

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

6:30 PM

Council Chamber

City Council Legislative Meeting

The May 10, 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 remote locations 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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Please note that there will be a closed Executive Session beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Council Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

I. 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 participating virtually from Germany for a work trip.

2. Executive Session.**[22-1191](#)**

6:30 p.m. -- Consideration of a Closed Executive session to discuss the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body and the discussion of actual or probable litigation. [ROLL-CALLVOTE]

City Council convene in closed executive session at 6:32 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 the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; specifically, a lawsuit filed by the Potomac Riverkeeper Network against the City and the potential sale of city owned property in the Waterfront area of the City; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(7) and (A)(3) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:05 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the Closed Executive Session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 3072)

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:**[22-1114](#)**

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022;
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2022;
The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2022; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2022.

City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of March 8, 2022, the public hearing meeting minutes of March 12, 2022, the regular meeting minutes of March 22, 2022, and the regular meeting minutes of April 5, 2022.

II. PROCLAMATIONS

5. [22-1178](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing May as Building Safety Month.
City Council endorsed the proclamation.
6. [22-1190](#) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week.
City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

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

***Health and Safety Coordinating Committee (Mayor Willson and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

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

***Waterfront Commission (Councilmember Bagley)**

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

***Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (Councilmember Bagley)**

***Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) (Councilmember Bagley and Councilman Aguirre)**

***Northern Virginia Regional Commission(NVRC) (Councilwoman Gaskins)**

***Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force (Councilman Aguirre and Councilwoman Gaskins)**

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

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

***Library Board (Councilman Aguirre)**

***Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP) (Councilman Chapman)**

***Sister Cities Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

City Council gave the reports.

IV. ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

7. [22-1122](#) Alexandria Co-Response Pilot Program Update.
City Council received the Alexandria Co-Response Pilot Program's (ACORP) Initial Evaluation Report.
8. [22-1080](#) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program and Projects Update.
City Council received the quarterly report.

V. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (9-21)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

9. [22-1179](#) Receipt of the following Resignations for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Board of Zoning Appeals
Mark Yoo
 - (b) Commission on Aging
Lynette Foster
 - (c) Commission on HIV/AIDS
Robert Whitman
 - (d) Community Criminal Justice Board
Pegah Vakili
 - (e) Human Rights Commission
Lynette Foster
10. [22-1180](#) Uncontested Appointments for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Beautification Commission

1 Citizen Member

(b) Community Services Board

1 Citizen Member

(c) Emergency Medical Services Council

1 Representative of the Federation of Civic Associations

(d) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission

1 Representative of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association

(e) Waterfront Commission

1 Parks and Recreation Commission representative

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

11. [22-0921](#) Consideration of a License Agreement Between the City and Virtue Feed & Grain, LLC for Use of City Right of Way for Outdoor Dining Space Located at 106 South Union Street.
12. [22-1008](#) Consideration of the Submission of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Litter Prevention and Recycling Program for Funding of the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program.
13. [22-1115](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Education for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program for Children.
14. [22-1175](#) Consideration for Grant Applications to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), for Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants /Byrne Discretionary Grants Program and for Funding Provided Through Congressional Consolidated Appropriations for the Purchase of Body Worn Cameras.
15. [22-1160](#) Consideration of a Grant application for Visit Alexandria from Virginia Tourism Corporation to Provide Support for Tourism Recovery.
16. [22-1100](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2022.
17. [22-1113](#) Request for removal of City Board, Commission, and Committee members for missing Oaths of Office.

(Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading)

18. [22-1102](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain the allocation of State funds from the Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) of 1998, Section 3-2-224 (Levied on Automobiles, Trucks, Trailers, Semi-Trailers, Antique Motor Vehicles, Taxicabs, Motorcycles, Campers and Other Recreational Vehicles, Boats and Trailers; Amount), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.
19. [22-1109](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Article C (Disposition of Abandoned, Unattended and Immobile Motor Vehicles) of Chapter 8 (Parking and Traffic Regulations) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
20. [22-1111](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 055.01 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 901 North Pitt Street from, OC/Office commercial to CRMU-X/Commercial residential mixed use (Old Town North) in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2022-00001 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2022-00001 associated with 901 North Pitt Street approved by City Council on April 23, 2022).
21. [22-1153](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on first reading of an ordinance to amend Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of items 15 and 17, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

9. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Mark Yoo, Board of Zoning Appeals; (b) Lynette Foster, Commission on Aging; (c) Robert Whitman, Commission on HIV/AIDS; (d) Pegah Vakili, Community Criminal Justice Board; and (e) Lynette Foster, Human Rights Commission,

10. City Council appointed the following persons to boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Alexander McElya a citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (b) appointed Michele Walz as the citizen member to the Community Services Board; (c) appointed Rebecca Hierholzer as the representative of the

Federation of Civic Associations to the Emergency Medical Services Council; (d) appointed Christopher Brownlowe as the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; and (e) appointed Stuart Fox as the Parks and Recreation Commission representative to the Waterfront Commission.

