

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & SUMMARY MINUTES

Actions of the City Council for April 24, 2023

The following legislation was considered and acted upon by the City Council of the City of Falls Church. Copies of legislation are available from the City Clerk cityclerk@fallschurchva.gov or 703-248-5014.

Call to Order: Mayor Tarter called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Upon roll call, the following members were present: Ms. Connelly, Mr. Duncan, Vice Mayor Hardi, Ms. Lian, Ms. Schantz-Hiscott, Mr. Snyder, and Mayor Tarter. Also present were City Manager Wyatt Shields, Interim City Attorney Brian Lubkeman, and City Clerk Celeste Heath. Upon proper motion and vote, Mr. Duncan participated remotely for medical reasons.

PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- RECOGNITION OF VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S "IF I WERE MAYOR" ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

City Council issue the following:

- COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE DAVID MEYER FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF FAIRFAX AND THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGION
- PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2023 AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Human Services staff reviewed the Affordable Housing Report and Chair Meredith Anderson reviewed the Housing Commission's Annual Report.

Second readings of ordinances and other items requiring public hearings

(TR23-06) RESOLUTION TO AMEND SPECIAL EXCEPTION SE04-0162, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED THROUGH RESOLUTION 2012-01, TO FURTHER AMEND CERTAIN COMMERCIAL USE RESTRICTIONS ON THE GROUND FLOOR SPACES AT 400-412 SOUTH MAPLE AVENUE (PEARSON SQUARE)

Motion by Mr. Snyder to table (TR23-06) was withdrawn.

Motion by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mayor Tarter to postpone (TR23-06) to the next regular meeting FAILED 2-5. (AYE – Mr. Snyder and Mayor Tarter; NAY - Ms. Connelly, Mr. Duncan, Ms. Hardi, Ms. Lian, Ms. Schantz-Hiscott.)

Motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms. Hardi to adopt (TR23-06) PASSED 5-2. (AYE – Ms. Connelly, Mr. Duncan, Ms. Hardi, Ms. Lian, Ms. Schantz-Hiscott; NAY – Mr. Snyder and Mayor Tarter.) (Res. 2023-15)

(TO23-07) ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REENACT, AND RECODIFY CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE II, "ELECTIONS," OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH TO ADJUST THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY VOTING WARDS IN ORDER TO REBALANCE THE POPULATION OF REGISTERED VOTERS WITHIN THE

WARDS Motion by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Ms. Lian approval of (TO23-07) PASSED 7-0. (Ord. 2060)

(TO23-08) ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ESTABLISHING POLLING PLACES IN THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH Motion by Ms. Schantz-Hiscott, seconded by Mr. Snyder to adopt (TO23-08) PASSED 7-0. (Ord. 2061)

Resolutions and first readings of ordinances

(TO23-03) ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024: GENERAL FUND; SCHOOL OPERATING FUND; SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND; SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND; CABLE ACCESS FUND; SEWER FUND; STORMWATER FUND; AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS; AND ADOPTING THE FY2024-FY2029 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM City Council held a public hearing on this matter.

(TO23-04) ORDINANCE SETTING THE RATE OF TAX LEVY ON REAL ESTATE FOR TAX YEAR 2024 AND ON PERSONAL PROPERTY, MACHINERY AND TOOLS AND ALL OTHER PROPERTY SEGREGATED BY LAW FOR LOCAL TAXATION IN THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH VIRGINIA FOR TAX YEAR 2023 City Council held a public hearing on this matter.

(TO23-05) ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REENACT AND RECODIFY CHAPTER 42, "UTILITIES," TO REVISE SEWER RATES AND FEES AS OF JULY 1, 2023 City Council held a public hearing on this matter.

(TO23-06) ORDINANCE TO SET THE STORMWATER UTILITY BILLING UNIT RATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 42, ARTICLE VII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA AS OF JULY 1, 2023 City Council held a public hearing on this matter.

(TO23-09) ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REENACT, AND RECODIFY CHAPTER 15, "FEES," ARTICLE III, "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS" AND ARTICLE IV, "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH TO UPDATE AND REVISE CERTAIN FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 Motion by Ms. Hardi, seconded by Ms. Schantz-Hiscott to grant first reading to (TO23-09), schedule public hearing, second reading and final consideration for May 8, 2023, and advertise the same according to law PASSED 7-0.

Consent Items

Motion by Ms. Schantz-Hiscott, seconded by Ms. Connelly to approve the consent items PASSED 7-0. The following appointments were made:

- New Appointment: Russ Mardon – Arts and Humanities Council of Falls Church (At-Large Member) - (03/01/23) – 02/28/26 (Unexpired Term)

- New Appointment: Claire McCray – Library Board of Trustees - (07/01/21) – 06/30/25 (Unexpired Term)
- Appointment of Alternate to Regular Member Position: Daniel Polinsky – Architectural Advisory Board - 06/01/23 – 05/31/26

Other Business

AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$2 MILLION EACH PER FISCAL YEAR UNDER AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH ARTHUR CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE **Motion by Ms. Connelly, seconded by Ms. Hardi to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2 million per fiscal year under an existing contract with Arthur Construction Co., Inc. for Intersection Improvement Projects PASSED 7-0.**

Work Session

(TO22-09) ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 48 “ZONING” TO COMBINE TRANSITIONAL DISTRICTS; ELIMINATE SINGLE FAMILY AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USE THEREIN; ALLOW FOR A TOWNHOUSE, APARTMENT, AND CONDO OPTION; AND ALLOW FOR EXPANDED LOT COVERAGE **City Council held a work session on this matter.**

Adjournment

Upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

Legislation	Action
(TO23-07)	Ord. 2060
(TO23-08)	Ord. 2061
(TR23-06)	Res. 2023-15
ARTHUR CONST. CONT.	Authorized