



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2023

Mayor Andy Schabell called the Alexandria City Council Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. followed by the invocation and the pledge to the flag. The following Council Members answering roll call:

Joe Anderson	Present	Tom Baldridge	Present
Stacey Graus	Present	Kyle Sparks	Present
Robert Strong	Present	Susan Vanlandingham	Present

Also: Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk  
Doug DeJaco, Public Works Supt.  
Mike Duncan, City Attorney  
Lucas Cooper, Police Chief  
David Plummer, City Administrator

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 16, 2023, Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:** Tom Baldridge made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023, Regular Meeting, seconded by Susan Vanlandingham. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

### **UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**Terry Conely, VFW:** Wreaths Across America will be December 16 at 11:30am at Tribute Park. He also shared some paperwork for the Vietnam War Memorial to be placed at Tower Park. They have asked for more names of those who were killed during the Vietnam War.

**Kelly Ann Perry, 648 Talus Way:** Ms. Perry was addressing council regarding the accident that occurred on Friday in front of the Middle School. She would like there to be a solution in the interim while a permanent fix is being worked out. She shared a couple of ideas; having safety talks with the students who walk, recommending that students cross at the intersection that is being manned by the school for the buses. She appreciates that officers are present in the area during school hours.

Mr. Sparks believes that now is the time to have the conversation and the schools would have to do that and not council. The state has been contacted to improve the intersection, the intersection has been checked for timing and everything is working correctly. She has tried to contact the school and the board but has not received any call backs. Mrs. Perry says she is willing to put in the work.

Mayor Schabell shared there are many factors in finding and establishing a solution moving forward.

### **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS** – None

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**City Clerk:** Ms. Tarter reported things are slowing down in the office, so they are taking the time to do some organizing and cleaning.

**City Administrator:** See attached report. Mr. Plummer gave an update on the poles that are sitting along 27, Duke Energy will begin work on replacing poles.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**Public Works – Tom Baldridge:** They met this evening and discussed the current salt barn, it's current capacity and future needs for the city. They discussed cost, style and location of a new salt

barn. They also discussed the need for new vehicles and the timeline for purchasing those. The work on the Park Dam is moving forward.

**Safety – Joe Anderson:** Their next meeting will be early 2024.

**Business Retention – Kyle Sparks:** They discussed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and the tools at the city's disposal to bring in more businesses. Their next meeting will be February 1.

**Personnel – Robert Strong:** Next meeting will be in 2024.

**Finance Committee – Stacey Graus:** Next meeting will be 2024.

## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2024 Office Holiday Closures:** See the attached list of office closures.

**December 21 meeting:** Mayor Schabell would like to cancel the December 21 meeting, all of council was in favor.

**Village Green line of sight:** Councilman Graus has had folks approach him regarding the line-of-sight issues caused by the foliage in the landscaping beds. The city can contact the owners and ask them to look into replacing the types of plants. There was also a question of who owned the out lots in Village Green where 5/3, Take 5, Car X & Bob Sumerel are located as some of the parking lots are needing to be repaired.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**2024 Council Committee Calendar:** Ms. Tarter explained the different calendars, one being the 30-minute meetings, one being 1-hour meetings and then the third being a hybrid of the two calendars. After some discussion council was in favor of the hybrid schedule.

## **COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS**

**Tom Baldridge:** He encouraged those who are walking in the morning and evening to wear reflective material or have a flashlight, especially for those walking in areas without sidewalks. He also wanted to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

**Joe Anderson:** He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Robert Strong:** He shared that the city lost a good resident on Sunday, Steve Schweitzer.

**Andy Schabell:** He appreciates everyone and the way they work together to accomplish a common goal even though they don't always see eye to eye.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

December 14, 7:00pm – Code Enforcement Board Meeting

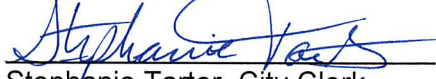
## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- December 1-February 1 – Holiday Lights Recycling, Alexandria Locations: County Clerk's Office, Alexandria Library
- December 8-15 – Christmas/Winter Beautification Award Nominations, must be submitted no later than 12:00pm on 12/15

- December 16-28 – Christmas/Winter Beautification Award Voting, voting will end at 12:00pm on 12/28
- December 25 & 26 – City Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday
- December 26-January 14 – Christmas Tree Recycling, Drop off live trees at Pendery Park for recycling
- December 29 & January 1 – City Offices Closed for New Year's Holiday

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Susan Vanlandingham made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

  
Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 1/4/2024

  
Andy Schabell, Mayor

Date: 1-4-24