ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

A County Board Recessed Meeting of Arlington County, Virginia, held at the Bozman Government Center 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Room 307 Arlington, VA 22201 thereof on September 22, 2026, at 3:00 PM

PRESENT: Matt de Ferranti, Chair
Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair
Susan Cunningham, Member
Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr., Member
Takis Karantonis, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Schwartz, County Manager
Ryan Samuel, County Attorney
Mason Kushnir, County Board Clerk
Jonathan Davis, County Board Deputy Clerk

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I. COUNTY BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

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Appointments

On a motion by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, the County Board appointed and reappointed several advisory group members.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

Climate Change; Energy and Environment Commission (C2E2)
Reappoint Cynthia Lewin for a term ending September 30, 2028

Commission for the Arts
Designate Griha Singla as Chair for a term ending June 30, 2027
Designate Anneliese Reinemeyer as Vice Chair for a term ending June 30, 2027

Commission on Aging (COA)
Reappoint Adele McClure for a term ending September 30, 2029

Commission on the Status of Women
Reappoint Jade Garnett for a term ending September 30, 2029
Designate Harjinder Gill as Chair for a term ending June 30, 2027

Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee
Appoint Karen Serfis for a term ending January 31, 2028

Crystal and Pentagon Cities Council (CPCC)
Reappoint Emily Norton for a term ending September 30, 2028

Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Reappoint Brad Mason for a term ending February 28, 2027

Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB)
Appoint Zach Newkirk for a term ending September 30, 2030

Neighborhood Complete Streets Commission

Appoint Adam Theo as Transportation Commission Representative for a term ending September 30, 2029

Park and Recreation Commission (PRC)

Reappoint William Way for a term ending September 30, 2028
Reappoint Erika Allen for a term ending September 30, 2028
Reappoint Andrew Damitio for a term ending September 30, 2028

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Recognitions

Matt de Ferranti and members of the County Board offered remarks in memory of Dr. Alfred Taylor as a revered mentor, historian, teacher, and community leader whose wisdom, spiritual guidance, and unwavering commitment to Green Valley inspired and challenged generations of residents and public servants to become their best selves. His enduring legacy lives on through the people he nurtured, the history he preserved, and the profound example of service, leadership, and community stewardship.

Matt de Ferranti and members of the County Board offered remarks in memory of Senator Janet Howell who is remembered as a pioneering public servant, educator, and tireless advocate whose 32 years of legislative service helped advance women's rights, mental health policy, protections against sexual and domestic violence, and equitable public policy throughout Virginia. Her intellect, dedication to justice, and lifelong commitment to serving others leave an enduring legacy that continues to inspire public servants and communities across the Commonwealth.

Susan Cunningham and members of the County Board offered remarks in memory of Donnie Lee Hill who is remembered as a beloved educator, faithful member of Mount Olive Baptist Church, and a gentle giant whose decades of service to Arlington, particularly Green Valley, touched generations of children and families. Her legacy of compassion, mentorship, and community stewardship endures in the countless lives she uplifted, and the community remains grateful for her extraordinary commitment to serving others.

Susan Cunningham, Assistant County Manager Jennifer Fioretti, and members of the County Board recognized the winners of Arlington's first Climate Action Plan Youth Art Contest, which received 25 submissions from students envisioning a more sustainable and resilient future. The contest highlighted the creativity and environmental stewardship of Arlington's youth, with the winning artwork to be featured in the County's Climate Action Plan and a community exhibition in partnership with the Arlington Museum of Contemporary Art, underscoring the important role young people play in shaping Arlington's future.

Matt de Ferranti and Katie Boyle, Deputy Director of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo), presented Arlington County with its 17th Achievement Award, recognizing the County's Internal Coaching Program as an innovative workforce development initiative that provides professional coaching opportunities to employees at all levels. She praised the program as a model for other local governments, noting that it helps attract and retain talented staff by investing in employee growth and development.

Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. recognized retiring Commissioner Elisa Ortiz with a Certificate of Appreciation for her dedicated volunteer service on the Neighborhood Complete Streets Committee, Transportation Commission, Neighborhood Traffic Calming Committee, Complete Count Committee, and Complete Vaccine Committee, including eight years as Commission Chair for the Neighborhood Complete Streets Commission. Mr. Spain, Sr. expressed gratitude for Commissioner Ortiz longstanding commitment to advising the County on transportation issues and serving the Arlington community.

Proclamations

Matt de Ferranti issued the following Proclamation, proclaiming September 2026 as Hunger Action Month, highlighting that food insecurity affects approximately 13.4% of Arlington residents and disproportionately impacts vulnerable populations, while recognizing the community-wide efforts to improve access to nutritious food. The County highlighted it's 2026–2030 Food Security Strategic Plan and encouraged residents to raise awareness, support local food assistance programs, and help ensure all community members have access to healthy food.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, September is recognized as Hunger Action Month, a time to raise awareness of food insecurity and strengthen efforts to ensure that everyone has reliable access to nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity—the lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life—affects residents throughout Arlington and can contribute to poorer health, chronic disease, and challenges with concentration, memory, mood, and performance at work and school; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County's second Food Security Strategic Plan, covering 2026–2030, provides a community-wide roadmap to strengthen food access, address the root causes of food insecurity, and build a more resilient, coordinated, and sustainable local food system; and

WHEREAS, approximately 13.4 percent of Arlington residents, or about 31,500 people, experience food insecurity, with disproportionate impacts on older adults, people with disabilities, Black residents, immigrant communities, and young children; and

WHEREAS, rising food, housing, and other living costs, along with economic uncertainty and changes affecting access to public benefit programs, continue to place pressure on households already struggling to meet basic needs; and

WHEREAS, Arlington's network of nonprofit organizations, faith communities, schools, volunteers, and County programs—including SNAP, WIC, home-delivered meals, and Arlington Public Schools meal programs—works every day to connect residents with groceries, prepared meals, nutrition benefits, and other essential support; and

WHEREAS, Arlington's strength lies in its diverse, connected, and engaged community, and ensuring that every resident can access nutritious food advances our shared commitment to equity, opportunity, dignity, and well-being;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **September 2026**, as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in Arlington County and urge all community members to raise awareness of food insecurity, support local food assistance efforts, volunteer in their neighborhoods, and help advance a community where everyone has access to the nutritious food they need to thrive.

