



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of August 21, 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: Megan Snyder, Asst. City Clerk
Mike Duncan, City Attorney
Kelly Perry, City Treasurer

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

Mayor Schabell opened the public hearing at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The City of Alexandria proposes a tax rate which will exceed the compensating tax rate, but the proposed rate is the same as the preceding year. Additionally, the proposed rate is expected to produce revenue from real property, exclusive of revenue from new property, of less than four percent (4%) over the amount of revenue which would be produced by the compensating tax rate. The revenue in excess of the revenue produced in the preceding year is proposed to be allocated to the General Fund to be administered according to the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive taxpayer input on the proposed tax rate for 2025. This notice is required by KRS 132.027 as passed by the Kentucky General Assembly.

Alicia Mueller: Questioned what the additional funds will be used for. Mr. Graus explained the money will go into the general fund, used for any service that the city may need. There will be no specific line where the money will go. He added, the city is growing, and with that comes additional services that are required. Mr. Baldrige added that he would like to see some of that money go toward public works.

Mayor Schabell closed the public hearing at 7:08pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 7, 2025, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve the minutes of August 7, 2025, Regular Meeting, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

SCHEDULED VISTORS AND GUEST:

Michele Nelson – Recognition of Service: Mayor Andy Schabell thanked and presented Mrs. Nelson with a recognition of service plaque for all her years on Board of Ethics and Planning and Zoning.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

(Mike Duncan read the following.)

Ordinance 2025-11 (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 revise regulations for alcoholic beverages, tobacco, electronic smoking device (vape) businesses, and rear yard setback regulations in the city.

MOTION: Bob Strong made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-11, seconded by Tom Baldrige. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Ordinance 2025-12 (2nd Reading): An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, amending section 37.02 of the City of Alexandria Code of Ordinances and the City's Personnel and Pay Classification Plan by amending the salary range for Police Sergeants.

MOTION: Michael McGrath made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-12, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0.

Mr. Baldrige had a question about whether we are matching with other departments. Chief Cooper advised other departments are starting a Sergeant at 80,000, as we are topping them out at 80,000.

Ordinance 2025-13 (1st Reading): An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, providing for the assessment of real property within the corporate limits of the City of Alexandria and levying an Ad Valorem Tax of \$0.140 on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation (1.40 per thousand) of real property in the city for the 2025 assessment tax year and specifying the purpose for which the tax is levied.

Ordinance 2025-14 (1st Reading): An Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, In Campbell County, Kentucky, Amending Chapter 90 of the City of Alexandria Code of Ordinance by adding section 90.10 therein in order to adopt the Campbell County Animal Services fines and fees schedule Pursuant to interlocal agreement.

Municipal Order 2025-17: A Municipal Order of the City of Alexandria appointing and approving Thomas Simpson to fill the unexpired term of Michele Nelson on the city of Alexandria Planning & Zoning commission for the remainder of her four-year term to expire on December 31, 2027, or as soon as his successor is appointed, approved, is qualified and sworn in.

Mrs. Fincher had a question as to why he was interested in the position. Mr. Simpson stated he is semi-retired and loves this community and thought why not help out.

Motion: Robert Strong made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2025-17, seconded by Michael McGrath. All in favor, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

Municipal Order 2025-18: A Municipal Order of the City of Alexandria appointing and approving Rachel Sheley to fill the unexpired term of Dave Downing on the City of Alexandria Board of Ethics for the remainder of his three-year term to expire on December 31, 2026, or as soon as her successor is appointed, approved, is qualified and sworn in.

Motion: Robert Strong made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2025-18, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Mrs. Snyder reminded Council if they would like to walk in the parade to be at the Middle School by 6pm due to roads shutting down at the time.

City Administrator: Mr. Plummer gave an update about Wawa, they are expecting to go into construction next month. They are currently looking for spots for the underground storage tanks, they will have to drain all of the groundwater out of the site, they are currently waiting for approvals from SD1 to do this. He also gave a brief update about the pickleball courts, he advised they were milled out last week and looking at mid-September for paint crew. There was a question about the ETA on turn lane going into Walmart. Mr. Plummer mentioned he heard that perhaps the project is going to start maybe later in the fall.

Police Department: See attached report. School zone is back in play, officers have been hot in heavy in that area. Please slow down and don't speed through the school zone.

Public Works: See attached report.

Zoning/Code Enforcement: See attached report.

Community Center: See attached report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Public Works – Tom Baldridge: Next meeting will be September 18, 2025, at 6:00pm.

Safety – Laura Fincher: Next meeting is September 18, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Business Retention & Development – Michale McGrath: Next meeting is September 4, 2025, at 6:00pm.

Personnel – Robert Strong: Met this evening and discussed Chief Cooper multi-year plan to try and keep officers. Next meeting is October 16, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Future Planning – Patrick Blair: Next meeting is October 2, 2025, at 6:00pm.

Finance – Stacey Graus: Met this evening and discussed the Kroger development, compensating tax rate, City Complex finances. Next meeting is December 4, 2025, at 6:00pm.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Planning and Zoning: The meeting was cancelled this past Tuesday night due to the traffic study not being ready for the Kroger development.

NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS – None

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldridge: Appreciated the guest that came to speak, mentioned he had the same thought about the additional \$27,000 and that unexpected expenses come in all the time.

Robert Strong: Mentioned his walk through the new building with Hailey this past Tuesday. Mentioned they are making great progress, and everything is starting to move forward. Scheduled for September 9 to set steel.

Patick Blair: Kabuto dealership is in a soft opening, they will reach out to schedule a grand opening.

Mayor Schabell: Mentioned this past week he had meetings with our local State Representative and Senator.

FUTURE MEETINGS

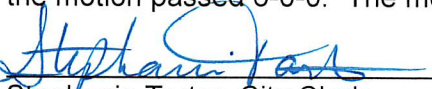
- September 2, 7:00pm – Planning & Zoning
- September 3, 7:00pm – Park & Recreation, last meeting at the Park for the year

COMMUNICATIONS

- August 5-29 – Storywalk at the Park, "The Trouble with Children". A fun kid's book, from a dog's perspective
- August 27, 6:30pm – Alexandria Fair Parade, "Harvest Nights Under Carnival Lights"

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Tom Baldridge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Michael McGrath. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk

Date: 9/4/25


Andy Schabell, Mayor

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