

City of Alexandria

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



Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 23, 2022

9:30 AM

Council Chamber

City Council Public Hearing

The April 23, 2022 Public Hearing 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 webinar. 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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Speaker's Form

<https://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/2020-VIRTUAL-City-Council-Speakers-Form>

Those wishing to address Council should submit a Speaker's Form (see above).

Submission of written statements is encouraged. Please sign up after the docket is created and posted and you are able to verify the meeting date on the City's website.

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Public Comment will be received at this meeting.

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*****TAKE NOTICE: City Council will take a lunch break in the middle of the docket at a reasonable time when the agenda allows for a break.*****

OPENING

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, with Councilman Chapman arriving at 9:50 a.m.

2. Public Discussion Period.

The following person participated in the public discussion period:

- 1. Janice Grenadier, Alexandria, spoke about the corruption with the courts and law enforcement.*

[This period is a public comment period on items no listed on the agenda. The first 15 speakers will speak at the beginning of the meeting. Any remaining speakers will be heard at the conclusion of the docketed items.]

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR

Planning Commission (3)

3. Special Use Permit #2022-00006
2700 Witter Drive - Witter Recreational Fields Safety Netting
Public Hearing and consideration of a request to allow athletic safety netting up to 30 feet in height; zoned POS/Public Open Space.
Applicant: City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities
Planning Commission Action: Recommended Approval 7-0

Attachments: [22-1119 Staff Report](#)
 [22-1119 Presentation](#)

END OF ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR

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

3. *City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.*

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (4-7a)

4. Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage 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).[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

Attachments: [22-1015 cover](#)
 [22-1015 ordinance](#)
5. Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage 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. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

Attachments: [22-1117 Attachment 1 - Ordinance cover](#)
[22-1117 Attachment 2 - Ordinance](#)
[22-1117 Attachment 3 UnitKingClosure Draft Concept Plan](#)
[22-1117 Attachment 4 UnitKingClosure Draft Ops Plan](#)
[22-1117 Attachment 5 - Waterfont Com Endorse](#)
[22-1117 Attachment 6 - Presentation](#)

6.

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage 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. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

Attachments: [22-1079 Attachment 1 Ordinance Cover](#)
[22-1079 Attachment 2 Ordinance](#)

7.

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2022. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

Attachments: [22-1105 Attachment 1 - Ordinance Cover April 2022 SAO](#)
[22-1105 Attachment 2 - April 2022 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance](#)
[22-1105 Attachment 3 - Grant Attachment April 2022 SAO](#)

7a.

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage 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. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

Attachments: [22-1145 Information on Proposed Ordinance](#)
[22-1145 Ordinance](#)

END OF ROLL-CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approvals were as follows:

4. *City Council adopted 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. (ORD. NO. 5424)*

5. City Council adopted an ordinance approving and authorizing the temporary closure of the Unit Block of King Street and northern portion of the Strand to vehicular traffic. (ORD. NO. 5425)

6. City Council adopted 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. (ORD. NO. 5426)

7. City Council adopted an ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for the support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2022. (ORD. NO. 5427)

7a. City Council adopted 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. (ORD. NO. 5428)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

8. Public Hearing on the FY 2023 City Council Preliminary Add/Delete Proposals and the City Manager's proposed amendments to the FY 2023 proposed budget. Budget Adoption is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Attachments: [22-0984_FY 23 BM 114 Summary of Add Delete Submissions](#)
[22-0984_FY23 BM 114 Attachment 1 City Council Add-Delete Proposals \(1\)](#)
[22-0984 letters](#)

City Council closed the public hearing on preliminary Add/Delete proposals.

9. 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.

Attachments: [22-1132_Attachment 1: Draft CFY 2023 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development](#)
[22-1132_Attachment 2: Resident Summary of the Draft CFY 2023 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development](#)
[22-1132_Attachment 3: Comparison of Original CFY 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan with the Draft Amendment to the CFY 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan](#)
[22-1132 letters](#)

City Council: (1) received the Draft City Fiscal Year (CFY) 2023 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development and the Draft Amendment to the Consolidated Plan; (2) closed the public hearing on the Draft CFY 2023 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development and the Draft Amendment to the Consolidated Plan; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute any documents required to facilitate receipt of these and any related federal grant funds.