Matt de Ferranti issued the following Proclamation, proclaiming September 22, 2026, as Lyon Village Day, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Lyon Village Citizens Association and recognizing its long history of civic leadership, community engagement, and contributions to Arlington County. The County also recognizes generations of residents whose service and neighborhood traditions have helped shape and strengthen the Arlington community.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION

LYON VILLAGE DAY

WHEREAS, the Lyon Village Citizens Association was formally established in 1926 and is celebrating its 100th anniversary as an active and engaged Arlington community; and

WHEREAS, Lyon Village has a long history of civic involvement, including becoming the first Arlington neighborhood to contribute funding toward the County's zoning efforts in 1929; and

WHEREAS, Lyon Village residents have provided leadership in Arlington and across Virginia, including helping advance the County Manager form of government adopted in 1931 and serving as County Board Members, State Senators, and leaders of the Arlington County Civic Federation; and

WHEREAS, Lyon Village residents also helped develop a uniform system of street names for Arlington, with the plan adopted in 1935 to improve navigation and mail delivery throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Lyon Village is one of the few neighborhoods in Arlington County to own and operate its own Community House, which has served as a gathering place for generations of residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lyon Village community has been an active participant in Arlington's Neighborhood Conservation Program and was among the first neighborhoods to have its neighborhood plan formally adopted by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Lyon Village has fostered a strong sense of community through neighborhood traditions and activities including dinners, dances, talent shows, Fourth of July celebrations, and other events that bring residents together;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **September 22, 2026**, as **LYON VILLAGE DAY** in Arlington County and congratulates the Lyon Village Citizens Association on its 100th anniversary while recognizing generations of residents whose civic leadership, service, and community spirit have contributed to Arlington.

Maureen Coffey issued the following Proclamation, proclaiming September 2026 as National Preparedness Month, encouraging residents to take steps such as making emergency plans, building supply kits, learning lifesaving skills, and staying informed through resources like Arlington Alert. The County highlights its ongoing efforts to strengthen community resilience and emergency preparedness through education, planning, and volunteer engagement.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Board recognizes that preparedness is essential to protecting the safety and well-being of residents, families, businesses, neighborhoods, and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, emergencies and disasters can occur with little or no warning, making advance planning and access to reliable information important for every household and community; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Department of Public Safety Communications and Emergency Management works to strengthen community preparedness through coordinated planning, education, outreach, and resources; and

WHEREAS, September is recognized as National Preparedness Month, a nationwide observance encouraging individuals, families, and communities to take practical steps to prepare for emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, residents can strengthen their preparedness by subscribing to Arlington Alert, understanding local risks, creating a household emergency and communication plan, assembling essential supplies, learning lifesaving skills such as first aid and CPR, and supporting preparedness and response efforts in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Arlington residents can also contribute to community resilience by volunteering with organizations such as the Community Emergency Response Team, which helps prepare residents to assist their neighborhoods before, during, and after emergencies; and

WHEREAS, this year's National Preparedness Month theme, "Americans Stand Ready," emphasizes that preparedness can begin with simple actions and grow over time as individuals and communities take steps to become more informed, capable, and resilient;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **September 2026** as **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH in** Arlington County and urge all residents to stay informed, make a plan, build an emergency supply kit, learn lifesaving skills, and help strengthen the preparedness and resilience of our community.

Maureen Coffey issued the following Proclamation, proclaiming October 8, 2026, as Children's Environmental Health Day, recognizing the importance of protecting children from environmental hazards and promoting safe, healthy places to live, learn, and play. The County encourages community awareness and action to reduce environmental risks and support healthier environments for all children.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION

Children's Environmental Health Day

WHEREAS, children's health and development depend on access to clean air and water, safe food and consumer products, healthy environments, and a stable climate; and

WHEREAS, children can be especially vulnerable to environmental hazards in the places where they live, learn, and play, making awareness, prevention, and strong protections essential to their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Children's Environmental Health Day was established by the Children's Environmental Health Network and first observed in 2016 to raise awareness of children's environmental health issues and recognize progress in protecting children from environmental hazards; and

WHEREAS, observed annually on the second Thursday in October, Children's Environmental Health Day brings together individuals, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, health professionals, educators, families, and advocates in support of healthier environments for children; and

WHEREAS, Children's Environmental Health Day encourages communities to increase awareness and understanding of environmental health risks, strengthen protections for children, and take actions that promote environmental health and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, protecting children from environmental hazards and ensuring that they have safe and healthy places to live, learn, and play supports the health, safety, and well-being of Arlington's children and our entire community;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim

October 8, 2026, as **CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY** in Arlington County and urge all community members to raise awareness of children's environmental health, support efforts that reduce children's exposure to environmental hazards, and take actions that help create healthier environments for every child.

Maureen Coffey issued the following Proclamation, proclaiming October 2026 as Affordable Housing Awareness Month, recognizing that affordable housing is essential to an inclusive, sustainable community and supporting efforts to expand housing opportunities for residents of all income levels. The County highlights its ongoing commitment to affordable housing through the Affordable Housing Master Plan, Housing Arlington, and programs that serve vulnerable populations.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, it is the vision of Arlington County to ensure an economically and culturally diverse, inclusive, and sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, safe, stable, and affordable housing is fundamental to healthy individuals and families, strong neighborhoods, a stable workforce, and ensuring all Arlingtonians have the opportunity to share in the County's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the County Board pursues the preservation and creation of affordable housing through ordinances, plans, site plan approvals, publicly funded affordable housing programs, and other policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, as a caring community, the County has focused particular attention on the housing needs of our most vulnerable populations, including our lowest-income households, persons who have disabilities, persons experiencing homelessness, persons fleeing intimate partner violence, and aging households; and

WHEREAS, the County adopted an Affordable Housing Master Plan in 2015 that outlines goals, objectives, and policies to ensure an adequate supply of housing to meet the community's needs, enable access to housing and services, and contribute to the community's sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the County Board launched Housing Arlington in 2019 to build on existing efforts and pursue new and innovative solutions to expand housing affordability and increase housing choices throughout Arlington; and

WHEREAS, Arlington continues to advance the goals of the Affordable Housing Master Plan by working to provide an adequate supply of housing, ensure access to housing for all segments of the community, and support a sustainable and inclusive Arlington;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **October 2026** as **AFFORDABLE HOUSING AWARENESS MONTH** in Arlington County and urge all members of the community to join the County Board in building broad understanding of the importance of housing affordability to Arlington's sustainability, reaffirming it as a core community value, and promoting housing choices for all Arlingtonians.

