NLC) in Washington last week and she noted that Alexandria was highlighted in the NLC's brochure about how cities are leveraging their ARPA funds.*

5. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that the Visit Alexandria Board of Governors met and she noted that the new Alexandria Visitor Guide is available. Vice Mayor Jackson also noted that Visit Alexandria are in partnership with City hotels with the Key to the City program, offering discounts and deals to visitors to the City staying in local hotels.

6. Councilwoman Gaskins reported that she and Councilmember Bagley visited the Juvenile Detention Center and she noted that the staff at the Center were providing a much needed restorative environment for the young people at the center.

7. Councilwoman Gaskins also reported that she and Councilmember Bagley visited the DASH facility and toured facility and met the staff.

8. Councilwoman Gaskins thanked the staff at the Library for hosting Storytime for Children, noting her son participates in the program.

9. Councilwoman Gaskins noted that she and Councilmember Bagley also took the walking tour of Arlandria-Chirilagua and learned about the housing challenges that the community is facing.

10. Councilmember Bagley offered additional thanks to the staff at the Juvenile Detention Center for their compassion and dedication to the youth at the center.

11. Councilmember Bagley reported that she visited the Archaeology Museum in the Torpedo Factory and she noted that the staff would be moving a model of one of the recovered ships to the first floor for people to be able to visit and understand the restoration process.

12. Councilman Chapman stated that the City needs to put an emphasis on capturing oral histories from the older members in our community and invited the community at large to volunteer to help with recording the histories with our Office of Historic Alexandria.

13. Councilman McPike noted that he had attend many of the same tours as other Council members and noted the important role that the Torpedo Factory Art Center has in the community and the need to preserve that role in the arts community and the archaeology community for the City.

14. Councilman McPike reported that he had met with some residents from the far West End of the City and he noted that as affordable housing is being discussed, the quality of the housing needs to be part of the conversation.

15. Councilman Chapman requested that the City Attorney provide the members with a memorandum outlining the types of tools available to them as it relates to affordable housing and the enforcement of standards within in the legal limits. Mayor Wilson suggested that there be a worksession with departments that can discuss the tools that are already available.

16. Councilwoman Gaskins reported that she also had a tour of the jail with Sheriff Casey and she learned how they have dealt with the challenges with COVID, the mental health challenges of those in the facility, and the aging infrastructure.

17. Councilman Aguirre reported that the City is offering free-tax preparation through April 23 with the Department of Community and Human Services.

18. Mayor Wilson stated that he circulated a memorandum on the parking challenges in Old Town and along the Waterfront. Mayor Wilson noted that the memorandum highlights the four possible considerations for Council: expansion of residential pay-by-phone area, residential pay-by-phone fees, incentivize City garages and split/reconfigure District 1. Mayor Wilson suggested engaging the Traffic and Parking Board for input on the District 1 option. Mayor Wilson suggested staff bring back some additional analysis and feasibility of the items listed in the memo. Councilman Aguirre requested information on accessibility of the parking and Councilman Chapman requested information on the feasibility of a resident only parking block in the area. Vice Mayor Jackson mentioned that there needed to be increased parking enforcement in the area.

19. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that she enjoyed the event honoring the essential workers in the community that was held at Cora Kelly Elementary School recently.

## OTHER

### 11. [22-0939](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

*City Council received and approved the updated City Council Schedule, which includes a Tree Planting on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at 411 King Street and the addition of the ceremony on April 5, 2022 at 5 p.m. to honor the 100th Birthday of J. David Bailey, Oldest Living Veteran from the Battle of the Bulge, at Market Square.*

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*The meeting was adjourned 9:53 p.m..*

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*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.*