City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314

Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, April 28, 2020
7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting
The April 28, 2020 Legislative Meeting of the City Council is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) and/or the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 18, 2020. All of the members of the City Council and staff are participating from remote locations through a video conference call on Zoom. The video conference call will be broadcasted live on the government channel 70, streaming on the City's website and can be accessed via Zoom by following the link:

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This Council Legislative meeting does not have a public hearing component so public comments will not be taken.

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1. Calling the Roll.

   Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present at the meeting via Zoom video conference call.

ORAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES (COVID-19 Related topics)

*Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilman Chapman)

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

*Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee (Councilwoman Jackson)

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

City Council gave the reports.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

2. 20-0829 COVID-19 Update (Oral Report)
City Council received on the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic from Dr. Haering, Director, Alexandria Health Department and Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services and they responded to questions from Council.

3. 20-0828  
Review of Versions 2.0 of the FY 2021 Proposed Operating Budget and FY 2021 to FY 2030 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (Oral Report).

Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget, gave a presentation reviewing the Versions 2.0 of the FY 2021 Proposed Operating Budget and FY 2021 to FY 2030 Proposed Capital Improvement Program and noted that budget adoption would occur tomorrow, April 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

4. 20-0831  
Consideration of Planning Direction for Use of Forthcoming Federal CARES Act Funding.

City Council: (1) affirmed the prime priorities of the City for the use of the CARES Act funding are for funding the City's direct response expenses to the COVID-19 crisis, the funding of the expansion of the Alexandria Health Department's epidemiological staffing, the funding of expanded residential rental assistance, food assistance to needy individuals and families, and the provision of assistance to small businesses; and (2) directed the City Manager to return to Council at its May 12 Legislative Meeting with a plan for implementation of the above initiatives.

5. 20-0832  
Discussion of Proposed Plan for Docket Items for Virtual Meetings of City Council and Boards and Commissions during the COVID-19 Emergency.

City Council: (1) adopted the plan for limiting City Council's docket in May as outlined in the report; (2) provided guidance to City Boards and Commissions as outlined in the report; and (3) will reassess the plan for June and July meetings near the end of May. The recommendation is as follows:

The City Council dockets for May will be focused only on matters to address the emergency or to continue government. City Council will not be hearing any of its normal docket items in May. In June, the City Council will resume regular docket items focusing only on those docket items that are current requests and deferring those items that are long term policy decisions, city wide initiatives, or major changes to city codes or ordinances. The City Council will hold at least one July meeting with more meetings to be considered if necessary. The City Council will strive to have partial in person meetings June and July where at least 4 members of the City Council will be present but electronic participation by the public will still be encouraged. Generally, most boards and commissions are encouraged to cancel meetings through July, only resuming items that are time sensitive or necessary for another board to continue its work, items the will address COVID-19 pandemic emergency, or items needed for the continuity of government.

COVID-19 RELATED ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

OTHER

6. 20-0813  
Consideration of City Council Schedule.
City Council received and approved the City Council schedule for April 2020 through July 2020.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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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.