

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

City Council Legislative Meeting

The April 5, 2022 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 video conference call on Zoom. The meeting can be accessed by 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 City Council were present.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

[22-1034](#)

Reading and Acting Upon Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

The Special Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2022 (Retreat);
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2022;
The Special Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2022 (Budget Presentation);
The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2022; and
The Special Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2022 (Budget Public Hearing).

City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the special meeting minutes of January 29, 2022, the public hearing meeting minutes of February 12, 2022, the special meeting minutes of February 15, 2022, the regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2022, and the special meeting minutes of March 7, 2022.

PROCLAMATIONS

4. [22-1007](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation to Acknowledge and Remember Lynching Victim Joseph McCoy.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

5. [22-0985](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation in Appreciation for KaNikki Jakarta, Poet Laureate for the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

6. [22-1029](#)

Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing April 4 -10, 2022 as National Public Health Week.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

7. [22-1028](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing April as Autism Awareness Month.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

8. [22-1031](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing George Mason University's 50th Anniversary.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

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

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

***Council of Governments (COG) Climate Energy and Environmental Policy Committee (CEEPC)(Councilmember Bagley)**

***Eisenhower Partnership Board of Directors (Vice Mayor Jackson and Councilman McPike)**

***COG - Chesapeake Bay Policy and Water Resources Committee (Vice Mayor Jackson)**

***Citizen Corps Council (Vice Mayor Jackson and Councilman McPike)**

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Parajon introduced Assistant City Manager Sarah Taylor to discuss the community directed funding opportunities and how the City would address those opportunities.

Ms. Taylor stated that the City had success the last round with body worn cameras program and with a spot project related to flood mitigation. Ms. Taylor noted that the City staff has been engaging with the Congressional offices to get a sense of what they are interested in advocating for and putting their political capital behind. Ms. Taylor stated that the body worn cameras program, the flooding mitigation projects and project with faces and that impact people in the community. Ms. Taylor noted that there are specific account that projects applies to and the requirements for securing the funding for the projects that are part of the requests. Ms. Taylor pointed out that the deadline for submitting requests/proposals is April 15.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (9-20a)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

9. [22-1032](#) Receipt of the following Resignations for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Beautification Commission
Emily Freeland
- (b) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
Mimi Joy
- (c) Board of Zoning Appeals
Erich Chan
- (d) Commission on HIV/AIDS
Sarah Bueter
- (e) Human Rights Commission
Kevin Edwards
- (f) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
DeShauntra Martin
- (g) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee
Travis Herret
- (h) Traffic and Parking Board
William Schuyler

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

10. [22-1033](#) Uncontested Appointments for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Archaeological Commission
1 Member from the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology
 - (b) Beautification Commission
1 Citizen Member
 - (c) Commission of the Arts
1 Citizen Member
 - (d) Commission on Aging
1 Citizen Member 60 years or older
 - (e) Commission on Employment
2 Representatives from recognized area businesses including minority-owned and small businesses

- (f) Commission on Persons with Disabilities
1 Citizen Member
- (g) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
1 Low Income Tenant Representative
- (h) Redevelopment and Housing Authority
1 Citizen Member

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

- 11. [22-0834](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending February 28, 2022.
- 12. [22-0875](#) Consideration of a Recommendation to City Council for a Resolution to Initiate the Second Five-Year Extended Term of the Comcast Cable Television Franchise Agreement and Five-Year Extended Term of the Fiber Use Agreement.
- 13. [22-0965](#) Consideration of the Draft City Fiscal Year (CFY) 2023 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development and Draft Amendment to the CFY 2022 to 2026 Consolidated Plan.
- 14. [22-0968](#) Consideration of the Draft Home Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan.
- 15. [22-1035](#) Request to vacate a position on the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force.

(Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading)

- 16. [22-0818](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and Reordain Article C (Street names) of Chapter 2 (Streets and Sidewalks) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
- 17. [22-0833](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2022.
- 18. [22-0914](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 2-4-31 (CREATION, COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION) of Article C (HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA RESOURCES COMMISSION) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND

COMMISSIONS) and Section 2-4-80 (CREATION, COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION) of Article I (Alexandria Archaeological commission) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

19. [22-0973](#)

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to expand the stated purpose of the Stormwater Utility Fee by amending Article C (STORMWATER UTILITY) to Chapter 6 (WATER AND SEWER) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES).

20. [22-1014](#)

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain the code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, and the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2022-00001 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2022-00001 associated with Extension of Temporary Program for Business Relief and to Address Public Need Related to COVID-19 approved by City Council on March 12, 2022).

