

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & SUMMARY MINUTES

Actions of the City Council for October 23, 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. Upon proper motion and vote, Mr. Snyder participated from a remote location because of work obligations. Also present were City Manager Wyatt Shields, City Attorney Sally Gillette, and City Clerk Celeste Heath.

Resolutions and first readings of ordinances

(TO23-13) ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2062 REGARDING THE BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 FOR THE GENERAL FUND, SCHOOL OPERATING FUND, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND, AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS **Motion by Ms. Lian, seconded by Ms. Schantz-Hiscott to grant first reading to (TO23-13), schedule second reading and public hearing for November 13, 2023, and advertise the same according to law PASSED 7-0.**

(TO23-14) ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 48 “ZONING” OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH AS FOLLOWS: ARTICLE 1, “IN GENERAL,” SEC. 48-2, “DEFINITIONS;” ARTICLE II, “ADMINISTRATION,” DIVISION 3, “AMENDMENTS,” SEC. 48-86, “PROCEDURE,” AND DIVISION 4, “OFFICIAL DESIGNS,” SEC. 48-112, “PROCEDURE;” ARTICLE III, “BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS,” SEC. 48-172, “POWERS;” ARTICLE IV, “DISTRICTS,” DIVISION 13, “O-D, OFFICIAL DESIGN DISTRICT,” SEC. 48-585, “INTENT,” AND SEC. 48-586, “PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED BY RIGHT;” ARTICLE V, “SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS,” DIVISION 6, “HEIGHT, LOT AND YARD REGULATIONS,” SEC. 48-1101, “GENERAL REQUIREMENTS,” AND SEC. 48-1102, “ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, EXCEPTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS;” AND DIVISION 8, “LANDSCAPING,” SEC. 48-1184, “DESIGN CRITERIA” TO: CHANGE ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND VARIANCE CRITERIA IN CONFORMANCE WITH STATE CODE; REMOVE REFERENCE TO T-1 PRINCIPAL USES WITHIN THE OFFICIAL DESIGN DISTRICT; CHANGE FRONT YARD SETBACK DEFINITION SYNTAX FOR CLARITY; REMOVE OUTDATED REFERENCES TO STREET SIDE YARD AND INTERIOR SIDE YARD; AND ADDRESS CODIFICATION ERRORS **Motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms. Schantz-Hiscott to grant first reading to (TO23-14), refer to the Planning Commission, schedule second reading and public hearing for December 11, 2023, and advertise the same according to law PASSED 6-0. (Mr. Snyder was absent for the vote.)**

Consent Items

MOTION by Ms. Schantz-Hiscott, seconded by Ms. Lian to approve the Consent Agenda PASSED 6-0. (Mr. Snyder was absent for the vote.)

APPOINTMENTS MADE ON CONSENT:

- Appointment: William Ackerman – Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks – (09/01/23) – 08/31/26 (Unexpired Term)

- Appointment: Michael Bracken – Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks – (09/01/22) – 08/31/25 (Unexpired Term)
- Appointment: Dave Gustafson – Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority – (10/01/23) – 09/30/27 (Unexpired Term)

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, TO AWARD UP TO \$1,126,655 IN A CONTRACT WITH ARDENT COMPANY, LLC FOR THE NORTH WASHINGTON AND COLUMBIA INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT.

AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$85,000 IN A PURCHASE ORDER WITH FOX ARCHITECTS, LLC FOR CITY OPERATIONS YARD MASTER PLANNING SERVICES
AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT.

(TR23-31) RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH’S PARTICIPATION IN THE VIRGINIA JUVENILE COMMUNITY CRIME CONTROL ACT (VJCCA) **ADOPTED ON CONSENT. (Res. 2023-27)**

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A ONE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH FRIENDS OF FALLS CHURCH HOMELESS SHELTER, INC. AND THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH
AUTHORIZED ON CONSENT.

(TR23-29) RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (NVTC) REGARDING COORDINATION OF FINAL PLANNING AND NEPA ANALYSIS FOR THE ENVISION ROUTE 7 PROJECT **ADOPTED ON CONSENT. (Res. 2023-28)**

Minutes The minutes of September 14, 2020, were approved as corrected.

Closed Session

Upon proper motion and vote City Council held a closed session pursuant to VA Code § 2.2-3711. A. 7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. [Regarding a zoning matter at the Kensington.] and pursuant to VA Code § 2.2-3711. A. 1. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body. [Performance of an employee of the public body.]

Adjournment

Upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 pm.

Legislation	Action
(TO23-13)	PH 11-13-23
(TO23-14)	PH 12-11-23
(TR23-31)	Res. 2023-27
(TR23-29)	Res. 2023-28

