



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of August 1, 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:

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| Joe Anderson | Present | Tom Baldridge | Present |
| Stacey Graus | Present | Kyle Sparks | Present |
| Robert Strong | Present | Patrick Blair | 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: July 18, 2024, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Patrick Blair made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024, Regular Meeting, seconded by Kyle Sparks. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-1, Stacey Graus abstained.

SCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

CT Consultants & Pepper Construction, New City Campus Update: Mike Anderson, CT Consultants, gave an overview of the site plan and where things are in the design phase and the way the building will be set up. (See attached presentation). He explained the building will have a very modern feel and they will be bringing in some Kentucky stone for the outside of the building. The Memorial will also be moved from its current location and be placed outside of the community center entrance. They showed a walk around video rendering of the outside of the building.

Pepper Construction gave an overview of the overall cost for the construction of the building. He explained the contingency numbers and how they are built into the cost so that the overall cost does not go up but rather goes down over the life of the project. The project completion is scheduled for some time in May 2026.

Mr. Anderson spoke about the geothermal system and showed where it will be located under the parking lot of the police department. He explained it is a large upfront cost but there are significant rebates for the system and cost savings over the life of the building.

The ICC Storm Shelter was also discussed and how it is required by the state and looking at possible spaces for its location. There will be some hardened areas throughout the building in case of an emergency.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS - None

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

Municipal Order 2024-15: A Municipal Order of the City of Alexandria appointing and approving Randy Schoultheis to fill the unexpired term of Dan Feldmann on the City of Alexandria Board of Adjustments for the remainder of his four (4) year term to expire on December 31, 2025, or as soon as his successor is appointed, approved, is qualified and sworn in.

Mr. Schoultheis addressed the council and gave a brief overview of his background and is excited to be part of the growth of the city.

MOTION: Kyle Sparks made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2024-15, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

ORIGINAL

Resolution 2024-06: A Resolution of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, authorizing and directing the mayor to execute a contract with Chamberlin Owen and Company, INC. to provide auditing services for the city.

Mike Duncan gave a brief overview of the situation with the current auditor no longer doing audits for cities. Mr. Plummer advised the cost for services from Chamberlin Owen and Company Inc is less than what was budgeted.

MOTION: Robert Strong made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Resolution 2024-07: A Resolution of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, authorizing and directing the mayor to execute a contract with MD Interior Environments, LLC, dba Design Details Interiors Group, to provide furniture consulting services and to craft a furniture budget for the city's new city building and community center campus project.

Mr. Plummer gave a brief overview of the need for the firm. Stacey Graus mentioned the idea is to save us money by us not making the wrong choices.

MOTION: Patrick Blair made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Resolution 2024-08: A Resolution of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, authorizing and directing the mayor to execute a contract with Donovan Energy, LLC., to provide clean energy finance solutions, aid in tax filing, and advise on energy efficiency opportunities and rebates.

There was some discussion regarding the company, their service, and their cost, and how important this decision is for the new building. Mr. Plummer advised they will be with us to the end of the construction.

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Administrator: See attached report.

Architect G802 request: David Plummer gave a review of CT's request for a cost increase to the contract of \$293,847.00 and that is due to the increase in the size of the building. The cost was negotiated down by roughly \$100,000.00 based on some square footage of the project.

MOTION: Robert Strong made a motion accept CT Consultants' increase in fees, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, motion passed 6-0-0.

Star Consultant's Contract: The city must hire a 3rd party reviewer of the ICC storm shelter; this is required by the state and there are not many firms who are certified with the Kentucky requirements. The firm is located in Columbus, Ohio.

Pole Barn removal: The cost to have the pole barn removed was in the Pepper Construction cost for \$50,000 and the city decided to list it as surplus, and have it removed; the city only received one bid for the removal of the barn. By doing this the city will be saving roughly \$20,000-\$30,000.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Public Works – Tom Baldridge: Next meeting will be August 15, 2024, at 6:00pm.

Safety – Joe Anderson: Next meeting will be September 19, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Bus. Retention & Development – Kyle Sparks: Next meeting will be September 5, 2024, at 6:00pm.

Personnel – Robert Strong: Next meeting will be November 21, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Future Planning – Patrick Blair: Met this evening and had a full agenda, they reviewed the original charter for the committee, also noted that the city's bicentennial is less than 10 years away.

Finance – Stacey Graus: Next meeting will be August 15, 2024, at 6:30pm.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Planning & Zoning: Mayor Schabell gave an overview of the public hearing scheduled on August 6, 2024, at 7:00pm regarding a site plan review of a Wawa.

NEW BUSINESS

Amplify Alexandria Business Spotlight: Central Pawk Dog Wash is the winner. Mitch Leigh is a co-owner with David Heiser, they are both US Navy Veterans. They originally wanted to open an indoor dog park, but that fell through, and they came across the design of the indoor dog wash. They do around 100-120 washes a month for dogs of all sizes.

OLD BUSINESS

Cannabis Operations within City Limits: Mayor Andy Schabell gave an overview of things. Stacey Graus gave a personal testimony of seeing the benefits of cannabis for people he knows. He believes it is long overdue as a tool for doctors in treating conditions. He feels we should put it on the ballot for residents to vote on it.

Resolution 2024-04: A Resolution of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, authorizing and directing that the question of allowing or prohibiting medicinal cannabis business operations in the City of Alexandria be submitted to voters in the next regular election as permitted by KRS 218B.130

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldridge: Congratulations to Bridge Church for paving the parking lot. Briefly mention they are working on trimming a tree back in Walnut Park, he advised there is a process, but the city is working with the homeowner to get it trimmed back.

Joe Anderson: He asked about the bushes in Village Green, the city has been in communication and the bushes have been identified and the owners of Village Green agree. He also asked about

the pickleball courts at the park, money has been allocated for it. He asked if the mayor could make an executive order to move forward with getting bids for pickleball courts. There is a design phase that would have to happen before they put things out for bid.

Robert Strong: Gave a shoutout to Doug DeJaco for his quick response on a catch basin issue.

Patrick Blair: Gave a shoutout to the staff for a complete agenda.

Stacey Graus: Park gravel that was put down on the walkway was an issue and the Public Works are working to remedy the issue.

Joe Anderson brought up some other issues at the park with a flagpole that doesn't have a flag on it, he was advised they no longer use that flagpole, they put in a new one to replace it. He also mentioned the fishing dock has not been touched in a while; he would like to see it cleaned up. He was advised it would be investigated.

FUTURE MEETINGS

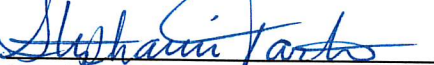
- August 6, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning
- August 7, 7:00pm – Park & Recreation
- August 13, 7:00pm – Board of Ethics, CANCELLED
- August 14, 7:00pm – Board of Adjustments, CANCELLED

COMMUNICATIONS

- August 24, 10:00am-1:00pm – Dog Days, Alexandria Community Park
- August 3-23 – Story Walk, Alexandria Community Park
- August 28 – Alexandria Fair Parade

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 8/15/24


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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