Susan Cunningham issued the following Proclamation, proclaiming October 2026 as Urban Agriculture Month, recognizing the vital role of local gardens, farmers markets, educational programs, and community organizations in strengthening food security, sustainability, and community resilience. The County encourages residents to support and participate in urban agriculture efforts that expand access to fresh, nutritious food throughout Arlington.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION

URBAN AGRICULTURE MONTH

WHEREAS, urban agriculture plays an important role in Arlington, with fresh produce grown in community and school gardens, residential spaces, rooftops, indoor farms, and other settings throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County supports urban agriculture and innovation through initiatives including matching grants for controlled-environment agriculture, as well as community gardens and other elements that strengthen Arlington's connection to nature, healthy ecosystems, and the Chesapeake Bay watershed; and

WHEREAS, sustainable and resilient local food systems are an important part of community preparedness and food security, helping strengthen the ability to grow, distribute, and access nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, Arlington is home to 11 farmers markets serving thousands of customers, along with 445 County-supported community garden plots, including accessible gardening space, and programs that expand access to fresh food through SNAP, WIC, Farm Market Fresh benefits, food donations, and pop-up markets; and

WHEREAS, Arlington's libraries and schools support gardeners and young people through education, demonstration gardens, and hands-on learning opportunities, while yard and food waste collection programs support composting and sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Cooperative Extension and its Master Gardener and Master Food Volunteer programs provide education and volunteer training that support the growing, preparation, and enjoyment of nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Urban Agriculture and its Plot Against Hunger program strengthen Arlington's urban agriculture network by supporting school and community gardens, local gardeners, farm gleaning, demonstration gardens, and the donation of fresh produce to local food pantries;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **October 2026** as **URBAN AGRICULTURE MONTH** in Arlington County and encourage residents, businesses, schools, and community organizations to learn about, participate in, and support urban agriculture efforts that advance healthy, sustainable, and resilient local food systems.

Susan Cunningham issued the following Proclamation, proclaiming September 14–18, 2026, as Disability Voting Rights Week, recognizing the importance of accessible elections and the full participation of people with disabilities in civic life. The County encourages awareness, inclusion, and support for equal access to democratic participation for all residents.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION

DISABILITY VOTING RIGHTS WEEK

WHEREAS, more than 40 million Americans with disabilities are eligible voters, and the disability community has an important voice in decisions made at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that people with disabilities can participate fully and equitably in civic life is essential to a representative and inclusive democracy; and

WHEREAS, Disability Voting Rights Week is a nonpartisan national observance that celebrates the disability community, promotes civic engagement, and raises awareness of the importance of accessible elections; and

WHEREAS, REV UP—"Register, Educate, Vote, Use your Power!"—is a national grassroots movement working through state coalitions and community partners to strengthen the civic participation and political power of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Disability Voting Rights Week provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions of disabled voters, advocates, and community organizations and to continue building communities in which everyone has an opportunity to participate and be heard; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County values the full participation of residents with disabilities in civic and community life and recognizes that accessibility strengthens our community for everyone;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **September 14 through 18, 2026**, as **DISABILITY VOTING RIGHTS WEEK** in Arlington County and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of accessible civic participation and support the full inclusion of people with disabilities in our democracy.

Susan Cunningham issued the following Proclamation, proclaiming September 17, 2026, as Find the Good Day, recognizing the Junior League of Northern Virginia's efforts to promote volunteerism, service, and community engagement. The County encourages residents to celebrate acts of kindness and support initiatives that strengthen Arlington's sense of community.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION

FIND THE GOOD DAY

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Northern Virginia is dedicated to empowering women, promoting volunteerism, and strengthening communities through service, collaboration, and meaningful action; and

WHEREAS, Find the Good Day, observed on September 17, 2026, encourages individuals to recognize the positive work happening in their communities and to take action that supports and uplifts others; and

WHEREAS, acts of kindness, compassion, volunteerism, and community service help build stronger connections among neighbors and contribute to resilient, welcoming communities; and

WHEREAS, Find the Good Day provides an opportunity to celebrate individuals and organizations whose service improves the lives of others and inspires continued civic and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Northern Virginia, through its commitment to service and leadership development, supports community initiatives and empowers individuals to create lasting positive change; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County values the contributions of the Junior League of Northern Virginia, residents, volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and community partners who dedicate their time and talents to making Arlington a stronger and more connected community;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **September 17, 2026**, as **FIND THE GOOD DAY** in Arlington County and encourage all community members to recognize the good around them, participate in acts of kindness,

volunteerism, and service, and join the Junior League of Northern Virginia and community partners in strengthening our community.

Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. issued the following Proclamation, recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Ivy Foundation of Northern Virginia, and honoring its longstanding commitment to education, leadership development, public health, scholarship programs, and community service throughout Arlington and Northern Virginia. The County commends the Foundation on lasting impact in empowering individuals and strengthening communities through philanthropy and civic engagement.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IVY FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA, INCORPORATED

WHEREAS, the Ivy Foundation of Northern Virginia, Incorporated, was founded in 2001 as the charitable arm of the Zeta Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and for 25 years has advanced its mission of "Building Communities through Education and Empowerment" throughout Arlington and Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Ivy Foundation of Northern Virginia has strengthened communities through scholarships, youth leadership development, mentoring, educational enrichment, senior engagement, health initiatives, civic education, and partnerships that improve the quality of life for individuals and families across the region; and

WHEREAS, through the Cooley-Moore Scholarship Fund and its signature Cotillion Program, the Foundation has expanded educational opportunities, supported students pursuing higher education, and provided young people with leadership development, cultural enrichment, community service opportunities, and scholarship support; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation has demonstrated a commitment to public health and community well-being through initiatives including Stronger2, a health literacy program that provided more than 64 virtual education sessions and reached over 55,000 individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, through its annual Senior Citizens Holiday Luncheon and other intergenerational programs, the Foundation has honored more than 100 seniors each year while strengthening connections across generations; and

WHEREAS, for 25 years, the Ivy Foundation of Northern Virginia has demonstrated a sustained commitment to education, service, empowerment, philanthropy, and community investment throughout Northern Virginia;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby recognize the **25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IVY FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA, INCORPORATED** and commend the Foundation for 25 years of service, education, empowerment, and philanthropic leadership benefiting Arlington and communities throughout Northern Virginia.

Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. issued the following Proclamation, proclaiming September 27, 2026, as Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day, honoring fallen service members and recognizing the enduring sacrifice, resilience, and strength of their families. The County highlights its deep connection to military service and its commitment to supporting service members, veterans, and their loved ones.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION

GOLD STAR MOTHER'S AND FAMILY'S DAY

WHEREAS, we honor the memory of the courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in service to our Nation and made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country; and

WHEREAS, Gold Star families—including mothers and fathers, spouses, sisters and brothers, daughters and sons, and other loved ones—carry the profound and enduring loss of a family member who died while serving our Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Star symbolizes the sacrifice of those who died in military service and serves as an enduring reminder of the families whose lives were forever changed by their loss; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County has a deep and enduring connection to military service as home to Arlington National Cemetery, the Pentagon, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, and generations of active-duty service members, veterans, and military families; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County supports service members, veterans, and their families through programs including the County's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) program, which helps community members navigate, coordinate, and access behavioral health and other supportive services; and

WHEREAS, Gold Star families preserve the memories and legacies of their loved ones while demonstrating extraordinary strength and resilience, and we also recognize the particular burden carried by families whose loved ones remain missing or unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day provides an opportunity for our community to honor fallen service members, express our lasting gratitude to the families they left behind, and ensure that their service and sacrifice are never forgotten;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **September 27, 2026**, as **GOLD STAR MOTHER'S AND FAMILY'S DAY** in Arlington County and urge all Arlingtonians to honor the lives and sacrifices of our fallen service members and recognize the strength, resilience, and enduring sacrifice of their families.

Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. issued the following Proclamation, recognizing the 160th anniversary of Mount Zion Baptist Church, honoring its enduring legacy of faith, leadership, service, and contributions to Arlington's African American community since 1866. The County celebrates the church's role in fostering spiritual leaders, supporting community needs, and strengthening Arlington through generations of ministry and outreach.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION

Mount Zion Baptist Church 160th Anniversary

WHEREAS, established in 1866, Mount Zion Baptist Church is one of Arlington's oldest African American congregations, tracing its beginnings to the Old Bell Church at Freedman's Village on land that is now part of Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, for 160 years, Mount Zion Baptist Church has provided generations of Arlington residents with a place of faith, fellowship, leadership, and service, remaining a

steadfast institution through Reconstruction, segregation, the Civil Rights era, and periods of profound social change; and

WHEREAS, historically recognized as a "Mother Church" within Arlington's African American Baptist community, Mount Zion helped establish congregations that continue to serve the community today, including Mount Olive Baptist Church, founded in 1872, and St. John's Baptist Church, founded in 1903; and

WHEREAS, Mount Zion has cultivated generations of spiritual and community leaders, ordaining nearly 30 ministers, including 17 women, and fostering a tradition of leadership that has extended throughout Arlington, the Washington metropolitan region, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Mount Zion has demonstrated its commitment to putting faith into action through ministries and community partnerships that support children and families, assist neighbors in need, promote education and health, develop young leaders, and strengthen the broader Arlington community; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Senior Pastor Reverend Dr. André D. Ivy, Mount Zion Baptist Church continues this legacy while celebrating its 160th anniversary under the theme, "Honoring Our Legacy, Embracing Our Future: Love in Action," reflecting both its historic contributions and its commitment to future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby recognize the **160TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH** and joins the congregation and the Arlington community in celebrating 160 years of faith, leadership, service, and lasting contributions to Arlington County.

Takis Karantonis issued the following Proclamation, proclaiming September 2026 as National Sickle Cell Awareness Month, recognizing the challenges faced by individuals living with sickle cell disease and honoring the families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, advocates, and organizations that support them. The County encourages greater awareness, blood donation, education, research, and equitable access to quality care for those affected by the disease.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is the most common inherited blood disorder in the United States, affecting approximately 100,000 Americans and millions of people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is a lifelong genetic condition that causes red blood cells to become rigid and sickle-shaped, restricting blood flow and potentially leading to severe pain, organ damage, stroke, increased risk of infection, and other serious health complications; and

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease affects people of many racial and ethnic backgrounds, including individuals of African, Hispanic, Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, South Asian, and Caribbean ancestry, underscoring the importance of awareness across all communities; and

WHEREAS, National Sickle Cell Awareness Month provides an opportunity to recognize the courage and resilience of people living with sickle cell disease and to honor their families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, researchers, advocates, and blood donors; and

WHEREAS, the Heart of Gold Sickle Cell Foundation of Northern Virginia works to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by sickle cell disease through education, advocacy, patient and caregiver support, wellness initiatives, legislative engagement, and

partnerships with healthcare providers and community organizations throughout Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, greater awareness of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait can help strengthen education, support affected individuals and families, encourage eligible blood donors, and advance access to quality care;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **September 2026** as **NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH** in Arlington County and encourage all residents to raise awareness of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait, support individuals and families affected by the disease, donate blood if eligible, and help advance education, research, health equity, and access to quality care.

