

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, June 25, 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 except Councilman Seifeldein, who had an excused absence.

2. Closed Meeting.

[19-2234](#)

6:00 p.m. - Consideration of a closed meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:03 p.m. , to discuss a personnel matter; specifically, the performance of the three public appointees of the City Council; pursuant to Section 2.2.3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:15 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session previously circulated to Council. (RES. NO. 2892)

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:

[19-2236](#)

The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2019; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2019.

City Council approved the minutes for the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of May 28, 2019 and the regular meeting minutes of June 11, 2019, with a typographical correction on page two.

PROCLAMATIONS

4a. [19-2243](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the 80th Anniversary of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

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

***ARHA Redevelopment Committee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

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

***Visit Alexandria (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

***Library Board (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

***Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) (Councilman Aguirre and Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

***COG Transportation and Planning Board (TPB) (Councilman Aguirre)**

***Naming Committee (Councilwoman Pepper)**

***Alexandria Works! Coalition (Councilwoman Pepper)**

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

5. [19-2182](#) Consideration of a Grant Renewal to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Food Program for At-Risk After School Snack Program for the FY 2020 School Year Snack Program Sponsored by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.
6. [19-2185](#) Consideration of FY 2020 WasteSmart Initiatives.
7. [19-2205](#) Consideration of a One (1) Year Lease Agreement Renewal with Child and Family Network Centers at Leonard Chick Armstrong Recreation Center Located At 25 West Reed Avenue.
8. [19-2213](#) Consideration of the Release of \$200,000 from Contingent Reserves for the Department of Community and Human Services in order to Increase the Number of Virginia Preschool Initiative Students Served and to Support the Summer Learning of VPI Students.
9. [19-2221](#) Consideration of the City Council's support on an amicus brief for three cases to be heard by the US Supreme Court involving how Title VII's ban on workplace sex discrimination protects LGBTQ people from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity

10. [19-2203](#) Consideration of the Release of \$62,600 from Contingent Reserves for the Department of Community and Human Services for the Expansion of Nutrition Assistance Services for Low-Income Residents at Farmers' Markets During FY 2020.

(Ordinances for Introduction)

11. [19-2129](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Soliciting Franchise Proposals to Use the Alexandria City Marina Area to Dock an Historic or a Replica Historic Tall Ship Consistent with the Waterfront Small Area Plan.
12. [19-2137](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to authorize the owner of the property located at 901 and 901 A North Fairfax Street to construct and maintain an encroachment for a garage vent on Montgomery Street at that location (Implementation Ordinance for Encroachment No. 2018-0013 associated with 901 and 901 A North Fairfax Street approved by City Council on January 12, 2019).
13. [19-2230](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to delete Section 2-103 (Accessory Building) of Article II (DEFINITIONS) and Section 7-2505; to add Section 2-125.1 (BUILDING WALL, FRONT), Section 2-197.4 (SUBDIVISION), Section 2-197.5 (TITLE LOAN BUSINESS) of Article II (DEFINITIONS), Section 7-2505 (FREE STANDING GARAGES TO THE REAR OF THE MAIN BUILDING), Section 7-2506 (ATTACHED GARAGES), Section 7-2507 (TREE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS) of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS); to amend and reordain Section 2-145 (FLOOR AREA), Section 2-149 (GARAGE, PRIVATE), Section 2-197.1 (STRUCTURE, ACCESSORY), Section 2-197.2 (STRUCTURE, ORNAMENTAL), Section 2-197.3 (STRUCTURE, SUBORDINATE) of Article II (DEFINITIONS), Section 7-103 (USE LIMITATIONS), 7-2200 (TREE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS), 7-2501 (FREESTANDING PRIVATE GARAGES TO THE REAR OF THE MAIN BUILDING) and 7-2502 (ATTACHED PRIVATE GARAGES) of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS), and Section 11-1302 (SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS ESTABLISHED) of Division C (BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS) of Article XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES); of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2019-0003 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2019-0003 approved by City Council on June 22, 2019).
14. [19-2228](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an

Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 034.04 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 101 East Windsor Avenue, from RB/Residential Townhouse to R-2-5/Residential Single and Two-Family in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2019-0004 (Implementation Ordinance for Rezoning No. 2019-0004 associated with the 101 East Windsor Avenue Residential Rezoning approved by City Council on June 22, 2019).

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with items #7 and #8 considered under separate motions. The City Manager's approval was as follows:

5. City Council: (1) authorized the City Manager to submit an At-Risk After School grant renewal application to the United States Department of Agriculture for Fiscal Year 2020 (due date September 1, 2019); (2) affirmed that there are no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended; and (3) execute all documents that may be required.

6. City Council approved the staff recommendation for implementation of FY 2020 WasteSmart initiatives.

7. City Council authorized the City Manager to: (1) receive the report recommending a one-year lease agreement renewal between Child and Family Network Centers and the City of Alexandria for the use of one (1) classroom to conduct a pre-school program for children from low-income families; and (2) schedule for public hearing on Tuesday, July 9, 2019. (separate motion)

8. City Council: (1) authorized the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) the use of the approved \$200,000 contingent reserves funding to serve an additional 57 children in the following manner:

(a) \$137,258 to extend the pre-school year for 62 four-year olds through August 2019 at four Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) sites. This funding helps to lessen the negative impact of the summer learning loss on educational achievement and school readiness for 20 currently enrolled children and 42 additional children eligible for enrollment.

