

City of Alexandria, Virginia
Commission on Information Technology

September 21, 2023 IT Commission Meeting Minutes
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Virtual Meeting

In attendance: Ricardo Alfaro, Sara Crifasi, Timothy Casey, Jay Chauhan, Steve Davidson, Rhonda Syler, Catharine Rice, Heather Wojton, Christopher Harris

City Staff: Vanetta Pledger, Stacey Campbell, Bryan Smith, Patrick Eze, Elizabeth Hoover

1. Call to Order

2. Closed Session

- Requested modification to Cox franchise. The request is to add additional fiber, conduit and handholds to primarily serve INOVA.
- SD: Will this use existing pathways? VP: New pathways, only for hospital system.
- Will the City have access to the conduit? VP: Will verify.
- Public hearing scheduled for October 14, 2023.
- Motion agreeing to amendment is unanimous.
- Motion to leave executive session is unanimous.

3. Approval of August 17, 2023 Minutes (unanimous approval)

4. Announcements, Meeting Schedule and Projects

(a) Proposed Meeting Schedule (unanimous approval for schedule)

(b) Status of the Open Data Resolution memorandum

- Memo that will accompany resolution has been delayed, will be submitted to staff.
- No questions on the memo.

5. City Council Referrals

Cybersecurity Awareness Month Proclamation (motion approved unanimously after discussion)

- Proclamation will be read at October 10, 2023 meeting.

6. Proposal for a new subcommittee: AI and Government

- Jay Chauhan will lead the subcommittee.
- We will come up with a working plan to discuss further at the October meeting.

7. October 2023 Workforce/Cybersecurity Awareness Event

- October 14, 2023 at Del Pepper Community Center.
- ACPS will bring middle school and high school students for panel.
- IDA and Virginia Tech have committed, a couple of other business have shown interest as well.
- Event will be in-person but will be recorded.

8. City Deliverables

Proposals for the City of Alexandria's 2024 General Assembly Legislative Package

- Open data initiatives
- Rural v. urban bias in funding
- Cybersecurity
- Funding for critical infrastructure
- Funding of State IT mandates
- Penetration testing
- Combating misinformation
- 'Dig once' coordination
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Virginia State Police: publish their info on cyber incidents

A memo will be drafted that members can edit/discuss. Motion on this passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment by unanimous approval at 8:45pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2023.