20a. [22-1068](#)

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Temporary Closure of the Unit Block of King Street and Northern Portion of the Strand to Vehicular Traffic.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

9. City Council received the following resignations for boards, commissions, and committees with regret: (a) Emily Freeland, Alexandria Beautification Commission; (b) Mimi Joy, Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (c) Erich Chan, Board of Zoning Appeals; (d) Sarah Bueter, Commission on HIV/AIDS; (e) Kevin Edwards, Human Rights Commission; (f) DeShauntra Martin, Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; (g) Travis Herret, Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; and (h) William Schuyler, Traffic and Parking Board.

10. City Council appointed the following persons to City boards, commissions, and committees: (a) reappointed Richard Owens as the member from the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology to the Archaeological Commission; (b) appointed Laura Norfolk as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (c) appointed Betty Amron as the citizen member to the Commission for the Arts; (d) appointed Joanne Broderick as the citizen member 60 years or older to the Commission on Aging; (e) appointed Lee Burbage and Maura Dunn as the two representatives from recognized area businesses including minority-owned and small businesses to the Commission on Employment; (f) appointed Justin Beland as the citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (g) appointed Geraldine Baldwin as the low income tenant

representative from Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; and (h) reappointed Merrick Malone as the citizen member to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

11. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.
12. City Council: (1) consider a resolution that initiates the second five-year extended term of the Comcast Cable Television Franchise Agreement, and schedule the resolution for a public hearing and final passage on April 23, 2022.
13. City Council: (1) received the Draft City Fiscal Year (CFY) Action Plan for Housing and Community Development and the Draft Amendment to the Consolidated Plan; (2) docketed the Draft CFY Action Plan and Draft Amendment to the Consolidated Plan for Public Hearing and consideration on April 23; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute any documents required to facilitate receipt of these and any related federal grant funds.
14. City Council: (1) received the Home Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan; (2) docketed the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for Public Hearing and consideration on April 23; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute any documents required to facilitate receipt of these and any related federal grant funds.
15. City Council vacated a position on the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force for a member from and representing the Alexandria Interfaith Council due to lack of attendance and request that the Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions re-advertise the position as a vacancy.
16. City Council passed the ordinance on introduction and first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 23, 2022.
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ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (21-23)

21. [22-0680](#) Resolution to Extend the Ad Hoc Energy and Climate Change Task Force.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]
22. [22-0972](#) Consideration of an Application to the Federal Transit Administration that would

Designate the City as a Direct Federal Recipient Eligible to receive Federal Discretionary Funds. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

23. [22-1027](#)

Consideration of a Resolution to Support a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the FY 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

END ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the Roll-Call Consent Calendar. The approvals were as follows:

21. *City Council adopted the resolution to extend the Ad Hoc Energy and Climate Change Task Force. (RES. NO. 3064)*

22. *City Council adopted the resolution the City Manager to apply for federal assistance with the Federal Transit Administration and file annual certifications and assurances; authorized the City Manager to approved the Interlocal Agreement with the Alexandria Transit Company (DASH), which sets out ongoing responsibilities; and adopted the City of Alexandria's FTA Title VI Program with regards to funds obtained from the Federal Transit Administration. (RES. NO. 3065)*

23. *City Council: (1) approved the resolution supporting an infrastructure project application to the U.S. Department of Transportation; (2) approved the submission of up to \$6 million in Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application by April 14, 2022; and (3) authorized the City Manager to apply for this RAISE Grant and enter into any necessary agreements with Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Commonwealth of Virginia to accept this grant. (RES. NO. 3066)*

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

24. [22-1054](#)

Alexandria - Gang Prevention Community Task Force
1 Citizen Member

City Council appointed Bryan Kirkes as the citizen member and waived the residency requirement and appointed Rachael Dischner as the Alexandria Elementary School representative to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force.

25. [22-1055](#)

Birmingham Greens
1 City Employee

City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Christopher Moore as the city employee to Birmingham Greens.

26. [22-1056](#)

Commission for the Arts
1 Member with Expertise in visual arts either as professional practitioners of visual art, curators of visual art, or as professional arts administrators currently working in the field

City Council appointed Tiffany Williams as the member with expertise in visual arts either as professional practitioners of visual art, curators of visual art, or as

professional arts administration currently working in the field to the Commission for the Arts.

