



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2024

Mayor Andy Schabell called the Alexandria City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the invocation and the pledge to the flag. The following Council Members answering roll call:

Joe Anderson	Present	Tom Baldrige	Present
Stacey Graus	Present	Kyle Sparks	Absent
Robert Strong	Present		

Also: Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk
Mike Duncan, City Attorney
David Plummer, City Administrator

Lucas Cooper, Police Chief
Doug DeJaco, Public Works Supt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 18, 2024, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024, Regular Meeting, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

Scheduled visitors and guests

Mayor Schabell gave a brief explanation of the process to fill the council vacancy and asked the candidates to share if they wanted.

Council Candidates:

Michael McGarth: He grew up in Alexandria, his kids go to school here, he is the business owner of Sure Drive and Dollhouse Beauty Salon. He believes he is part of the next generation of business owners to help in the future vision of the city.

Patrick Blair: He has lived in Alexandria for 17 years. He shared his past experience and current employment and how they will benefit his position on Future Planning, Business Retention & Development, & Personnel.

Steve Rath: He has lived in the city for 2 years and has worked for multiple municipalities nearby. He is a retired fire fighter and has been to Frankfort to fight for fire fighters and would like to participate in this arena.

Dirk Glahn: He has been a resident for the last 6 years and a lifelong Campbell County resident. He wants to help the city grow and continue to grow in the right direction. He is a citizen ready to help.

Fred Macke III: He is a 10-year resident of Alexandria and lifelong Campbell County resident. He believes he can bring a unique perspective to the council due to his current job and training. He ran as a write-in candidate as a large supporter of police, public works does a great job and wants to enhance that, fiscally responsible, understands the taxation process, supports the exploration of bringing in new streams of revenue while keeping the residents happy.

Sonny Markus: He has served on Planning & Zoning for 20 years and is interested in serving on council. He has lived here for most of his life with his family.

Matthew Short: He is a 6-year resident. Local government matters and having a strategic plan in moving forward is essential as the city grows in the future. He wants to have a hand with how the city grows in a strategic way that benefits the city and residents.

Gordon Walthers: He has lived here for 28 years and worked for Kentucky Farm Bureau. Dealing with insurance and working with the public and his goal is to help Alexandria continue to grow.

Mayor Schabell shared that he is glad to have had 10 applications and that he appreciates all those who have applied. He encouraged everyone to run and to get their application in by June 4 to be on the ballot. Mr. Duncan also encouraged folks to serve on a board or commission as well.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

Mike Duncan then read the following:

Ordinance 2024-03 (2nd Reading): An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, amending Ordinance 2023-05, the City's budget for fiscal year 2023/2024 by transferring funds to and among the various budget accounts according to the attached Exhibit "A", in order to reflect an increase in revenues, and to appropriate funds for the new city building and community center campus project and other programs.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All those in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

Ordinance 2024-04 (1st Reading): An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, approving a recommendation of the Alexandria Planning Commission to approve a zoning map amendment for the Wright Brothers Properties, LLC Real Estate located at 1 Paul Lane, from Residential One-D (R1-D) Zone to Highway Commercial (HC) Zone, in order to allow for redevelopment of the property for a future approved commercial use.

Mr. Duncan explained the location has been used for commercial purposes for several years and is in line with the Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Schabell shared the applicant agreed to keep the tree line between the building and residents on Paul Ln. The building has been gutted but the building will stay.

Ordinance 2024-05 (1st Reading): An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky adopting the 2024 S-24 Supplement to the City of Alexandria Code of Ordinances, as prepared by the American Legal Publishing Corporation.

Mr. Duncan gave a brief overview of the process, and everything has been codified into our Code of Ordinances.

Proclamation 2024-04: 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week: May 5-11, 2024

Proclamation 2024-05: Kids to Parks Day, May 18, 2024

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Mrs. Tarter reminded Council of the Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2024. She asked Council to bring in their code books for the next meeting so they can be updated. It was explained for those running for Council, they have until June 4 to file. They also have 30 days once they file to complete a financial interest statement.

