



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2025

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:

Tom Baldridge	Present	Patrick Blair	Present
Shane Collins	Absent	Stacey Graus	Present
Michael McGrath	Present	Robert Strong	Present

Also:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 16, 2025, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldridge made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2025, Regular Meeting, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

SCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

Brandstetter Carroll: Larry Brandstetter presented the final draft copy of the facilities study they performed on the current city building and Public Works facility. He walked through the copy of the study that explained why a new facility is needed for Public Works and what the options could be. (See attached). He then walked through the three short listed properties and the configuration of each. They are recommending the Constable Drive location as it is right next to the building site of the new city campus. There was a question regarding if the suggested site would accommodate future growth of the city. There will be a municipal order presented for Council to accept the facilities study to use in the future.

Mayor Schabell shared the reason behind the facilities study; the city has outgrown its current site and people want to know what will happen to the current city building once the new one is completed, this study gives the city a framework to work within.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

Marc Muench & Tom Ramler, 4-mile Road: Mr. Muench & Mr. Ramler are both from Camp Spring and while they do not have a council, they do have a group to keep an eye on the area. They would like to put a stop to tractor trailers driving on the road that leads from US27 down to Silver Grove. The speed limit is a concern and signs are knocked over. They wanted to let the council know what they are doing and request the city to lend a hand if possible. It was asked if there was data on the number of crashes or accidents on that road. Mr. Ramler said they have asked for some data, but the State has not yet provided that data.

Jack Walters, Serendipity for the Home: He wanted to share and ask for continued support for the Alexandria Business Showcase. They will have the Market on Main on the 1st Saturday of every month. They will also have several festivals throughout the year. The first one will be Alexandria Business Showcase -May 3, Summer Festival - June 7, Fall Festival – October 4, Christmas Festival – November 29 which is also Small Business Saturday. For more information on how to be a vendor visit the Facebook page Market on Main

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

(Mike Duncan read the following.)

Ordinance 2025-01 (2nd Reading): An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky. Approving a recommendation of the Alexandria Planning Commission, in order to adopt text amendments to the Alexandria Zoning Ordinance in order to provide time, place and manner regulations for the location and operation of medical cannabis businesses in the city.

MOTION: Robert Strong made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-01, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

Municipal Order 2025-02: A Municipal Order of the City of Alexandria declaring surplus property and authorizing disposal of Alexandria Community Center refrigerator by disposal.

MOTION: Michael McGrath made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2025-02, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

Municipal Order 2025-03: A Municipal Order of the City of Alexandria declaring surplus property and authorizing transfer of equipment to Northern Kentucky SWAT.

MOTION: Patick Blair made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2025-03, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

Municipal Order 2025-04: A Municipal Order of the City of Alexandria appointing and approving Linda Vogelpohl as a member of the Alexandria Board of Ethics for a full three (3) year term to expire on December 31, 2027, or as soon as her successor is appointed, approved, is qualified and sworn in.

MOTION: Robert Strong made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2025-04, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

Resolution 2025-01: A Resolution of the City of Alexandria in Campbell County, Kentucky, opposing any bills brought forth during the 2025 Kentucky General Assembly session by any member of the Kentucky Legislature, in full or in part, that provides for the mandated centralized collection of local occupational fees/taxes by the Commonwealth of Kentucky or other third parties.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: The office is working on the final notice of delinquent tax bills, they will be going out next week.

City Administrator: See attached report. Mr. Plummer reported on the new city campus project; Bray is on site and have begun clearing the area. The city received the construction documents and next items will start to go out to bid; this will help to finalize the GMP #2 that should be ready

around March 10. They are using an RFI system for the bidding and this will help to eliminate change orders which will save the city money.

The Bid opening for the Pickleball courts happened today and there was only one bidder, Reigler. There was some discussion regarding the cost of the project. The anticipated completion date is June 15th.

He also shared about the city social happening in May, this is an event for the community to meet the city government staff and will be in conjunction with the Alexandria Business Showcase on Main Street.

Police Department: Chief Cooper reported they are still accepting applications for new recruits; they have an SRO for the middle school who will start on Monday.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Public Works – Tom Baldridge: Next meeting will be March 20th.

Business Retention – Michael McGrath: They met this evening and discussed goals and objectives. There is a business workshop on February 17 for local businesses at the Honey Hole at 5:30pm for a meet-and-greet. There will be a few speakers, Northern Kentucky Area Development District, Kevin Reems and Ryan Eaton. There are roughly thirty businesses currently signed up.

Personnel – Robert Strong: Next meeting will be March 20th.

Finance – Stacey Graus: Supposed to meet on March 6th, requesting to change the date.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Park & Recreation: They met this past Wednesday evening and discussed the Pickleball courts, events for the year and their budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Amplify Alexandria: Robert Strong gave a report on the February winner Suzie Fay Interiors, LLC. Ms. Fay began her company 3 years ago and she provides one-time construction clean ups, small maintenance projects & repairs, and painting; she has a steady customer base cleaning houses with products that are chemical free.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Graus wanted to give an update, he and Mr. Duncan are still working on an Ordinance to limit institutional companies from purchasing single-family homes in Alexandria. Mr. Duncan is working on language and there will be an Ordinance in the near future.

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldridge: He asked for an update regarding WaWa, they have started work on the site and may be open by September.

Robert Strong: He congratulated Michael McGrath and his family for being the family highlight in the Alexandria Neighbor magazine.

Mayor Schabell: Attended the Mayor's meeting and heard from NKADD and TANK.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- February 11, 7:00pm – Ethics Board
- February 12, 7:00pm – Board of Adjustments
- February 18, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning

COMMUNICATIONS

- February 17 – City Offices Closed in observance of Presidents' Day

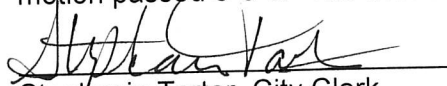
EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Robert Strong made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) for discussions which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's, member's, or student's right to a public hearing if requested. This exception shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret. The City Attorney and Police Chief are invited to join the discussion to provide background, legal input, opinions and advice; and the City Administrator is invited to join the discussion to provide background, factual information, guidance and opinions. No action will be taken tonight as a result of this meeting, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. Executive Session began at 8:16.


MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. Returned to regular session at 8:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 2/20/25


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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