

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of Council were present, with Councilman Chapman arriving during the Executive Session.

2. [19-1678](#)

6:00 p.m. - Consideration of a Closed Meeting to Discuss a Personnel Matter.

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, specifically, the performance of the three public appointees of the City Council, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of the Virginia.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:19 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed Executive Session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 2862)

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

***Council of Governments (COG) - Human Services Policy Committee
(Councilman Chapman)**

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

***Waterfront Commission (Councilman Seifeldein)**

***Economic Opportunities Commission (Councilman Seifeldein)**

***Gang Prevention Community Task Force (Councilman Seifeldein and
Councilwoman Jackson)**

***Update on Patrick Henry Elementary School (Councilwoman Pepper)**

***Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission (Councilwoman
Jackson)**

***Potomac Watershed Roundtable (Councilwoman Jackson)**

***Council of Governments (COG) - Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee
(Councilwoman Jackson)**

***Transportation Commission (Councilman Chapman and Councilman Aguirre)**

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

***Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

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

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

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jinks reported that Dominion Virginia Power has updated their website so that customers can get information quickly and report outages and streetlights out on the site. City Manager Jinks noted that some of the streetlight outages are coming from the underground wires needing repairs and those require more time to fix.

City Manager Jinks gave some statistics on how the Federal Government shutdown is affecting the economy and residents of the City of Alexandria. Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services, gave an overview of City organized task force of City agencies and representatives that are working on ways to meet the need of those affected by this shutdown and how to gather the resources, implement effective strategies and forecast how this shutdown will affect the community. Ms. Garvey noted that the task force will be convening routinely to keep information and resources available.

City Council adopted a resolution that requested that the Federal Government end the shutdown and reopen the government. (RES. NO. 2863)

Mayor Wilson read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2863

WHEREAS, due to a lapse in appropriations a quarter of the Federal Government has been shutdown since December 21st, the longest period in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, this shutdown has impacted at least 800,000 Federal employees, with many idled without pay, and many forced to work without pay; and

WHEREAS, this shutdown also impacts families, especially children, who are dependent on Federal employees for health, nutrition, housing, education and basic well-being; and

WHEREAS, the shutdown imperils Federal "safety net" programs for the lowest income and most vulnerable in the City's population; and

WHEREAS, the shutdown has also impacted contractors and service employees who

*are dependent on
Federal appropriations and Federal employee spending; and*

*WHEREAS, Alexandria has one of the largest concentration of Federal employees,
Federal contractors and those dependent on Federal spending in the nation; and*

*WHEREAS, this shutdown has negatively impacted the City's residents, and its
economy; and*

*WHEREAS, this shutdown is entirely unnecessary and is a troubling symbol of
political dysfunction;*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia,
that the City of Alexandria calls on the President and Congress to immediately end this
government shutdown and restore a fully functioning Federal government.*

*IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City encourage Federal and State actions to
protect our residents and businesses from harm during this, and any future,
shutdowns, including:*

- 1) Full availability of unemployment insurance benefits for idled workers and those
deemed essential who remain on the job without compensation*
- 2) Back pay for impacted Federal employees and contractors*
- 3) Extension of applicable Federal and state "safety net" benefits for Federal
employees, contractors and Federally-dependent private sector employees*
- 4) Emergency financing or grants for small businesses impacted by the shutdown*
- 5) Temporary delay of housing evictions or foreclosures for impacted residents*
- 6) Continued funding of Federal "safety net" programs such as SNAP, TANF,
Housing Choice vouchers and public housing assistance.*

*City Manager Jinks also noted that the City is suspending collection of taxes and
parking tickets from individuals affected by the shutdown and the City has a quarterly
payment program to help businesses that might be affected by the shutdown.*

[19-1690](#)

City Manager's Oral Report

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (4-5)

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

4. [19-1676](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- (a) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
 - 1 Member Designated by Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker
 - 1 Member Designated by Councilman Canek Aguirre
 - 1 Member Designated by Councilwoman Amy Jackson
 - 1 Member Designated by Councilman Mo Seifeldin

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

5. [19-1649](#) Consideration of the Appointment of a Management Representative Alternate to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Board and Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

4. City Council appointed the following persons to the boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Benjamin Klein as the member designated by Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, appointed Kirk McPike as the member designated by Councilman Canek Aguirre, appointed Greg Parks as the member designated by Councilwoman Amy Jackson, and appointed Paul Igasaki as the member designated by Councilman Mo Seifeldin to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee.

5. City Council appointed Philip Pugh, Property Maintenance Code Division Chief, Department of Code Administration, as a Management Representative Alternate to the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board and the Supplement Retirement Board.

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

6. [19-1558](#) Update on the 2019 General Assembly Session.
- City Council approved the legislative positions included in Attachment 1 (Recommended Positions on Bills of Impact to the City), as recommended by Council's Legislative Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker), with the exception of SB 1150, to be removed from support.*
7. [19-1595](#) WMATA 2019 Shutdown Planning Update
- City Council held a discussion with representatives from WMATA and received the 2019 Shutdown Planning update.*
8. [19-1585](#) Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project Update.
- City Council received the staff update on the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project.*
9. [19-1671](#) Oral Report from Washington Gas in Regard to Gas Line Maintenance
- City Council received the oral report from representatives from Washington Gas in regard to gas line maintenance throughout the City.*

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

10. [19-1507](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Support Grant Applications to the Virginia

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) for FY 2020 State Aid Grant Programs. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council: (1) received and approved the submission of up to \$85,000,000 in grant applications by February 1, 2019; and (2) authorized the City Manager to apply for State Aid Grants through the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and enter into any necessary agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia and/or NVTC to accept any of these grants. (RES. NO. 2864)

11. [19-1555](#)

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds by the American Correctional Association [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council received and adopted the resolution recommended by the Alexandria Industrial Development Authority for the issuance of refunding bonds. (RES. NO. 2865)

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

City Council approved the support of the amicus curiae brief from the City of Los Angeles, California in support of the Plaintiffs in the federal court case challenging the Trump Administration's efforts to end the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program designations of Haiti, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and the Sudan.

OTHER

12. [19-1605](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) receive the updated City Council which includes: the Annual Earth Day event on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Lenny Harris Memorial Fields (1005 Mount Vernon Avenue); T.C. Williams High School Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. and will be held at EagleBank Arena (George Mason University); establishing the new Patrick Henry Recreation Center as the site for Council's January 26 Retreat; and (2) approve the City Council schedule for January 2019 to June 2019. City Council noted that the June Public Hearing meeting has been moved to June 22.

Closed Meeting (if needed)

13. [19-1679](#)

Consideration of Closed Meeting to Discuss a Personnel Matter.

This executive session was not needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 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 and of Council decisions made at the meeting.

