

City of Alexandria, Virginia
Commission on Information Technology

September 17, 2025 IT Commission Meeting Minutes
7:00 – 8:30 PM

In attendance: Rhonda Syler, Timothy Casey, Brandon Mosoriak, Daniel Rodriguez, Emily Dillard, Steve Davidson, Heather Barrows, Francisco Ortiz, Tom VanAntwerp

City IT Staff: Tammie Wilson, Steve Chozick, Stacey Campbell, Patrick Eze (virtual)

Public/Other: Catharine Rice, Brian Hyatt, Don Rubin, Benjamin McGinniss

1. Call to Order

2. Introductions

3. Minutes

(a) Approval of the June 11, 2025 meeting minutes

- Minutes approved unanimously.

4. Public Comments

No public comments.

5. Review of Commission Charge and Charter

No comments.

6. City Information Technology Services Updates (Steve Chozick)

- City Hall renovation project. Involves several office moves, expected to take approximately three years.
- Fiscal Year 2026 began July 1, 2025. Next budget process is about to begin. The Commission can write letters of support for initiatives.
(DR) Are the changes in federal grants/monies affecting the city? (SC)
Not at this point, but it may in the future.
- There is a federal mandate for government websites to come into compliance with WCAG 2.1 standards as of April 2026.
- 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.)

7. Comcast Agreement

- Comcast cable contract renegotiation is due in October 2026.

- (SD) What is being evaluated in the technical review? (PE) A firm has been hired to check physical infrastructure to ensure it is all proper and compliant.
- Benjamin McGinniss: Does the City require basic cable services as part of this agreement?

8. 2026 City of Alexandria Legislative Package for the Virginia General Assembly (Wendy Ginsburg)

- There is an October 3 deadline for policy recommendations.
- (HB) Implementing GIS/AI at intersections with high rate of accidents.
- (SD) Privacy protections that allow people not to be followed, i.e. CA law.

9. Annual Report and Priorities 2025-2026 Memo

- Send Rhonda any suggestions by 9/24, it is due 10/1.

10. Commission Bylaws

- If you have any interest in this please let Rhonda know.
- The charter is scope, bylaws are operating principles.

11. Cybersecurity Awareness Month Proclamation

- The proclamation will be read at the 10/14 City Council meeting.

12. Cybersecurity Awareness Community Event (Steve Davidson)

- Event is scheduled for Saturday, 10/25, 10a-12p at The View Alexandria, 5000 Fairbanks Ave.
- Speakers will be someone from CISA, Jason Belford with City IT and Ryon Saenz with City IT.
- Topics will be patching/updating, passwords, 2FA, protecting online privacy, defending yourself from scams and malware.
- Coordinating with OC&CE on outreach/advertising.

13. Commission Priorities and Subcommittee Formation

- AI Policy, Open Data, Digital Access, Outreach

14. Other Business

- None at this time.

15. Adjournment at 8:15 pm. Next meeting TBA in October.