

# ORIGINAL



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2024

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	Patrick Blair	Present

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

Nathan Noguerras, Police Sergeant  
Billy Frilling, Public Works Foreman

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 5, 2024, Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:** Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2024, Regular Meeting, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-1, Kyle Sparks abstained.

### **SCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**Drew Bamberger, DCCH Center for Children & Families:** He introduced himself and what DCCH does for the children who are in Foster Care throughout the Commonwealth. This is the first time for the event called Shop the Hill on September 28, 2024, but they hope to continue this event every year.

### **UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS**

**Debbie Straus, Breckenridge Dr:** She had a question regarding Village Green with the intersection around Chipotle & Wendy's and the missing stop sign. She wanted to know who would be responsible for replacing the sign. The owners of Village Green have been contacted regarding the stop sign but the city does not have an update. There was a suggestion that the city replace the sign and then bill them for the cost, if they would be receptive.

**Carol Strong, Breckenridge Dr:** She is requesting a caution light at the intersection of Arcadia, Breckenridge, and Tollgate. The drivers come down the hill from Arcadia, they look one way and then continue without looking the other. She was advised the city can request the State to do a traffic study because it is a State maintained road. She is also concerned with the area at Elevation Apartments and there not being a traffic light in that area. Mayor Schabell reported the State will do another traffic study once the project is fully built out. He reported the State is reactive rather than proactive to traffic issues in the city.

### **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS**

*(Mike Duncan read the following.)*

**Ordinance 2024-08(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading):** An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, determining that the public way of an alley lying south of East Main Street and east of South Jefferson Street and surrounded by the Delaney real estate, should be closed, making specific findings to support the closing pursuant to KRS 82.405, and closing the public way pursuant to that statute.

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**MOTION:** Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-08, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

**Ordinance 2024-09 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading):** An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, renaming the isolated portion of Washington Street south of East Main Street to Brady Way.

**MOTION:** Robert Strong made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-09, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**City Clerk:** Tax bills have been mailed out and should hit mailboxes over the weekend.

**City Administrator:** Mr. Plummer gave an overview of where things are with the city building site. The civil drawings are almost complete, council will be presented the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the site development in the coming weeks and the dirt is expected to be moved starting in December, possible groundbreaking ceremony on November 26 at 1pm. He gave an update on the pole barn removal, it was awarded to John Kremer, and he will have it down before November.

**Police Department:** See attached reports. Coffee with a Cop is October 8. He advised they have two bike patrol cops who just finished their training, Officer Denney and Officer Gibson. The Campbell County High School homecoming parade is on Thursday, September 26, it will start at the Fair Grounds and then head to the Middle School. Roads will start to be shut down around 6:00pm. Joe Anderson asked a question regarding the bikes and whether the department had to purchase bikes for the officers. Sgt. Noguera gave an overview of the bikes and what equipment was purchased. The department is looking at electric bikes for areas like Arcadia.

**Public Works:** See attached report.

**Zoning/Code Enforcement:** See attached reports.

**Community Center:** See attached report.

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES

**Public Works – Tom Baldrige:** The committee met this evening and discussed a facilities study to look at the Public Works garage. The dock at the park has been updated and fixed. Curb repairs have started on Parkview Dr, Cliffwood Ct and Ridgewood Ct. Next meeting will be October 17, 2024, at 6:00pm.

**Safety – Joe Anderson:** The committee met this evening and discussed the intersection of Washington and US 27; the engineers have a few options on the table, but each option brings up its own set of issues that need to be reviewed. They discussed potentially adding a sign to current stop signs that lists the cost of running a stop signs. Sgt. Noguera gave a crime report and Mr. Graus was impressed with the types of crimes for the city of our size. Next meeting will be in 2025

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

**Personnel – Robert Strong:** Next meeting will be November 21, 2024, at 6:00pm.

**Future Planning – Patrick Blair:** Next meeting will be October 3, 2024, at 6:00pm.

**Finance – Stacey Graus:** Next meeting will be October 17, 2024, at 6:30pm.

## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Profit & Loss Report:** No questions.

#### **Set Halloween Beautification Award Dates:**

Nomination:	October 10-18 by 3:00pm
Voting:	October 19-31
Announce:	November 7

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Amplify Alexandria:** This month's winner of Amplify Alexandria is Take Care Barbershop. Take Care is located at 8357 East Main Street in Alexandria's Old Town business district. The shop is open on Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. by appointment only. They are also open on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for walk-in customers. Take Care opened in January 2024. The owners met while in Barber school and started barbering at his brother's shop in Cold Spring, Kentucky called Northside Cuts. Mr. Strong paid them a visit to them last week to gain some knowledge about the business. Both barbers had clients in their chairs cutting and trimming away. The speakers playing rock and blues from the '60s gave a cool vibe to the shop. Both barbers engaged their customer in conversation while the men received a haircut, beard trim, and a hot towel facial massage and best of all a straight razor shaved neck. Jordan, one of the owners, said they mostly do this to please the wives and girlfriends. Take Care is a great business.

## **COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS**

**Tom Baldridge:** Would like to see more safety meetings for the year, he also asked if he would need to cut his next Public Works meeting so that Finance can have a full hour.

**Patrick Blair:** BeLikeBe event is on October 29 and there may be an alumna soccer game. Great students in the city.

**Stacey Graus:** He is concerned about institutional companies who come in and purchase the homes and then rent the homes, which limits the inventory for individual home ownership. He would like to look at what the city could do to limit those purchases.

He also asked about the turn lane on AA onto the Connector Road as he has not seen any movement. Mayor Schabell reported the project is fully funded and moving forward.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

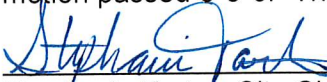
- October 1, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning
- October 2, 7:00pm – Park & Recreation (at City Building)

## COMMUNICATIONS

- September 24, 7:00pm – Free Yoga at the Park
- October 8, 8:30-10:30am – Coffee with a Cop at Brass Key Coffee Shop.

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Tom Baldrige made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50p.m.

  
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Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 10/3/24\_\_\_\_\_

  
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Andy Schabell, Mayor

Date: 10/3/24\_\_\_\_\_