



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of May 1, 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 Baldrige	Present	Patrick Blair	Present
Laura Fincher	Present	Stacey Graus	Present
Michael McGrath	Present	Robert Strong	Present

Also: Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk
Mike Duncan, City Attorney
Kelly Perry, City Treasurer

Lucas Cooper, Police Chief
David Plummer, City Administrator
Doug DeJaco, Public Works Supt.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mike Duncan gave the Oath of Office to Laura Fincher as the newest council member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 17, 2025, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2025, Regular Meeting, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUESTS – None

Anne McBride – Zoning consultant for Kroger: She gave an overview of where things stand with the traffic study and the timeline of when they might return before the Planning & Zoning board to have the final development plan reviewed after the traffic impact study.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

(Mike Duncan read the following.)

Ordinance 2025-05 (*2nd 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.

MOTION: Robert Strong made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-05, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

Ordinance 2025-06 (*2nd 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.

MOTION: Stacey Graus made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-06, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

Patrick Blair asked what the ideal size lot would be for a store of this size and Ms. McBride stated 15-20 acres.

Municipal Order 2025-08: A Municipal Order of the City of Alexandria appointing and approving Justin Gamble as a full member of the Alexandria Code Enforcement Board for a full three (3) year term to expire on December 31, 2027, or as soon as his successor is appointed, approved, is qualified and sworn in.

Municipal Order 2025-09: A Municipal Order of the City of Alexandria appointing and approving Melinda Brewer as a full member of the Alexandria Code Enforcement Board for the remainder of a three (3) year term to expire on December 31, 2025, or as soon as her successor is appointed, approved, is qualified and sworn in.

MOTION: Tom Balridge made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2025-08 and 2025-09, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed, 6-0-0

Municipal Order 2025-10: A Municipal Order of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, authorizing and directing the city to arrange to obtain bond financing up to \$16,000,000 for the new city building and community center city campus construction project, and for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents, thereby replacing Municipal Order 2025-07.

MOTION: Stacy Graus made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2025-10, seconded by Tom Balridge. This was considered during the finance committee; the project is costing more than expected and he would like the city to have a good reserve after the project is complete. All in favor, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

Proclamation 2025-02: Proclaiming May 17, 2025, as Kids to Parks Day in Alexandria, Kentucky.

MOTION: Robert Strong made a motion to accept Proclamation 2025-02, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

Proclamation 2025-03: Proclaiming May 4-10, 2025, as the 56th Annual Municipal Clerks Week.

MOTION: Patrick Blair made a motion to accept Proclamation 2025-03, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

Proclamation 2025-04: Proclaiming May 11-17, 2025, as National Police Week.

MOTION: Stacy Gruas made a motion to adopt Proclamation 2025-05, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

Executive Order 2025-02: An Executive Order of the Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Campbell County, Kentucky promulgating revisions to the Personnel Policy for the City of Alexandria pertaining to Longevity Pay, Specialty Pay and Employee Training in the Employee Handbook.

Robert Strong thanked the departments for their work in preparing the language.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Ms. Tarter mentioned the Parade for Memorial Day will be Sunday, May 25 starting at 2:00, the Drum Fun class will sit on the float and she will need to know who will participate. She is working with KDLA to preserve the city documents.

City Administrator: See attached report. Mr. Plummer stated Alexandria Business Showcase is still on as of now, the city campus project is still on schedule, but things have been on hold due to the weather. The city applied for a TA grant, and they are in the design stage. Potholes have been filled at Alexandria Village Green, and the Bridge Church is working on repaving the roadway.

Police Department: See attached annual report. Chief Cooper reviewed some of the crimes they are seeing an increase in and how they are more time consuming in nature. There was a discussion regarding the work and demeanor of the department.

Mayor Schabell mentioned Detective Nick Rhoden receiving the Employee of the Year award for 2024. Chief Cooper explained that the award is a peer award, strictly nominated by employees within the department.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Finance – Stacey Graus: They met this evening and discussed the financing for the city campus project and that will be an ongoing process. They discussed the budget for Fiscal Year 25/26 and there should be a first reading at the next meeting. Next meeting is June 5, 2025, at 6:00pm.

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

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Amplify Alexandria: Robert Strong gave an overview of the owners of Kids Consignment Shop. They are celebrating 18 years of business and loves working and living in Alexandria.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldridge: Mentioned the flags might need to be changed.

Michael McGrath: Mentioned Alexandria Business Showcase is happening this weekend, and they have a lot of good vendors lined up and if it does get rained out, stay tuned for a rain out date.

Robert Strong: He welcomed Laura to Council.

Patrick Blair: He thanked Mr. Plummer for working through some of the zone changes with him and he praised the athletic teams in the area and for representing the city.

Stacey Graus: Welcomed Laura to council.

Andy Schabell: He welcomed Laura to council and thanked everyone who showed interest in serving on council. He also apologized for missing that meeting, but it was unavoidable due to work.

FUTURE MEETINGS


- May 6, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning
- May 7, 7:00pm – Park and Recreation
- May 13, 7:00pm – Board of Ethics
- May 14, 7:00pm – Board of Adjustment

COMMUNICATIONS

- May 3, 12:00pm-7:00pm – Alexandria Business Showcase, Washington St
- May 10 – National Letter Carriers Food Drive
- 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
- June 7-8 – Free Fishing Weekend

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 7:47p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 5/15/25


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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