(b) \$41,000 to support the build out costs of adding 2.5 new VPI classrooms in the West End of the City in order to increase enrollment in the area of limited early childhood resources. The funding will allow Child and Family Network Centers Program to serve an additional 15 eligible four-year old in FY 2020.

(c) \$21,742 for DCHS to award one-time capacity building funding for two VPI partners. This funding will sustain the ability of these programs to serve at risk four-year olds in a way that aligns more appropriately with their business models and also aligns more efficiently with the DCHS strategy to leverage increased State funding in order to increase the number VPI students served. (separate motion)

9. City Council directed the City Attorney to sign on to this local government amicus brief to emphasize the City's commitment to employment nondiscrimination and

support of the LGBTQ community.

10. City Council: (1) approved the release of \$62,000 from the FY 2020 Contingent Reserves to DCHS for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach and expansion of the SNAP Double Dollars Program at the Southern Towers Farmer's Market; (2) authorized the increase of the 0.4 FTE to 1.0 FTE (SNAP EBT Coordinator, grade 15) and the addition of a temporary staff (Community Services Specialist, grade 12) to increase capacity for SNAP outreach and to support the expansion of the Double Dollars Program; and (3) authorized the City Manager to take the necessary actions to implement the recommendations.

11. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for second reading, public hearing and final passage on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

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ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (15)

15. [19-1554](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Establish the 2019 Personal Property Tax Relief Rates. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approval was as follows:*
- 15. City Council adopted a resolution to establish the personal property tax relief rates for calendar year 2019. (RES. NO. 2893)*

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

16. [19-2157](#) Department Review (DCHS): Early Childhood Programs.
- City Council received the department review for the Department of Community and Human Services on its Early Childhood Programs.*
17. [19-2156](#) Joint Work Session: Child & Family Youth Collaborative Commission.
- City Council held a work session with the Children, Youth and Family Collaborative Commission.*
18. [19-2180](#) Consideration of Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Southwest Access Options.
- City Council: (1) received staff's recommendation to further advance the design of a Modified Idea #1, including elimination of the escalator in the southwest pavilion; and (2) directed the City Manager to request that WMATA direct its contractor (Potomac Yard Constructors) to further advance the design of a Modified Idea #1 and continue to develop pricing for the ramp option included in the December 2018 approved DSUP.*

19. [19-2036](#) Consideration and Receipt of the RPCA 2019 Resource Allocation and Cost Recovery Study and Recommendations and Approval of Updated Resource Allocation and Financial Assistance Policies.
- City Council: (1) received the Resource Allocation Study (2019); (2) adopted the proposed Resource Allocation & Cost Recovery Policy; and (3) adopted the proposed Financial Assistance Policy.*
20. [19-2204](#) Resolution in Support of Common-Sense Gun Safety Legislation and Expressing Support for the Upcoming Special Session of the General Assembly to Address the Emergency of Gun Violence in Virginia. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council adopted the resolution expressing support for common sense gun safety laws during the upcoming Special Session of the General Assembly and called for elected State representatives to consider and enact such legislation. (RES. NO. 2894)*
- City Council made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for introduction and first reading on July 9th and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage in September 2019. The ordinance would implement the municipal facility/property prohibition assuming that the General Assembly adopts legislation at its Special Session on July 9th.*

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilman Aguirre reported that he and other members of Council attended the Champions of Children event on June 12 and he congratulated the recipients of the awards and acknowledged the children who did the introduction of each recipient.
2. Councilman Aguirre congratulated all the graduates of the Class of 2019 from T.C. Williams High School on June 15, 2019.
3. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended the presentations at the International Academy and he congratulated the students on their progress on their English capacity.
4. Councilman Aguirre reported that there was a groundbreaking ceremony for Fire Station 203 on Saturday, June 22 and was looking forward to the new modern facility at the location.
- 5.. Councilman Aguirre congratulated Elaine Scott, Senior Communication Liaison, on hosting alumni reunion for the various city academies at Glory Days and he noted it was nice to see the amount of civic engagement we have from the community.
6. Councilman Aguirre announced the Community Health Assessment will be unveiled at Beth El Temple at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
7. Councilman Aguirre announced that the Complete Count committee will be having their next meeting at the Durant Center on June 27 at 5:30 p.m.
8. Councilman Chapman reported that he would share more information with the members of Council on the innovations he saw on his trip to Germany with NVRC.

9. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that the "Butterfly Effect" would be coming to Alexandria this weekend. and she noted that it is a public art and philanthropy project created by Tasha Wahl. Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker noted that the exhibit, which is for charity, will be held at Bloomers at 924 King Street on the Patrick Street side from 8 a.m. -2 p.m.

10. Councilman Aguirre stated that he visited Future Haus from Virginia Tech here in the City and he noted that the exhibit is open during the week just south of the Giant at Glebe on Route 1.

OTHER

21. [19-2186](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council received and approved the updated July 2019 thorough June 2020 Council schedule which includes: the Annual Citizenship Day Ceremony, which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 5 p.m. in the Vola Lawson Lobby.

Closed Meeting (if needed)

22. [19-2235](#) Consideration of a closed meeting to discuss a personnel matter. (if needed)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 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.