27. [22-1057](#) Commission on Employment
1 Representative from such organization as educational agencies, organized labor, rehabilitation agencies, community-based organizations, economic development agencies and the area of public employment service
City Council requested that the vacancy for this position be readvertised.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

28. [22-1045](#) Update on 2022 Virginia General Assembly (Oral Report).
City Council received an update on the 2022 Virginia General Assembly from Assistant City Manager/Legislative Director Sarah Taylor.
29. [22-0679](#) Virginia American Water Rate Case (PUE-2021-00255).
City Council received the report outlining staff efforts to: (1) minimize the unreasonable magnitude of water rate increase for Alexandria residents and businesses, including opposing Virginia American Water Company's (VAWC) proposed 28% overall increase in revenue requirement and resulting rate increase, and a proposed 10.9 percent Rate of Return on Common Equity; and (2) opposed any additional unreasonable requests in VAWC's rate increase application.
30. [22-0960](#) Consideration of a City Loan of \$700,000 in Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to Wesley Housing for an Elevator Modernization Project at Parview Apartments.
City Council: (1) approved a \$700,000 loan comprised of Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to perform critically needed repairs to the elevator system serving ParcView Apartments; (2) approved the transfer of \$700,000 in CDBG funds from the Home Rehabilitation Loan Program to the Housing Opportunities Fund for this loan; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute any necessary documents to facilitate the loan.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

- 1. Vice Mayor Jackson stated that donations for Ukraine are still being collected at Beatley Library and in the lobby at City Hall and noted that the last day to submit donations is April 15.*
- 2. Vice Mayor Jackson reported that several Council members attended the celebration of former Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and she noted all the well deserved accolades he received for his retirement. Vice Mayor Jackson thanked Sheriff Lawhorne for his service to the City.*
- 3. Councilwoman Gaskins also thanked Sheriff Lawhorne for his many years of service to the community and she noted that the retirement celebration was very moving.*

4. *Councilwoman Gaskins thanked the men and women of the Alexandria Police Department for their service to the community, in particular Officer Anderson who took her on her first ride along with the department.*
5. *Councilman McPike recognized the First Annual Alexandria Dog Walk this past Saturday held in Old Town.*
6. *Councilmember Bagley recognized the Earl Lloyd Historic Marker presentation that happened this past week along Montgomery Street and encouraged everyone to visit the marker.*
7. *Councilmember Bagley recognized the Teen Wellness Center at Alexandria City High School and she noted that the center is open to all City teen to receive free, confidential health care at that location.*
8. *Councilmember Bagley noted that she will be participating the historic sites bike ride being sponsored by the Library this weekend and encouraged the community to join the event and see the City's history.*
9. *Councilman Aguirre noted that the Department of Community and Human Services are still offering free tax preparation until April 23, by appointment.*
10. *Councilman Aguirre reported that the new art exhibition on the Waterfront is officially open and he encouraged everyone to stop and enjoy the exhibit.*
11. *Councilman Aguirre recognized the Alexandria Soccer Association who held their Golden Gala recently and he noted what a great community partner the Association has been over the years.*
12. *Councilman Aguirre noted that he recently delivered meals to recipients for Meals On Wheels.*
13. *Councilman Aguirre reported that the groundbreaking for the new Minnie Howard Campus was held recently and attended by all the members of City Council.*
14. *Councilman Aguirre recognized the women on Council were a part of the West End Business Association's event honoring women, noting that Vice Mayor Jackson and Councilwoman Gaskins were keynote speakers at the event.*
15. *Councilman Aguirre reported that the high school held an event to celebrate International Trans Day.*
16. *Councilman Aguirre noted that he also attended the Earl Lloyd Historic Marker dedication on Saturday.*
17. *Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the Poetry and Pinwheels event celebrating National Poetry Day and Child Abuse Awareness month. Councilman Aguirre noted that there will be an event on Saturday to introduce the City's new Poet Laureate.*
18. *Councilman Aguirre congratulated his alma mater on their appearance in the final game for March Madness.*

19. Councilman Chapman reported that he joined a delegation from the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) on a visit to Virginia State University to discuss a partnership and presence for HBCUs in Northern Virginia.

20. Mayor Wilson reported on the celebration earlier in the evening for the celebration for the Mr. David Bailey, the oldest survivor of the Battle of the Bulge and City resident, who recently turned 100 years old. Mayor Wilson thanked City staff and all the agencies that were involved in making the celebration a success.

21. Mayor Wilson also mentioned the event to recognize Child Abuse Awareness Month at Charles Hill Park.

OTHER

31. [22-1036](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council received and approved the City Council schedule.

ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 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.