City of Alexandria, Virginia
Commission on Information Technology

September 17 2026 IT Commission Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM

In attendance: Tim Casey, Rhonda Syler, Brandon Mosoriak, Emily Dillard, Heather Barrows, Steve Davidson, Nathan Zencey, Taryn Crane, Tom VanAntwerp, Randall Williams, Benjamin McGinnis (virtual)

City IT Staff: Ryon Saenz, Steve Chozick, Patrick Eze, Muhammad Mansour

Public/Other: Rebecca Weinstein

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Minutes**

   (a) Approval of the June 11, 2026 meeting minutes

   - Minutes approved unanimously.

3. **Public Comments**

   - Rebecca Weinstein: Comments in favor of the City ending its relationship with Flock cameras.

4. **Updates (Rhonda Syler)**

   - We are good to go re: electronic meetings policy.
   - Cybersecurity month awareness proclamation is coming.
   - Reminder about communication, only two people at a time.

5. **Public Safety Technology Discussion & Advisory Review (Tarrick McGuire, Police Chief & APD representatives)**

   - TM: The City is meeting with other vendors. APD wants to come back to a future meeting before moving ahead with a new vendor to discuss the contract.
   - TC: How are you working with other jurisdictions? TM: It's a concern with jurisdictions who do not have strong governance. There must be a level of connectivity in the COG. Additional safeguards will need to be employed in the future.
   - BM: Flock has changed contract terms several times in the past few months, our only recourse is to leave the contract.
   - TM: Asked the Commission to make a list of things that are critically important to share with him.
   - Ryon Saenz: City IT is working with legal and other departments to ensure explicit language around city data is used in contracts.
   - TM: There is an annual report on Flock data usage, it is due in April.

6. City IT Services Updates

AI (Steve Chozick)

- There has been a rollout of optional AI training for staff.
- Copilot rollout is coming soon, there will be training around this.
- AI guidance document is going to be sunset, it will be moved into ITS administrative regulation Data Protection and Privacy.
- Best practices on using AI will be turned into an advisory page on the intranet.
- Working for something on the public website to explain how the City is using AI.

Municipal Fiber (Patrick Eze)

- Migration of network is underway, there are 9 of 65 sites remaining.
- Currently reviewing proposals for a NOC, there are 14 proposals from the RFP. Once migration is complete the proposals will be looked at.

7. Annual Report

- No feedback received, no questions. Unanimously approved.

8. Legislative Proposal

- SD: Strengthen personal protection laws (GDPR, CCA), have an opt-in model.
- TC: Allowing individual's rights, what ways can we incentivize businesses to maintain frameworks.
- 1a: Unanimous motion approved to remove second sentence of justification.
- 3: Ban of geofence warrants including but not limited to ALPRs, motion defeated.
- RS: If any members have something that they want to add that we do not pass they may add it by completing a survey as an individual.

9. Community Outreach – Cybersecurity Event (Steve Davidson)

- Cyber event will be a lunch and learn over Zoom which will be recorded. The topic will be AI, there is no set date yet.

10. 2026-2027 Proposed Meeting Schedule

- September 17, 2026
- October 15, 2026
- November 19, 2026
- December – no meeting
- January 21, 2027

- February 18, 2027
- March 18, 2027
- April 15, 2027
- May 20, 2027
- June 17, 2027
- Schedule unanimously approved.

11. Annual Organization Meeting/Election of 26/27 Officers

- Chair: Rhonda Syler elected unanimously.
- Vice Chair: Tim Casey elected unanimously.
- Secretary: Brandon Mosoriak elected unanimously.

12. Other Business

- Discussion if the Commission was supposed to vote on Benjamin McGinnis' document from last meeting. It will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- SD: At next meeting Commission should complete and approve a set of recommendations for APD regarding technology to include ALPRs.
- TC, TV: Recommendations should be for the City in general, not just the APD.

13. Adjournment at 910p.