11. *City Council: (1) received the report and set the agreement to license Wales Alley for outdoor dining for public hearing on May 14, 2022.*

12. *City Council: (1) approved a noncompetitive grant application, due June 30, 2022 to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Litter Prevention and Recycling Program, for funding in the approximate amount of \$10,932 for the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program (the exact amount to be determined by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality by September 30, 2022); (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required; and (3) thanked all the organizations participating in this program for their support and efforts to improve the appearance of the City parks and, thereby, experience of the citizens visiting these parks.*

13. *City Council: (1) authorized the submission of the grant application (due June 15) to the Virginia Department of Education for United States Department of Agriculture for continued funding and an estimated reimbursement amount of \$100,000 for program expenses; (2) affirmed that there are no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.*

14. *City Council: (1) approved the grant applications (due May 25, 2022) to the United States Department of Justice which provides funding to deploy body-worn cameras to the Police Officers at the Alexandria Police Department; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.*

15. **Councilman Chapman issued the following disclosure statement to the City Clerk:*

"Due to my ownership of a small business in Alexandria and its membership in Visit Alexandria, I have a potential personal interest in the approval of this item because it includes funding for Visit Alexandria. After discussing with the City Attorney, I have determined that I am able to participate in this item under the law and I am able to participate in the transaction fairly and objectively. And in the public interest, I have made the proper disclosure to the Clerk."

City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application for grant funds which are part of the Virginia Tourism Corporation ARPA Tourism Recovery Program for \$990,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required. (separate motion)

16. *City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.*

17. *City Council deferred the consideration of the request to allow the members to submit the oaths to the Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions until June. (separate motion)*

18. *City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 14, 2022.*

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VI. ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (22)

22. [22-1051](#) Consideration of a Resolution for the American Alliance of Museums Accreditation Process of the Office of Historic Alexandria. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

END ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council: (1) approved the resolution supporting the Office of Historic Alexandria's Strategic Plan, Code of Ethics, Collections Management Policy, and Archaeology Collections Management Policy; and (2) authorized the Director of the Office of Historic Alexandria to submit the application for reaccreditation to the American Alliance of Museums and executed all necessary documents that may be required. (RES. NO. 3073)

VII. CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

23. [22-1186](#) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Antoine Dula Lopez as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee.
24. [22-1187](#) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force
1 Middle School Representative
City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Timothy Brannon as the middle school representative to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force.
25. [22-1188](#) Board of Zoning Appeals
2 Citizen Members
City Council appointed Dawn Bauman and Raj Patel as the two members to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
26. [22-1189](#) Industrial Development Authority
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Thomas Hyde as the citizen member to the Industrial Development Authority.

VIII. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

None.

IX. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

27. [22-1176](#) Consideration of a Resolution Identifying City of Alexandria Priorities for Federal Funding Opportunities and Requesting Congressional Delegation Support.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]
*Councilman McPike issued the following disclosure statement regarding this item:
"Due to my obligations under the Congressional House Ethics Rules, I need to recuse myself from this discussion and be shown as abstaining from any vote."*
City Council adopted the resolution identifying City of Alexandria Priorities for Federal Funding Opportunities and requesting Congressional Delegation support for local priorities and funding proposals. (RES. NO. 3074)
28. [22-0953](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing and Empowering the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds through a Direct Bank Loan.
City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 14, 2022.
29. [22-1164](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain the deadline for applying for Personal Property Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled for first time filers and in cases of hardship, Section 3-2-224.2 (Alternative Tax Rate for Elderly and Handicapped), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.
City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilwoman Gaskins reported that she and Councilmember Bagley attended a meeting of the Eviction Prevention Task Force and she reported on the data on evictions that was presented at the meeting, noting an increase in the number of summons filed and the number of writs issued. Councilwoman Gaskins noted that advocates were working on a plan about what types of new safety nets might be used as the programs prepare to expire on May 15 in the Commonwealth.

2. Councilwoman Gaskins inquired about the proper venue to discuss the numerous emails received about safe places to play and soccer fields in the City and she wanted to know when would be a good time to have the discussion with ACPS. In response to Councilwoman Gaskins, Mayor Wilson noted that there would be a joint work session with City Council and the School Board on June 13 and this topic could be included on the agenda and the two bodies could discuss properties they each possess and how they might be utilized in the future.

Vice Mayor Jackson requested that list of properties and land owned by both the City

and ACPS be provided prior to the work session for Council to review.

3. Councilman McPike thanked City staff for coordinating the Joseph McCoy Memorial Service and wreath-laying ceremony and the annual Days of Remembrance service honoring the victims of the Holocaust.

4. Councilman McPike read a statement about the recent proclamation Council removed from the docket regarding abortion a few weeks ago and he spoke about the leaked Supreme Court draft decision regarding Roe v. Wade and how it could change the constitutionality of abortion rights in this country. Councilman McPike noted that he has requested that the City Attorney provide guidance for the Council on what is above under the Dillon Rule in order to support women in need of abortion healthcare in this community.

5. Councilmember Bagley reiterated the importance of those in need of eviction assistance getting in the pipeline before the May 15 deadline and noted that there was assistance available for Rent Relief until the deadline.

6. Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Bagley and Councilman Aguirre expressed their support of Councilman McPike's statement regarding abortion rights.

X. ADJOURN.

City Manager Parajon noted that the City Council Schedule would return to the next legislative docket with updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 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.