



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2025

Mayor Protem Stacey Graus 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 Baldrige	Present	Patrick Blair	Present
Stacey Graus	Present	Michael McGrath	Present
Robert Strong	Present		

Also: Megan Snyder, Administrative Clerk Lucas Cooper, Police Chief
Mike Duncan, City Attorney David Plummer, City Administrator
Kelly Perry, City Treasurer Doug DeJaco, Public Works Supt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 20, 2025, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2025, Regular Meeting, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

SCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS

Kelly Pompilio, APD Social Worker: Ms. Pompilio introduced herself, gave a brief background about the program and how Alexandria was the first city to have a Police Social worker in the state of Kentucky and now there are 28 social workers in the State. She presented her annual report for 2024, see attached.

Mr. Graus stated that bringing on Kelly has been a great asset, helping the officers do what they need to do, which is police work. Chief Cooper mentioned the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI) recognized Mrs. Pompilio with an award for her leadership and all the work she does. He stated she goes above and beyond and stays very busy.

Council Candidates:

Andrew Casper: He grew up in Rochester, New York, moved here in July 2023 to begin his career at the Maysville DBA and now is at the Clermont County Prosecutors office. Decided to put in for Council because of his background in public policy. He is growing to love the city.

Laura Fincher: She moved here in the summer of 2023, when her husband was hired as the pastor of Alexandria Community Church. She has gotten involved in a lot of different ways here in the community, currently serving on the Park & Recreation Board. She would bring high energy to council, can work with a lot of people, and believes in promoting small local business.

Dirk Glahn: He is a lifelong resident of Campbell County, has lived here in Alexandria for the last 7 years, has deep roots in Campbell County. He loves being in Alexandria and is currently serving on the Board of Adjustment. He believes he can bring a lot to Council, working as a team.

Olivia Groeschen: She is a life long resident of Campbell County, her and her husband moved to Alexandria 3 years ago. She has a degree in human resources & business management. She is driven, organized and passionate and looking to build Alexandria.

AJ Moermond: He served for 2 terms on Council with Highland Heights while they were in a time of growth & development and what he learned can be applied to Alexandria. He is a small business owner and believes that growth needs to be guided so everyone is happy with the outcome. He also served on two hiring communities: public works and police department.

Susan Prather: She has served and worked in local government all her adult life and is now retired and working part-time. She would like to help keep Alexandria, "where the city meetings the country".

Nick Sears: He is not seeking the seat out of personal gain but rather of a desire to help the city grow and be a better city for everyone. He cares deeply about the community, the businesses and the residents and will work to be a bridge between all parties.

Matthew Short: *He was not present but submitted a video.* He has lived in Alexandria with his family for 8 years. He is very active in the community and church; currently serving on the Campbell County Schools Facility Planning Committee. He desires to be involved in the solutions of the city and to help guide the growth of the city in a strategic manner.

Jeremy Todd: He and his family moved to the city 3 years ago. He is a manager of a local bank. He believes he represents what Alexandria is wanting to attract to the city, young professionals from a working-class background. He believes he can be the voice for those who do not fall under the umbrella of Democrat or Republican. He believes government should be decentralized and local.

Carter Unrau: He was born and raised in Alexandria and has always been interested in history and government. He has a major in Recreation and Parks Administration and minor in Public Administration. He would like to start giving back to his community, see more open recreation spaces and more responsible zoning.

Gordon Walthers: He is a 28-year resident of Alexandria with his wife and kids. He has 36 years of experience dealing with the public. Spent two years on the Department of Insurance Compliant Committee for the State and has won various awards. He believes his connections with the local businesses will be an asset to council and looks forward to working with everyone.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS – None

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

(Mike Duncan read the following.)

Ordinance 2025-05 *(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 with conditions for an 18.71 acre parcel located east of Commercial Circle from Residential One D (R-1D) zone to Highway Commercial (HC) zone, and being part of a larger parcel, most of which is already zoned HC, in order to develop and construct a Kroger grocery store and two (2) commercial outlots.

Ordinance 2025-06 *(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 with conditions for a 3.24-acre parcel located at 7940 Alexandria Pike

from Residential One D (R-1D) zone to Highway Commercial (HC) zone, in order to develop and construct a Kroger fueling station.

There was some further discussion and clarifications on the two Ordinances especially in regards to traffic and access to the property.