Takis Karantonis issued the following Proclamation, proclaiming September 17–23, 2026, as Constitution Week, recognizing the 239th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution and its enduring role in protecting individual rights and guiding American democracy. The County encourages residents to learn about the Constitution and reflect on the responsibilities and opportunities of civic participation and citizenship.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION

CONSTITUTION WEEK

WHEREAS, September 17, 2026, marks the 239th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, establishing the framework of the federal government and providing an opportunity to reflect on the principles and responsibilities of our constitutional democracy; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 1788, Virginia ratified the Constitution, becoming the 10th state to do so and helping establish the new system of government; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution has been amended 27 times, including the first 10 amendments, known as the Bill of Rights, which protect fundamental freedoms and rights including freedom of speech and religion, due process, and protections for those accused of crimes; and

WHEREAS, subsequent amendments have continued to shape and expand the nation's constitutional protections, including the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery, the 14th Amendment guaranteeing citizenship, due process, and equal protection under the law, and the 15th, 19th, and 26th Amendments protecting voting rights regardless of race, sex, and, for citizens age 18 or older, age; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the signing of the Constitution and the importance of civic understanding and participation, Congress enacted Public Law 84-915 in 1956, authorizing the annual designation of September 17 through September 23 as Constitution Week; and

WHEREAS, Constitution Week provides an opportunity for residents to learn about the Constitution, reflect on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, and recognize the continuing role of this foundational document in American civic life;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **September 17 through 23, 2026**, as **CONSTITUTION WEEK** in Arlington County and encourage all residents to learn more about the United States Constitution and reaffirm the principles of civic participation, individual rights, and responsibilities of citizenship.

Matt de Ferranti acknowledged the following issued proclamations in a wrap-up slide: **Tet Trun Thu Children's Day, Fire Prevention Week, WETA Day,** and **Green Valley Day.**

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Board Member Reports

Mason Kushnir updated the County Board on the ongoing Board Structure & Performance initiative, noting that the $25,000 contract that was awarded to the National Civic League to serve as the external research partner, and the research phase is now underway following a project kickoff meeting. All project deliverables remain on schedule, with a preliminary report expected on October 30th, a final report on November 30th, and the next substantial update to the County Board anticipated in December 2026.

County Manager's Reports

Mark Schwartz and Valerie Weiner reported on the Ballston Park and Buckingham Commercial Area Planning Study noting that it was launched in response to expiring affordability commitments and potential redevelopment interest, with goals of preserving affordability, protecting the historic district, and advancing County housing and planning objectives. Staff expect to complete the study by fall 2027, with extensive community engagement planned, while a signed letter of intent with the property owner extends resident protections through 2030 and prevents alternative development proposals during the study process.

Mark Schwartz, Aaron Miller, Chief Andy Penn, and Holly Hartell reported on the County Board decision regarding Flock cameras, emphasizing the need to balance public safety benefits with privacy protection when using technology and data. Staff's report noted that prior County reviews supported the use of safety technologies with appropriate safeguards, while distinguishing Flock's continuously operating, privately networked system from purpose-driven license plate reader technologies used in police vehicles.

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II. CLOSED SESSION

At 6:18 PM, on a motion by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by TAKIS KARANTONIS, Member, the County Board convened a closed meeting, as authorized by Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711.A.1, 7, and 8 for the following purposes:

Discussions and consideration of the performance of three Board appointees;

Consultation with and legal advice from the County Attorney regarding one matter that will result in probable litigation concerning federal actions at County polling places and one matter concerning a damaged County cable where such consultation in or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the Board;

Consultation with and legal advice from the County Attorney regarding two matters in active litigation regarding the County's towing ordinance and a matter pending before the State Corporation Commission where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the Board; and

Consultation with and legal advice from the County Attorney regarding:

1. the Board's legal authority over the Police Department's body worn camera policy and legal options for such policy including for release of body camera footage regarding a certain incident; and

2. the Board and County legal authority regarding the security of and public safety options for the current election.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

Certification of Closed Session Discussion

At 6:38 PM, on a motion by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by SUSAN CUNNINGHAM, Member, on a roll call vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

MEMBER	VOTE
Mr. de Ferranti	Aye
Ms. Coffey	Aye
Ms. Cunningham	Aye
Mr. Spane, Sr.	Aye
Mr. Karantonis	Aye

the County Board certified that, at the just concluded closed session: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Chapter 37, Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

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III. REGULAR HEARING ITEMS

53. Annual list of delinquent taxes submitted by the Treasurer.

On a motion by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by MAUREEN COFFEY, Vice-Chair, the County Board adopted the resolution (attached to the staff report) concerning the annual presentation of lists of delinquent taxes by the Treasurer.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

The adopted resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING ANNUAL LISTS OF DELINQUENT TAXES SUBMITTED BY THE TREASURER

Be it resolved by the County Board of Arlington, Virginia that:

1. Pursuant to Code of Virginia §58.1-3924, the Treasurer is directed to certify to the Director of Real Estate Assessments the 2026 list of real estate on the Arlington Land Book improperly placed thereon or not ascertainable;

2. Pursuant to Code of Virginia §58.1-3924, the Treasurer is directed to publish those real estate and personal property accounts she deems advisable, that is those accounts which equal or exceed $1,000.00 from the lists mentioned in subdivisions 2 and 3 of Virginia Code §58.1-3921 in 2026;

3. Pursuant to Code of Virginia §58.1-3924, the Treasurer is given credit for the tax amounts included in the lists mentioned in subdivisions 4 and 5 of Code of Virginia §58.1-3921 in 2026; and

4. Pursuant to Code of Virginia Code §58.1-3933, the Treasurer is directed to continue to Collect all delinquent taxes until the expiration of the appropriate statute of limitations (§58.1-3940).

#53 – Board Report

#53 – Item Attachment – DELINQUENCY REPORTS

#53 – Item Attachment – MEMO TO THE BOARD FROM THE TREASURER

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52. UPER26-00008 Use Permit for live entertainment at Big Tony's; located at 3100 Clarendon Blvd. (RPC# 19-002-007).

After a duly advertised public hearing, at which there were speakers, a motion was made by MAUREEN COFFEY, Vice-Chair, seconded by JULIUS D. "JD" SPAIN, SR., Member, to deny the use permit for live entertainment at Big Tony's.

A substitute motion was made by TAKIS KARANTONIS, Member, seconded by JULIUS D. "JD" SPAIN, SR., Member, to approve the proposed use permit for live entertainment at Big Tony's, subject to the conditions as displayed onscreen, and with a County Board review in eight (8) months (May 2027).

The substitute motion failed on a vote of 1 to 4, with Mr. Karantonis voting in favor. The voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Nay; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Nay; Susan Cunningham, Member – Nay; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Nay; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

The main motion passed on a vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Karantonis voting against. The voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Nay.

