City of Alexandria, Virginia Commission on Information Technology

June 11, 2025 IT Commission Meeting Minutes 7:00 – 8:30 PM

In attendance: Ricardo Alfaro, Sara Crifasi, Steve Davidson, Timothy Casey, Heather Barrows, Rhonda Syler, Brandon Mosoriak, Tom VanAntwerp, Cassie Page, Don Rubin, Francisco Ortiz Hernandez

City IT Staff: Steve Chozick, Stacey Campbell, Bryan Smith, Patrick Eze (virtual)

Public/Other: Dan Green

1. Call to Order

2. Minutes

- (a) Approval of the April 9, 2025 meeting minutes
 - Minutes approved unanimously.

3. Closed Session (as needed)

Closed session was not needed this month.

4. Public Session (as needed)

- (a) From Dan Green: I would like to learn more about Alexandria City's ITS Strategic Plan and its inclusion of AI. How is Alexandria City government preparing for AI and, more specifically, cyber threats to AI?
 - SC: Things have become more challenging with AI. We don't want to get into specifics (tactics/products). We follow best practices, we have a CISO/security team, cybersecurity training for all staff, simulated phishing attacks. There is a policy concerning staff use of AI.

5. City Information Technology Services Updates (Steve Chozick)

- Municipal fiber project: In testing phase, expecting to accept it in late August. About 12-18 months to go-live (setting up NOC, locate/restoration contracts, etc.)
- Comcast cable contract renegotiation is due in October 2026. If the Commission is interested the current agreement is publicly available to read.

6. Policy Discussion

• Open Data Plan Training Proposal postponed to a future meeting.

7. Outreach

- Steve Davidson presented an outreach collaboration between the Commission, City IT and Computer CORE.
- A PowerPoint presentation about the collaboration was shared with the Commission and is available.
- Heather Barrows: Tri-County CC (Maine) would like to give a presentation at a future meeting on an AI tool they have created. The Commission is responsive to this.

8. Leadership Transition

New slate of officers elected unanimously:

• Chair: Rhonda Syler

Vice-Chair: Timothy CaseySecretary: Brandon Mosoriak

Ricardo Alfaro and Sara Crifasi are leaving the Commission. They were thanked by the Commission for all their contributions over the years.

9. Adjournment at 7:55 pm. Next meeting is scheduled tentatively for September 17, 2025.