Resolution 2025-07: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Kentucky, authorizing the execution of a memorandum of agreement between the city and CBL LLC relating to the acquisition, construction, equipping and installation of a retail commercial development project to be located in a designated downtown business district of the city; agreeing to undertake the issuance and sale of industrial building revenue bonds at the appropriate time and subject to the conditions precedent set forth in the memorandum of agreement to pay the costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping and installing said project and facilities; and taking other preliminary action.

Donnie Warner with Frost Brown and Todd explained this Resolution is the first step in issuing bonds. He explained the city will have no financial responsibility for these bonds and just for the incentive. Mr. Graus explained this is a negotiated contract between a city and developer to help the developer offset some of the cost for infrastructure. They have negotiated a 40/60 split with Kroger, where the city will receive 40% (forty percent) and 60% (sixty percent) going back to the developer. The city will also receive gross receipt, insurance premium tax and payroll taxes. Kroger must reach a certain threshold in payroll taxes otherwise the city will receive more property tax. It was explained this is a very common practice with cities.

MOTION: Tom Baldridge made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-07, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

Resolution 2025-06: A Resolution of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, adopting and approving the execution of a Municipal Aid Co-op Program Contract between the Incorporated City and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, as provided in the Kentucky Revised Statutes and accepting all streets referred to therein as being streets which are part of the Incorporated City.

MOTION: Tom Baldridge made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-06, second by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Baldridge is excited about these funds as they help the city stay on track with the 5-year program.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Ms. Snyder shared regarding the VFW Memorial Day parade.

City Administrator: Mr. Plummer gave an update on the new City Building; it has been a slow go this past week due to the rain. The Park Board is conducting a survey and will use that information to help guide them on future plans. Public Works has been active on removing the asphalt to get the site ready for the pickleball courts at the park.

Police Department: See attached report. Chief Cooper shared about the National Drug Take Back event on Sat April 26; there is also a community drop box in the Community Center that folks can use year around during open business hours.

Public Works: See attached report. The street sweeping finished up this past week.

Zoning/Code Enforcement: See attached report.

Community Center: See attached report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Public Works – Tom Baldridge: Next meeting is May 15, 2025, at 6:00pm.

Business Retention & Development – Michael McGrath: Next meeting is July 3, 2025, at 6:00pm.

Finance – Stacey Graus: They met this evening and primarily discussed the budget for FY25/26, also spoke about the investment accounts. They spent most of the time discussing the new city building and how much to borrow while also keeping a good amount in the cash reserves in case there are things that come up later. Next meeting is May 1, 2025, at 6:00pm.

Personnel – Robert Strong: Next meeting is August 21, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Future Planning – Patrick Blair: He is working a special called meeting. Next scheduled meeting is August 7, 2025, at 6:00pm.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Amplify Alexandria: Robert Strong gave an overview of the owners of Serendipity of the Home, the winners for April 2025.

Profit-n-Loss: No one had any questions.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldridge: He mentioned the street sweeping went well, and he thanked all of the candidates who came out.

Michael McGrath: He was also impressed with how many people came out for the open council seat. He gave an overview of the Alexandria Business Showcase on May 3 and encouraged everyone to come out.

Patrick Blair: He too was really impressed with those that showed up for the open council seat. He represents the city on the OKI board and they are the regional recipient for federal dollars to distribute to local projects; Campbell County is well represented. He attended the Ribbon cutting for Hoov's Hang Out, and the owner JJ Hoover gave Alexandria rave reviews on a local news station.

Stacey Graus: He really appreciates all of the candidates, and everyone brings something to the table.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- April 24, 7:00pm – Property Maintenance

COMMUNICATIONS

- April 26, 10:00am – Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, Alexandria Community Park
- May 3, 12:00pm-7:00pm – Alexandria Business Showcase, Washington St
- May 17, 10:00am-12:00pm – Kids to Parks Day, Kids Camouflage Boot Camp, Alexandria Community Park
- June 7, 10:00am-12:00pm – Fishing Derby, Alexandria Community Park

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) for discussions which might lead to the appointment of an individual member. This exception shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret. The City Attorney is 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. Seconded by Michael McGrath. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. Executive Session began at 8:13pm.

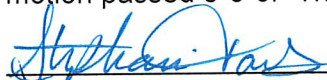
MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. Returned to regular session at 8:34pm.

MOTION: Patrick Blair made a motion to appoint Laura Fincher to the open council seat, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

With the appointment of Laura Fincher, there will be an opening on the Park & Recreation board.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Robert Strong made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 5/1/2025


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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