#52 – Board Report

#52 – Item Attachment – LOCATION MAP

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IV. PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

13. UPER26-00021 Use Permit Amendment to increase the hours of operation of live entertainment and dancing for Clarendon Ballroom; located at 3185 Wilson Blvd. (RPC# 15-075-003).

After a duly advertised public hearing, at which there were speakers, a motion was made by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by SUSAN CUNNINGHAM, Member, to approve the use permit amendment for live entertainment and dancing at Clarendon Ballroom, subject to the previously approved and amended conditions of the staff report and with a County Board review in eight (8) months (May 2027).

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

The approved and amended Conditions read as follows:

Approved and Amended Conditions (UPER26-00021):

1. This use permit for live entertainment and dancing (UPER26-00021) was ~~renewed~~ approved by the County Board on ~~January 24, 2026~~ September 22, 2026, and is applicable for the establishment located at 3185 Wilson Boulevard.

2. The applicant agrees that live entertainment and dancing is permitted only during the following days and times:

~~**Day**~~	~~**Hours**~~
~~Monday~~	~~11 a.m. to 12 a.m.~~
~~Tuesday~~	~~11 a.m. to 12 a.m.~~
~~Wednesday~~	~~11 a.m. to 12 a.m.~~
~~Thursday~~	~~11 a.m. to 12 a.m.~~
~~Friday~~	~~11 a.m. to 1 a.m.~~
~~Saturday~~	~~11 a.m. to 1 a.m.~~
~~Sunday~~	~~11 a.m. to 12 a.m.~~
~~Any Day Prior to a Designated Federal Holiday~~	~~11 a.m. to 1 a.m.~~

Day	**Hours**
Monday	5 p.m. to 12 a.m.
Tuesday	5 p.m. to 12 a.m.
Wednesday	5 p.m. to 12 a.m.
Thursday	5 p.m. to 12 a.m.
Friday	5 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.
Sunday	10 a.m. to 12 a.m.
Any Day Prior to a Designated Federal Holiday	5 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
On Federal Holidays: Monday – Thursday	10 a.m. to 12 a.m.
On Federal Holidays: Friday	10 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

3. The applicant agrees to comply, by way of illustration and not limitation, with all applicable requirements of County Ordinances (i.e., Zoning Ordinance) and Codes (i.e., Noise Control Ordinance), and State statutes, including the laws and regulations enforced by the Community Health Protection Bureau, the Fire Marshal, the Police Department and the Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Board (ABC).

4. The applicant agrees that on-site dedicated security shall be provided for the purpose of ensuring orderly conduct of patrons at any time when live performance bands or deejays are operating within the establishment. The on-site security may consist of "in house" staff, so long as that staff is dedicated to security only, and their presence shall be made visible to all patrons through identifiable clothing indicating their role as security.

5. The applicant agrees that under no circumstances shall live entertainment and dancing be permitted in a location outside of the establishment's building.

6. The applicant agrees that windows and doors shall remain closed, with the exception of allowing the passage of patrons and goods into and out of the

establishment, and shall not be propped open during the operation of live entertainment and dancing.

7. The applicant agrees that no sound or audio or video entertainment, including but not limited to television or audio device playing of music and/or sports events, may be piped into by use of speakers, played, or projected so as to be visible or audible from the outdoor café area or rooftop area before 9 am or after 11 pm on Fridays and Saturdays and before 9 am or after 10 pm on Sundays through Thursdays.

8. The applicant agrees that all staff employed by the establishment who serve alcohol to customers shall have TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) certification (or equivalent training accepted by the Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Board (ABC). The applicant agrees to keep a record of TIPS training certification for all employed restaurant staff, including all new staff, and submit this information to the County upon the County's request.

9. The applicant agrees to participate in all meetings of the Clarendon Live Entertainment Neighborhood Advisory Group to work through issues associated with the operation of live entertainment at the subject location, and as a whole within Clarendon. The applicant agrees to identify a representative with management authority or an ownership interest in the establishment who will attend all such meetings and to provide the name and contact information, with updates as necessary, to the County's Clarendon Live Entertainment Group staff liaison.

10. The applicant agrees to post signs in the windows of the establishment which inform patrons to respect the peace of residential neighborhoods, refrain from littering and/or loitering in the neighborhood, and to avoid parking in the residential neighborhoods.

11. The applicant agrees to utilize employees of the establishment, which may include security members, so that any patrons queuing outside of the establishment while waiting to enter during live entertainment and dancing events will remain in an orderly line for the purpose of not obstructing pedestrian passage of the sidewalk or vehicular movements in the travel ways.

12. The applicant agrees to make customers aware of the establishment's proximity to the Clarendon Metro Station, available parking for the establishment, and any special parking arrangements available for customers of the establishment through clearly recognizable postings inside of the establishment and on their website.

13. The applicant agrees timely to broom sweep and remove trash from the sidewalk (using non-motorized tools and methods) in front of the establishment within one (1) hour of its closing for the evening, including any outdoor seating area, if applicable.

14. The applicant agrees to designate a representative of the establishment with management authority or an ownership interest in the establishment as a neighborhood liaison for the purpose of communicating with nearby residents and neighbors to address concerns which may be related to the operation of the establishment's live entertainment and dancing. The applicant further agrees to the following:

    a. That the onsite liaison shall be available during the hours of the business's operation to receive and respond to community concerns regarding issues related to the establishment's live entertainment and dancing operations.
    b. That the name, telephone number, and email address of the neighborhood liaison shall be provided to the following:

i. The County's Clarendon Live Entertainment Group (CLEG) staff liaison.
ii. The Lyon Village Citizen's Association President
iii. The Lyon Park Citizen's Association President
iv. The Clarendon-Courthouse Civic Association President
v. The Ashton Heights Civic Association President
vi. The Clarendon Alliance Executive Director.

c. Promptly update the County's CLEG staff liaison and the community groups listed in this condition of any changes to the establishment's designated neighborhood liaison.

15. The applicant agrees to become a participating member of the Arlington Restaurant Initiative (ARI) within three (3) months of County Board approval.

16. The applicant agrees that in the event of a change of ownership of the establishment subject to this use permit, that the new ownership will provide updated information prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the new ownership of the establishment for the following conditions:

- #8: TIPS Training
- #9: CLEG Participation
- #14: Neighborhood Liaison
- #15: ARI Membership

17. The applicant agrees to either post a copy of these approved conditions in a visible location near the front door of the establishment or to make them immediately available for inspection upon request.

