

Alexandria Transit Company (ATC)
ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING MINUTES
February 09, 2021

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria Transit Company (ATC) was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, this meeting was held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 or Section 4-0.01(g) in HB29 and HB30, enacted by the 2020 Virginia General Assembly (Virginia Acts of Assembly Ch. 1283 and 1289), to undertake essential business. All of the members of the Board, City Council, and staff are participating from remote locations through a Zoom meeting.

Board members present: David Kaplan, Ajashu Thomas, Matt Harris, Ian Greaves, Steve Klejst, Jeffrey Bennett, and Lawrence Chambers.

Staff members attending: Josh Baker and Beth Reveles.

Stockholders Attending: Mayor Justin Wilson, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Councilman Canek Aguirre, Councilman John Taylor Chapman, Councilwoman Amy Jackson, Councilwoman Del Pepper, and Councilman Mohamed Seifeldein.

Others Present: City Manager Mark Jinks and City Attorney Joanna Anderson.

Meeting Minutes

Major Justin Wilson called the meeting to order and turned over Chairmanship of the meeting to ATC Board Chairman David Kaplan, who began the meeting by reading the required public notice for virtual meetings.

Agenda Item #1 – Public Comment

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment and asked if anyone had requested to speak. The City Clerk and the ATC General Manager confirmed that no one had requested to make public comment. The Chairman then closed the public comment period.

Agenda Item #2 – Chairman’s Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman acknowledged the ATC Board members in attendance as listed in the attendance roster above.

Agenda Item #3 – Slate of Directors

The Chairman stated that the first order of business was to appoint the ATC Board of Directors, which consists of 11 members. He continued that all 11 incumbents would like to be considered for reappointment to the Board. He asked if there was a motion to approve the slate of Directors as presented. A motion was made by Councilman Mohamed Seifeldein and seconded by Councilman John Taylor Chapman. Councilman Canek Aguirre recused himself from the vote. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed with six voting yes, and one recusal.

Agenda Item #4 – Outside Auditor

The Chairman introduced the second order of business to approve the outside auditor, which is recommended to be the same auditor that the City of Alexandria uses. The outside auditor is Clifton Larson Allen. He asked if there was a motion to adopt the outside auditor. A motion was made by Councilwoman Pepper and seconded by Councilman Chapman. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed seven to zero.

The Chairman then recognized the General Manager & CEO of the Alexandria Transit Company to present his report.

Agenda Item #5 – General Manager’s Report

ATC General Manager Josh Baker began his report with DASH’s successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its partnership with the City.

He explained that DASH has made progress on the Alexandria Transit Vision Plan, which will be called the New DASH Network at implementation. A cost-neutral version of the plan will be implemented in the coming year due to the fiscal constraints the City is facing from the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

He highlighted the DASH mobile ticketing pilot and highlighted its popularity with many DASH riders.

He went on to highlight notable events of the year which included the following:

- I-395 Commuter Choice service improvements, the zero-emission fleet program, and electric bus launch.
- DASH now has over 60 stops equipped with real time bus signage, and there are plans to expand the program in the upcoming year.
- The NEW DASH tracker is in place.
- The Virginia Transit Association awarded DASH the 2019 Outstanding Community Program Award, and Senior Scheduler Tristan Cunningham received the 2019 Unsung Transit Hero Award.

The GM highlighted DASH's plans for 2021 as the following:

- Transit recovery post-pandemic
- King Street Metro bus loop reopening
- DASH bus mobile ticketing app extension
- New DASH Network
- Acquisition of more electric buses

Agenda Item #6 – Other Business

Mayor Justin Wilson thanked the Chairman and GM for the updates and for their leadership during these challenging times in transit.

The Chairman then recognized that all business had been completed as planned for the meeting and asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilwoman Del Pepper and seconded by Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker. A vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Beth Reveles
Secretary to the Board
Alexandria Transit Company