

**City of Alexandria, Virginia**  
**Commission on Information Technology**

**January 15, 2026 IT Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**7:00 – 9:00 PM**

In attendance: Rhonda Syler, Timothy Casey (virtual), Brandon Mosoriak, Daniel Rodriguez (virtual), Emily Dillard, Heather Barrows (virtual), Francisco Ortiz, Benjamin McGinniss, Steve Davidson, Randall Williams, Taryn Crane, Tom VanAntwerp (virtual), Nathan Zencey

City IT Staff: Stacey Campbell, Steve Chozick, Patrick Eze, Muhammad Mansour

Public/Other: Gabriel Goetz

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Minutes**

(a) Approval of the November 20, 2025 meeting minutes

- Minutes approved unanimously.

**3. Public Comments**

No public comments.

**4. Updates**

No updates.

**5. City Information Technology Services Updates**

- Fiber Update (Patrick Eze)
  - Migration is targeted to be completed by October 2026, things are on schedule.
  - City is soliciting for management and maintenance and network operations center.
  - Comcast renewal: Negotiations are ongoing, financial and technical audits will be completed in the following months, present to Council and reach agreement in October 2026.
- Budget Update (Steve Chozick)
  - Public presentation along with work sessions begin this month.
  - Add/delete and adoption scheduled for April 20, 2026.
- City Hall Moves (Steve Chozick)
  - Departments moves due to City Hall renovation are ongoing.
  - Info about moves, if desired, are on the City website.

## 6. Open Data Discussion

- City website has a 'Transparency' hub containing items the City thinks that the public would be interested in. Many of these data sets are ripe for open data publishing.
- OPA (Office of Performance Analytics) is leading the data initiatives for the City.
- There are no state requirements at currently time for open data. Some things need to be public, but not via open data.
- Discussion around possibly monitoring access for abuse: aggregation of data, scraping of large amounts of data.
- BM: Would it be easier to discuss data sets as a group and suggest what we would pick first instead of using the rubric? SC: The rubric is a useful tool to explain to data owners clearly how data sets were evaluated.
- RS: The use of the rubric and its work will give a sense of buy-in with data owners.
- DR: Did we solicit/receive feedback from Office of Real Estate Assessments? We will be asked if we've reached out to receive feedback from them. City Attorney office as well, to see what data should/shouldn't be out there. SC: Re: the property assessments this work has been done, the data is out there already. The rubric will assist with the other data sets/partners.
- NZ: What is the general timeline for this being completed, first run through of the data? SC: Next couple of months, data lake is currently being built out, evaluating platforms for it.
- SD: Will there be a challenge of pulling meaningful threads of information out in the data lake? SC: This is already available regarding property parcels. TC: Making it searchable as you're talking about is part of the open data criteria.
- Here are the criteria/principles:
  - Making data easily accessible to all without requiring user registrations or fees to access
  - Making data available in non-proprietary formats
  - Making data available in a structured manner (machine readable)
  - Clearly documenting datasets with metadata
  - Ensuring datasets are complete to the extent possible
  - Making data easily searchable
  - Ensuring the timely posting of data and updating datasets with regular frequency
  - Making datasets available in a stable location
- Benjamin: Question re: license plate reader, where the readers are located, who is accessing the data, data transparency, concerns. SC: Will ask the proper departments about these concerns.
- TC: Next steps. Solicit feedback from everyone by 2/12.

## 7. Outreach

- No updates.

**8. AI Update**

- Next month's meeting will focus on GIS deep-dive and revisiting Open Data. There will be a deep dive for AI in the March meeting.

**9. Next Meeting**

- Thursday, February 19.

**10. Other Business**

- None.

**11. Adjournment** at 8:35 pm. Next meeting scheduled for February 19, 2026.