



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting Minutes of September 18, 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	Absent	Robert Strong	Present

Also:

Stephanie Tarter, City 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: September 4, 2025, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to approve the minutes of September 4, 2025, Regular Meeting, seconded by Patrick Blair. All in favor, the motion passed, 5-0-0.

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS AND GUEST

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS & MUNICIPAL ORDERS

Mayor Schabell shared a story about Steve Martin, owner of Empress Chili. He opened his shop 40 years ago and many young people have worked there and learned hard work and customer service. Mayor Schabell shared that he was sworn in as the Mayor 8 years ago in a booth at Empress Chili.

Proclamation 2025-07: Declaring September 23, 2025, as Empress Chili Day.

Clarence Martin thanked the City of Alexandria for being a good partner to small businesses. Mr. Steve Martin said a few words of gratitude to all of his employees who have worked there, the police department, for keeping the city safe and to council for keeping the city beautiful.

(Mike Duncan read the following.)

Resolution 2025-11: A Resolution of the City of Alexandria, in Campbell County, Kentucky, approving Kentucky's Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement, and authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute the attached agreement.

Mr. Duncan explained what the mutual aid agreement entails and how it is a requirement of FEMA in order for the city to be reimbursed.

MOTION: Robert Strong made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-11, seconded by Stacey Graus. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk: Ms. Tarter reported tax bills went out in the mail on Tuesday, so residents should see those in their mailboxes very soon; they can also find their tax amount on the city website at alexandriaky.gov and click on Property Tax Search.

City Administrator: Mr. Plummer gave an update on Wawa and how they will start construction in 2026. He advised that the 709-signal update should start next week, and the road work will begin in October. The pickleball courts are up and good to go, but the fence still needs to be reinstalled; there will be a grand opening celebration once it is all complete. The office staff traveled to RJE, the furniture retailer for new building, and try out some of the pieces. Also the storage has been finalized with Patterson Pope. He heard from Enterprise advising that 3 new police cars will be ready in the next few months.

Police Department: See attached report. Chief Cooper advised he had one correction – only one recruit is at the academy, they are still down 2 officers and are currently hiring. The Homecoming parade was a success with 40 entries. He also thanked Bishop Brossart High School & Campbell County High School girls' soccer teams for honoring local heroes at the game.

Public Works: See attached report. He reported the playground equipment has been installed along with new swings.

Zoning/Code Enforcement: See attached report.

Community Center: See attached report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Public Works – Tom Baldrige: Met this evening and discussed the 709 work, the water-main work in Walnut Park, and the new playground equipment. Next meeting will be October 16, 2025, at 6:00pm.

Safety – Laura Fincher: Met this evening and discussed a public messaging systems and looking at switching up systems and they also discussed the stop sign ticket signs and how they are located at various spots throughout the city, the sign warns drivers of the ticket cost of running a stop sign. Next meeting is November 20, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Personnel – Robert Strong: 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: Next meeting is December 4, 2025, at 6:00pm.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Planning & Zoning: The commission met on Tuesday and discussed tattoo parlors and the traffic study and road improvements on US 27 in relation to the Kroger Development. Mayor Schabell gave a brief review of the meeting and what was discussed. Mr. Plummer walked through the plan and the traffic flow.

Mr. Graus believes this will be best for the area and the residents will eventually get used to the new flow. It was also explained that Kroger will be paying for all of the improvements not the city and the upgrades will be operational by the time Kroger opens.

NEW BUSINESS

Profit -n- Loss: Noone had any questions.

OLD BUSINESS – None

COUNCIL & MAYOR COMMENTS

Tom Baldrige: He commended Phil Liles on how good of job he has done. He would also like to invite Campbell County Superintendent to a council meeting and ask about the middle school expansion and the stadium.

Robert Strong: He gave an update on the building and its progress. The thought is the building will be under roof by the end of November.

Stacey Graus: He shared he moved to the city at the age of 26 and he would be excited about the amenities that are provided. Alexandria is a great place to live and to raise a family.

Mayor Schabell: He shared about the property across from Elevation apartments and they met with the developers and shared what would need to happen for a development to be a success. He shared that they would like to have an open house and to speak with residents to explain what they would like to do.

FUTURE MEETINGS

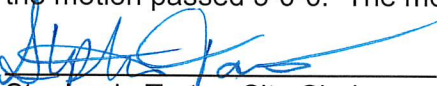
- October 1, 7:00pm – Park & Rec (at City Building)

COMMUNICATIONS

- September 23, 7:00pm – Free Yoga in the Park; bring mat and bottle, rain cancels
- October 7, 8:30-10:30am – Coffee with a Cop, Brass Key Coffee

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Tom Baldrige made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Strong. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



 Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk



 Andy Schabell, Mayor

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