

**City of Alexandria
Summary Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 7:00 PM
Budget Work Session #3**

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; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Interim Fire Chief Schwartz; Assistant Fire Chief Duke; Sheriff Casey; Undersheriff Nichols, Sheriff's Office; Chief Deputy Gordon, Sheriff's Office; Interim Police Chief Pedroso, Police Department; Assistant Police Chief Laguna, Police Department; Fiscal Officer Woodrow, Sheriff's Office; Ms. Neal, Independent Police Review Auditor, Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Mr. Wick, OMB, Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Ms. Roberts, Deputy City Attorney; Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS); and Ms. Demeke, ITS.

Recorded by: Keia Waters, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order. The meeting began with a presentation from Mr. Lambert, City Manager's Office on Public Safety's prior year investments and highlighted key investments in the proposed budget. Mr. Lambert gave an overview of the current status and challenges faced with the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center budget due to growing usage by Alexandrians. Staff responded to questions from City Council regarding Sheltercare increase of approximately 27%, and the proposed budget increases due to personnel cost as a result of increased usage.

Mr. Lambert gave an overview of the proposed budget for the Fire Department. Chief Schwartz and Assistant Chief Duke responded to questions from City Council regarding increase to Fire Recruit School, current vacancies and ambulance billing fees adjustments.

Mr. Lambert gave an overview of the proposed budget for the Police and Sheriff's Department. Chief Pedroso, Assistant Chief Laguna, Sheriff Casey and Undersheriff Nichols responded to questions from City Council regarding joint Sheriff and Police Cadet Pilot, technology and communication initiatives, Virginia Alcohol and Safety Action

Program, and current and additional positions for Sheriff's Office, Public Defenders Office, and two positions for Independent Policing Auditor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

Keia Waters, CMC Deputy City Clerk