18. The applicant agrees that in the event that any of the following occurs:
    a. three (3) or more documented violations of the Live Entertainment Use Permit conditions during any three (3) calendar month period; or

    b. three (3) or more violations of the Virginia Statewide Building Code, Virginia Property Maintenance Code, and/or the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code during any three (3) calendar month period; or

    c. Any combination of violations in (a) and (b) during any three (3) calendar month period totaling three (3) or more violations (i.e., one (1) violation of use permit conditions, one (1) violation of the Virginia Statewide Building Code, and one (1) violation of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code; or

    d. Any significant instance of repeated public safety issues is documented by the Arlington County Police Department; including but not limited to any of the following occurring onsite, as documented in a formal written incident report by the Arlington County Police Department:

        1. the death of any person, as documented in an Arlington County Police Department incident report;

        2. the discharge of a firearm at the premises;

        3. the use of a knife, blade, or other sharp instrument to inflict bodily injury upon any person at the premises;

        4. an arrest or issuance of a criminal summons for a violation of the Virginia Drug Control Act (Va. Code § 54.1-3400 et seq.) occurring at the premises

that this use permit may be subject to review by the County Board outside of any scheduled review period, which may result in revisions to these conditions or revocation of this use permit. Before referring the Live Entertainment Use Permit to the County Board for review, the County Manager or his designee shall provide the permittee with written notice within thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the scheduled County Board hearing. The notice shall specify: (i) each violation or incident forming the basis for the referral, with reference to the applicable Notice of Violation or incident report; (ii) the date, time, and location of the County Board hearing; and (iii) the range of potential outcomes, including revision of permit conditions, suspension of the use permit for a period of time, or termination of the use permit.

#13 – Board Report

#13 – Item Attachment – MAP

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15. UPER26-00028 Use Permit Amendment to increase the hours of operation for live entertainment (Buena Vida); located at 2900 Wilson Blvd. (RPC #18-011-008).

After a duly advertised public hearing, at which there were speakers, a motion was made by JULIUS D. "JD" SPAIN, SR., Member, seconded by TAKIS KARANTONIS, Member, to approve the use permit amendment to increase the hours of live entertainment at Buena Vida, subject to the previously approved and amended conditions, with a County Board review in eight (8) months (May 2027).

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

The approved and amended Conditions read as follows:

Approved and Amended Conditions:

Buena Vida/TTT/UP (SP362-U-19-1)

1. This use permit for live entertainment (SP362-U-19-1) was renewed by the County Board on ~~January 24, 2026~~ September 22, 2026, and is applicable for the establishment located at 2900 Wilson Boulevard.

2. The applicant agrees that live entertainment is permitted only during the following days and times:

~~Day~~	~~Hours~~
~~Monday~~	[redacted]
~~Tuesday~~	
~~Wednesday~~	
~~Thursday~~	~~8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.~~
~~Friday~~	~~8:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.~~
~~Saturday~~	~~8:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.~~
~~Sunday~~	~~8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.~~
~~Any Day Prior to a Designated Federal Holiday~~	~~8:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.~~

Day	Hours

Monday	5 P.M. to 12 A.M.
Tuesday	5 P.M. to 12 A.M.
Wednesday	5 P.M. to 12 A.M.
Thursday	5 P.M. to 12 A.M.
Friday	5 P.M. to 1:30 A.M.
Saturday	10 A.M. to 1:30 A.M.
Sunday	10 A.M. to 12 A.M.
Any Day Prior to a Designated Federal Holiday	Until 1:30 A.M.

3. The applicant agrees to comply, by way of illustration and not limitation, with all applicable requirements of County Ordinances (i.e., Zoning Ordinance) and Codes (i.e., Noise Control Ordinance), and State statutes, including the laws and regulations enforced by the Community Health Protection Bureau, the Fire Marshal, the Police Department and the Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Board (ABC).

4. The applicant agrees that on-site dedicated security shall be provided for the purpose of ensuring orderly conduct of patrons at any time when live performance bands or deejays are operating within the establishment. The on-site security may consist of "in house" staff, so long as that staff is dedicated to security only, and their presence shall be made visible to all patrons through identifiable clothing indicating their role as security.

5. The applicant agrees that under no circumstances shall live entertainment ~~and dancing~~ be permitted in a location outside of the establishment's building.

6. The applicant agrees that windows, ~~and~~ doors, and other openings shall remain closed, with the exception of doors for the purpose of allowing the passage of patrons and goods into and out of the establishment, and shall not be propped open during the operation of live entertainment and dancing.

7. The applicant agrees that no sound or audio or video entertainment, including but not limited to television or audio device playing of music and/or sports events, may be piped into by use of speakers, played, or projected so as to be visible or audible from the outdoor café area or rooftop area before 9 am or after 11 pm on Fridays and Saturdays and before 9 am or after 10 pm on Sundays through Thursdays.

8. The applicant agrees that all staff employed by the establishment who serve alcohol to customers shall have TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) certification (or equivalent training accepted by the Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Board (ABC). The applicant agrees to keep a record of TIPS training certification for all employed restaurant staff, including all new staff, and submit this information to the County upon the County's request.

9. The applicant agrees to participate in all meetings of the Clarendon Live Entertainment Neighborhood Advisory Group to work through issues associated with the operation of live entertainment at the subject location, and as a whole within Clarendon. The applicant agrees to identify a representative with management authority or an ownership interest in the establishment who will attend all such meetings and to provide the name and contact information, with updates as necessary, to the County's Clarendon Live Entertainment Group staff liaison.

10. The applicant agrees to post signs in the windows of the establishment which inform patrons to respect the peace of residential neighborhoods, refrain from littering

and/or loitering in the neighborhood, and to avoid parking in the residential neighborhoods.

11. The applicant agrees to utilize employees of the establishment, which may include security members, so that any patrons queuing outside of the establishment while waiting to enter during live entertainment and dancing events will remain in an orderly line for the purpose of not obstructing pedestrian passage of the sidewalk or vehicular movements in the travel ways.

