

**City of Alexandria  
Summary Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 6, 2024  
City Council Budget Work Session #2**

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Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Amy B. Jackson, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, Sarah R. Bagley, John Taylor Chapman, Alyia Gaskins, and R. Kirk McPike.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager;

Recorded by: Gloria Sitton, City Clerk and Clerk of Council

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Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order. Ms. Rief, Chair, School Board for Alexandria City Public Schools, gave an overview of the budget proposed by ACPS highlighting student enrollment for City schools, noting the \$355.2 million budget which consists mostly of salaries and benefits for staff and capital improvement projects; ending funding for programs supported by funds from pandemic subsidizes; pursuit of additional funding including potential grant funding; support for student services including social and emotional support and academic learning support; and colocation of City and School services with the opening of the new Minnie Howard Campus and Douglas McArthur Elementary School.

City Council and members of the ACPS School board had a discussion about process during the budget process and how to address the requests from ACPS. Council and School Board discussed funding the request from the schools and working collaboratively with each other to address the concerns of the schools. Council and School Board discussed the possibility of being strategic when formulating budgets and seeking additional funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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**APPROVED BY:**

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**JUSTIN M. WILSON    MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC    City Clerk

Adopted:    May 14, 2024