City Administrator: See attached report. The big project is the city campus design, 30% design phase is complete and Pepper has taken all of that and is working on the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the project and will have that on May 17. The park dam project will begin in June and end sometime in August. Alexandria Business Showcase will be May 11, this event is family friendly, with bands, and food/drinks. Two blocks of Washington Street will be shut down for this event.

Mr. DeJaco gave an update on the playground; they have been prepping the site and the installation of the equipment started today.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Public Works – Tom Baldridge: Next meeting will be May 16, 2024, at 6:00pm. Gave a list of agenda items.

Safety – Joe Anderson: Next meeting will be May 16, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Personnel – Robert Strong: Next meeting will be July 18, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Finance – Stacey Graus: They met this evening and the budget is not ready just yet as there are some soft costs and may need to schedule a special meeting. Next meeting will be June 20, 2024 @ 6:00pm.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Park & Rec: Mayor Schabell gave an overview of the meeting and things discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Amplify Alexandria Business Spotlight: Robert Strong gave an overview of Mindful Moments Mental Health Services. They started in 2023 and is run by Melina Scanlon. She is an independently licensed social worker, who is board certified to provide mental health treatment. She currently provides telehealth to residents in Alexandria and other individuals throughout Kentucky. She typically treats those who suffer with anxiety, depression, OCD, and perinatal mental health disorders. She utilizes various techniques, including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Mindfulness Based Therapy. She stated her goal is to bring mental health therapy here to our community and partner with other businesses in the area to provide holistic care. She hopes to be able to expand in the future to be able to provide in-person services.

OLD BUSINESS

Purchase of the F550 for Public Works: Mr. DeJaco shared about the purchase of a new truck and the process of putting it out for bid and Fuller Ford put in for the bid and should be ready to go by the next snow season. Mr. Graus shared the process, and the total cost is \$116,000 approximately.

MOTION: Stacey Grous made a motion to approve the bid from Fuller Ford, seconded by Robert Strong. Roll call vote, Stacey Grous – yea, Robert Strong – yea, Joe Anderson – nay, Tom Baldridge – yea, motion passed 3-1-0.
Mr. Duncan explained the majority of quorum carries the motion.

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldridge: Thanked everyone for coming out and hopes to see them run for election. He shared that he will be at the Memorial Day Parade and that pickleball courts are being looked at for the park for next year.

Robert Strong: Thanked everyone for coming out and putting their application in and it's a big seat to fill.

Stacey Graus: Seconded what Mike Duncan said and encouraged folks to serve on the different boards and commissions. He would like the citizens to have lots of choices and encouraged everyone to run for Council on the upcoming election.

Mayor Schabell: Mayor Schabell again thanked everyone for coming out.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- May 7, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning
- May 8, 7:00pm – Board of Adjustments
- May 14, 7:00pm – Board of Ethics

COMMUNICATIONS

- May 9, 6:00pm – Eagle Scout Bridge Dedication, Alexandria Community Park
- May 11, 12:00pm-8:00pm – Alexandria Business Showcase, Washington St.
- May 18, 9:00am – 12:00pm – Kids to Parks Day, Alexandria Community Park
- May 26, 2:00pm – VFW Memorial Day Parade, Middle School to VFW

Mayor Schabell spoke briefly about the kids Fishing Derby for the City of Alexandria on the first Saturday of June. Fish and Wildlife stock the lake a couple days prior, it is also free fishing weekend.

Chief Cooper added to the communication with thanking everyone who came out for Heroes Day, it was a huge success, and they look forward to doing it again in 2026. Drug takeback was successful as well, shared about the box in the community center that is open for drugs to be dropped in. Wanted to give a huge thanks to Kelly Pompilio and to the social workers with Highlands and Campbell County for the planning of Heroes Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

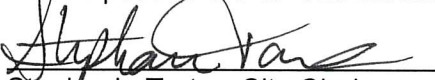
MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(f) to discuss an employee matter, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passes 4-0-0. Executive Session began at 7:42 pm.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0. Returned to regular session at 7:59 pm.


MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to appoint Mr. Patrick Blair as the new City Council Member, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Anderson. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 5/16/24


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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