10. Public Hearing and Consideration of the Draft Home Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan.

Attachments: [22-1131 Attachment Draft Home Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan](#)

City Council: (1) received the Home Investment Partnership Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan; (2) closed the public hearing on the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute any documents required to facilitate receipt of these and related federal grant funds.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

Planning Commission (continued)

11. Special Use Permit #2021-00128
424 North Washington Street
Public Hearing and consideration of a request for a Special Use Permit to operate a private academic school with over 20 students; zoned: CD/Commercial downtown.
Applicant: Potomac Crescent Waldorf School
Planning Commission Action: Recommended Approval 7-0

Attachments: [22-1118 Staff Report](#)
[22-1118 Presentation](#)
[22-1118 letters](#)

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation with the following amendments:

- Deletion of Condition #16;
- Amend Condition #15 to require a six months and a one year review of the special use permit by the Director of Planning and Zoning.

12. Rezoning #2022-00001
Development Special Use Permit #2021-10030
Indoor & Outdoor Live Entertainment Special Use Permit #2022-00003
Transportation Management Plan Special Use Permit #2022-00005
901 North Pitt Street
Public Hearing and consideration of a request for (A) an amendment to the official zoning map to change the zone for the site from OC/Office Commercial to CRMU-X/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Old Town North); (B) a Development Special Use Permit and Site Plan with modifications to redevelop the existing office building and associated parking lots into a multifamily residential building comprised of 250 units with ground-floor restaurant or retail and an arts

and cultural anchor, including Special Use Permits for a multifamily dwelling in the CRMU/X zone, to increase the floor area ratio to 2.5 in the CRMU/X zone, for bonus density for the provision of affordable housing, for bonus density and height for the provision of an arts and cultural anchor in Old Town North, and a parking reduction for the restaurant; and (C) a Special Use Permit for Live Entertainment, indoor and outdoor; (D) a Special Use Permit for a Transportation Management Plan; zoned OC/Office Commercial.

Applicant: 901 N Pitt Street LLC, represented by, Kenneth W. Wire, Attorney.

Planning Commission Action: Recommended Approval 7-0

Attachments: [22-1120 Staff Report](#)
 [22-1120 Site Plan](#)
 [22-1120 Presentation](#)
 [22-1120 after item](#)

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation with an amendment of a typographical error in Condition #18 stating, "Post sign(s) stating that open space public access easements are open to the public, noting any operating hours or including other restrictions."

13.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

This item is for information only. There is no public hearing for this item.

City Charter Section 9.06 Case #2022-00002

Unit Block of King Street (between Union Street and Strand Street) and the northern part of the Strand

Public Hearing and consideration of a request for the Planning Commission to review whether the temporary closure of the unit block of King Street and the northern portion of the Strand to vehicular traffic by the City of Alexandria is consistent with the City of Alexandria Master Plan pursuant to Section 9.06 of the City Charter.

Applicant: City of Alexandria

Planning Commission Action: Approved 6-0

Attachments: [22-1121 Staff Report](#)
 [22-1121 Presentation](#)

City Council received this item as information.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

14.

Public Hearing and 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. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

Attachments: [22-1116 Attachment 1 -Comcast Second Term Resolution Extended](#)
[22-1116 Attachment 2 CableTelevisionFranchiseAgreement](#)
[22-1116 City of Alexandria Fiber Use Agreement 3.16.2022](#)
[22-1116 City of Alexandria Fiber Use Agreement First Amendment 3.11.2022](#)

City Council adopted 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. (RES. NO. 3067)

15. Public Hearing. Second Reading of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2022 (Fiscal Year 2023). (Final Passage of the Ordinance will be on Wednesday, May 4, 2022)

Attachments: [22-1103 Attachment 1 2022 Cover Ordinance](#)
[22-1103 Tax rates ordinance](#)

City Council closed the public hearing on an ordinance on the proposed real and personal property tax rates and proposed effective tax rate increase for Calendar Year 2022 (Fiscal Year 2023). Final passage of the ordinance will be on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

16. Public Hearing. Second 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). (Final passage of the Ordinance will be on Wednesday, May 4, 2022)

Attachments: [22-1078 Attachment 1 COVER - 2022](#)
[22-1078 2022 Stormwater Fee Ordinance 032322](#)

City Council closed the public hearing on 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). Final passage of the ordinance will be on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

DEFERRAL/WITHDRAWAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Planning Commission (continued)

None.

Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 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.