12. The applicant agrees to make customers aware of the establishment's proximity to the Clarendon Metro Station, available parking for the establishment, and any special parking arrangements available for customers of the establishment through clearly recognizable postings inside of the establishment and on their website.

13. The applicant agrees to timely broom sweep and remove trash from the sidewalk (using non-motorized tools and methods) in front of the establishment within one (1) hour of its closing for the evening, including any outdoor seating area, if applicable.

14. The applicant agrees to designate a representative of the establishment with management authority or an ownership interest in the establishment as a neighborhood liaison for the purpose of communicating with nearby residents and neighbors to address concerns which may be related to the operation of the establishment's live entertainment ~~and dancing~~. The applicant further agrees to the following:

    a. That the onsite liaison shall be available during the hours of the business's operation to receive and respond to community concerns regarding issues related to the establishment's live entertainment ~~and dancing~~ operations.

    b. That the name, telephone number, and email address of the neighborhood liaison shall be provided to the following:

        i. The County's Clarendon Live Entertainment Group (CLEG) staff liaison.
        ii. The Lyon Village Citizen's Association President
        iii. The Lyon Park Citizen's Association President
        iv. The Clarendon-Courthouse Civic Association President
        v. The Ashton Heights Civic Association President
        vi. The Clarendon Alliance Executive Director.

    c. Promptly update the County's CLEG staff liaison and the community groups listed in this condition of any changes to the establishment's designated neighborhood liaison.

15. The applicant agrees to become a participating member of the Arlington Restaurant Initiative (ARI) within three (3) months of County Board approval.

16. The applicant agrees that in the event of a change of ownership of the establishment subject to this use permit, that the new ownership will provide updated information prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the new ownership of the establishment for the following conditions:

    - #8: TIPS Training
    - #9: CLEG Participation
    - #14: Neighborhood Liaison
    - #15: ARI Membership

17. The applicant agrees to either post a copy of these approved conditions in a visible location near the front door of the establishment or to make them immediately available for inspection upon request.

18. The applicant agrees that dancing is not a permitted use unless granted by the County Board by use permit amendment. Further, the applicant agrees that tables and chairs are not to be removed for the purposes of creating a dance floor or congregating area.

19. The applicant agrees that in the event that any of the following occurs:

    e. three (3) or more documented violations of the Live Entertainment Use Permit conditions during any three (3) calendar month period; or

    f. three (3) or more violations of the Virginia Statewide Building Code, Virginia Property Maintenance Code, and/or the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code during any three (3) calendar month period; or

    g. Any combination of violations in (a) and (b) during any three (3) calendar month period totaling three (3) or more violations (i.e., one (1) violation of use permit conditions, one (1) violation of the Virginia Statewide Building Code, and one (1) violation of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code; or

    h. Any significant instance of repeated public safety issues is documented by the Arlington County Police Department; including but not limited to: any of the following occurring onsite, as documented in a formal written incident report by the Arlington County Police Department:

        1. the death of any person, as documented in an Arlington County Police Department incident report;

        2. the discharge of a firearm at the premises;

        3. the use of a knife, blade, or other sharp instrument to inflict bodily injury upon any person at the premises;

        4. an arrest or issuance of a criminal summons for a violation of the Virginia Drug Control Act (Va. Code § 54.1-3400 et seq.) occurring at the premises

    that this use permit may be subject to review by the County Board outside of any scheduled review period, which may result in revisions to these conditions or revocation of this use permit. Before referring the Live Entertainment Use Permit to the County Board for review, the County Manager or his designee shall provide the permittee with written notice within thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the scheduled County Board hearing. The notice shall specify: (i) each violation or incident forming the basis for the referral, with reference to the applicable Notice of Violation or incident report; (ii) the date, time, and location of the County Board hearing; and (iii) the range of potential outcomes, including revision of permit conditions, suspension of the use permit for a period of time, or termination of the use permit.

#15 – Board Report

#15 – Item Attachment – POLICE MEMO

#15 – Item Attachment – LOCATION MAP

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V. CLOSED MEETING

At 9:28 PM, on a motion by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by TAKIS KARANTONIS, Member, the County Board convened a closed meeting, as authorized by Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711.A.1, 7, and 8 for the following purposes:

Discussions and consideration of the performance of three Board appointees;

Consultation with and legal advice from the County Attorney regarding one matter that will result in probable litigation concerning federal actions at County polling places where such consultation in or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the Board;

Consultation with and legal advice from the County Attorney regarding one matter in active litigation regarding the County's towing ordinance where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the Board; and

Consultation with and legal advice from the County Attorney regarding:

1. the Board's legal authority over the Police Department's body worn camera policy and legal options for such policy including for release of body camera footage regarding a certain incident; and

2. the Board and County legal authority regarding the security of and public safety options for the current election.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

Certification of Closed Session Discussions

At 11:27 PM, on a motion by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by MAUREEN COFFEY, Vice-Chair, on a roll call vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

MEMBER	VOTE
Mr. de Ferranti	Aye
Ms. Coffey	Aye
Ms. Cunningham	Aye
Mr. Spain, Sr.	Aye
Mr. Karantonis	Aye

the County Board certified that, at the just concluded closed session: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Chapter 37, Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

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VI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Joint Representation Agreement

On a motion by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by JULIUS D. "JD" SPAIN, SR., Member, the County Board authorized the County Attorney to negotiate, finalize, and execute the terms of the Joint Representation, Common Interest, and Confidentiality Agreement for Dominion-NextEra Merger Case with the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and anything else reasonably necessary to effectuate this agreement.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

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Judicial Relief for Polling Places

On a motion by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by SUSAN CUNNINGHAM, Member, the County Board authorized the County Attorney or any attorney engaged by the County Attorney to seek such judicial relief as is necessary to protect County polling places or interference in the County's administration of the current election, and to execute any common interest agreements or joint representation agreements related to the same.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

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Damaged Cable Litigation

On a motion by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by TAKIS KARANTONIS, Member, the County Board authorized the County Attorney to file suit and take all necessary actions to recover the costs of repairing a damaged cable near 4970 Columbia Pike.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, at 11:30 PM, the September 22nd, 2026 County Board Recessed meeting was adjourned.

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Matt de Ferranti, Chair

ATTEST:

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Mason Kushnir, Clerk
Approved: October 17, 2026