

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

City Council Legislative Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the April 6, 2021 Legislative Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 and Section 4.0-00(g) in HB29 and HB30 to undertake essential business. All members of the City Council and staff are participating from remote locations through a video conference call on Zoom. This meeting is being held electronically, unless a determination is made that it is safe enough to be held in person in the City Council Chamber at 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting can be accessed by the public 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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Speaker's Form

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

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Public Comment will be received at this meeting.

All persons wishing to speak before City Council must complete a Speaker's form (see link above). If you have a prepared statement or written comments for the record, you may email it to the City Clerk at gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov. Speakers are encouraged to submit their written comments to the City Clerk.

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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 via Zoom webinar.

**1a. Resolution Finding Need to Conduct the City Council Meeting Electronically.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]**

[21-0929](#)

Resolution Finding Need to Conduct the City Council Meeting Electronically.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the resolution finding need to conduct the City Council meeting electronically. (RES. NO. 2984)

2. Public Discussion Period.

[This period is a public comment period. The first 15 speakers will be heard under item #2 at the beginning of the meeting. Any remaining speakers will be heard at the conclusion of the docketed items.]

The following persons participated in the public discussion period:

- 1. Jeremy Flachs, Alexandria, spoke about the amendments to the taxicab ordinance.*
- 2. Joe Sestak, Alexandria, representing the Seminary Ridge Civic Association, spoke about the need to halt stream restoration on Strawberry Run.*
- 3. Richard Gould, Alexandria, spoke about stopping the stream restoration on Strawberry Run for now and reviewing the process.*
- 4. Susan Gould, Alexandria, spoke about stopping the stream restoration on Strawberry Run for now and reviewing the process.*
- 5. Carol Kocot, Alexandria, spoke about stream restoration on Strawberry Run and the need to review the process.*
- 6. Larry Kocot, Alexandria, spoke about stream restoration on Strawberry Run and the need to review the process.*
- 7. Lyn Allen, Alexandria, spoke about stream restoration on Strawberry Run.*
- 8. Andrew Macdonald, Alexandria, spoke about stream restoration through the City and need to review all the planned restoration projects.*
- 9. David Mowry, Alexandria, spoke about stream restoration and how it has affected his property.*
- 10. Steven Tuttle, Alexandria, spoke about stream restoration and the need to review the process.*
- 11. Thomas Curcio, Alexandria spoke about the amendments to the taxicab ordinance.*
- 12. Jeanne Jacob, Alexandria, spoke about stream restoration and the need to review the process.*

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

- 3. [21-0908](#)** Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:
- The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2021;
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2021;
The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2021; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021.

City Council approved the minutes for the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of January 12, 2021, the public hearing meeting minutes of January 23, 2021, the regular meeting minutes of January 26, 2021; and the regular meeting minutes of February 9, 2021.

PROCLAMATIONS

4. [21-0906](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April 22, 2021 as Alexandria Earth Day and Arbor Day.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.
5. [21-0852](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation honoring the City of Alexandria Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.
6. [21-0907](#)

Presentation of the Flora Krause Casey Public Health Award to the Alexandria Medical Reserve Corps.

City Council presented the Flora Krause Casey Public Health Award to the Alexandria Medical Reserve Corps.

Oral Reports from Members of City Council on Boards, Commissions, and Committees

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

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

***Minnie Howard High School Project Advisory Board (Councilman Aguirre)**

***COG Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committee (Councilwoman Jackson)**

***MacArthur Advisory Council (Councilwoman Jackson)**

***Eisenhower Partnership Board of Directors (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilwoman Pepper)**

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

(a) Report by Dr. Haering, MD, MPH, FACPM, on COVID-19 Mitigation and Vaccination Progress.

Dr. Haering, Director, Alexandria Health Department, thanked Council for recognizing the Medical Reserves Corps volunteers tonight. Dr. Haering and Ms. Talis, Population Health Manager, Alexandria Health Department, gave an update on COVID-19 and vaccination distribution in the City and responded to questions from Council.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (7-13)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

7. [21-0909](#) Receipt of the following resignations from members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Beautification Commission
Vineeta Anand
 - (b) Citizen Corps Council
Brian Lundeen
 - (c) Commission for Women
Lateisha Garrett
 - (d) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
Maddy McCoy
 - (e) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
Jeanette Shepherd
 - (f) Park and Recreation Commission
Joey Farmery

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

8. [21-0910](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force
1 Member Representing the African American Community
 - (b) Archaeological Commission
1 Representative of the Historic Alexandria Foundation

- (c) Citizen Corps Council
1 Citizen Member
- (d) Commission on HIV/AIDS
1 Citizen Member
1 Representative of Alexandria City Public Schools
- (e) Community Criminal Justice Board
1 Representative from Local Education
- (f) Urban Design Advisory Committee
1 Old Town North Residential Community Representative

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

- 9. [21-0652](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending February 28, 2021.
- 10. [21-0887](#) Consideration of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2021 Second Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.

(Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading)

- 11. [21-0861](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration of Passage on First 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).
- 12. [21-0862](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Beauregard Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2020-00006 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment (Implementation Ordinance for Master Plan Amendment No. 2020-00006 associated with Upland Park approved by City Council on March 13, 2021).
- 13. [21-0873](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2021.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

7. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Vineeta Anand, Beautification Commission; (b) Brian Lundeen, Citizen Corps Council; (c) Latiesha Garrett, Commission for Women; (d) Maddy McCoy, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (e) Jeannette Shepherd, Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; and (f) Joey Farmery, Park and Recreation Commission.

8. City Council appointed the following persons to boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Steven Nelson as the member representing the African American community to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force; (b) reappointed Seth Tinkham as the representative of the Historic Alexandria Foundation to the Archaeological Commission; (c) appointed Stephen Hart as the citizen member to the Citizen Corps Council; (d) appointed Benjamin Kirst as the citizen member and appointed Leanne Desmond as the Alexandria City Public Schools representative to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (e) appointed Julie Crawford as the Alexandria City Public Schools representative to the Community Criminal Justice Board; and (f) reappointed Katherin Auth Bingler as the Old Town North residential community representative to the Urban Design Advisory Commission.

9. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

10. City Council received the FY 2021 Second Quarter Capital Projects Status Report.

11. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

12. City Council approved the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

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ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (14)

14. [21-0885](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First and Second Reading of an Ordinance to adopt Supplement 87 of the Zoning Ordinance.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]
City Council passed on first and second reading an ordinance to adopt Supplement 87 of the Zoning Ordinance. (ORD. NO. 5335)

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

15. [21-0905](#) Consideration of Appointments to the Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group.
*City Council appointed the following persons to the Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group:
Dino Drudi was appointed as the member of the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations;
Charlotte Hall was appointed as the representative of a business group;*

*Howard "Skip" Maginniss was appointed as the member of the City's Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (BFAAC);
Brian Sands and Christine Thuot were appointed as the two members that are residents with engineering, environmental, financial or related experience that are not a member of any firm involved with or in pursuit of work proposed or being conducted by the City; and
John Hill, Cheryl Leonard, and Katie Waynick were appointed as the three members nominated by civic associations in flood affected areas.*

16. [21-0919](#) Archaeological Commission
1 Representative from Visit Alexandria
City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Rebecca Doser as the representative from Visit Alexandria to the Archaeological Commission.
17. [21-0918](#) Commission for Women
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Charlotte Florance as the citizen member to the Commission for Women.
18. [21-0917](#) Commission on Information Technology
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed Ricardo Alfaro as the citizen member to the Commission on Information Technology.
19. [21-0916](#) Community Criminal Justice Board
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Marisa Tordella as the citizen member to the Community Criminal Justice Board.
20. [21-0915](#) Human Rights Commission
2 Citizen Members
City Council reappointed William (Christopher) Harris and Susan Kellom as the two citizen members to the Human Rights Commission.
21. [21-0914](#) Sister Cities Committee
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Hendrick Booz as the citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee.

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

22. [21-0871](#) Arlandria-Chirilagua Planning Process Update and Discussion of Draft Housing Affordability Recommendations.
City Council received the planning process update and provided feedback to staff on the Draft Housing Affordability Recommendations for the Arlandria-Chirilagua Plan.

23. [21-0866](#)

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Title 9 Chapter 12: Taxicabs and Other Vehicles for Hire.

City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

24. [21-0877](#)

Work Session on Revising the City's Noise Ordinance.

City Council held the work session on revising the City's Noise Ordinance.

25. [21-0878](#)

Resolution to Commemorate Alexandrians Lost to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the resolution recognizing and commemorating the lives lost to the COVID-19 Pandemic. (RES. NO. 2985)

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilwoman Jackson congratulated the Titan football team on winning the Gunston District Championship for the first time in 30 years.

2. Councilman Aguirre reported that he attended a community meeting at Andrew Atkins homes on Monday sponsored by the applicant for the proposed development at Braddock West. Councilman Aguirre stated that he would be requesting to rescind the motion on from the March public hearing on the item and he requested that the motion to reconsider be docketed for the April 27 legislative meeting.

City Attorney Anderson explained the process for reconsidering an item that has already been voted on by Council.

3. Councilman Aguirre requested that City staff consider contracting with a lobbying firm to help navigate the process for receiving assistance/funding from the American Rescue Plan.

4. Councilman Aguirre reported that President Biden visited Virginia Theological Seminary here in Alexandria and the vaccination distribution clinic they are hosting to highlight the need for equitable distribution of vaccines.

5. Councilman Aguirre reported that the Chamber of Commerce is selling Alx-opoly games.

OTHER

26. [21-0876](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council received and adopted the FY 2021 City Council for April through July 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 a.m.

NOTE: The action docket is a summary of the Council's meeting deliberation 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.