

# City of Alexandria

*301 King St., Room 2400  
Alexandria, VA 22314*



## **Action Docket - Final**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**City Council Special Meeting**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the February 16, 2021 Special Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 and Section 4.0-00(g) in HB29 and HB30 to undertake essential business. All members of the City Council and staff are participating from remote locations through a video conference call on Zoom. The meeting can be accessed by the public through the live broadcast on the government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and can be accessed via Zoom by the following link:

**Registration link:**

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**Webinar ID: 919 4939 5253**

**Webinar Passcode: 045879**

**Dial-in number: 301-715-8592 (Washington DC)**

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**Links:**

**Meeting Agenda and Live Webcast**

The meeting will be webcast live and video and audio recordings will be available a few days after the meeting.

**Zoom Registration Form**

If you wish to use Zoom to watch this meeting or to address Council, you must register first. Those wishing to address Council should also submit a Speaker's Form using the link below.

**Speaker's Form**

<https://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/2020-VIRTUAL-City-Council-Speakers-Form>

Those wishing to address Council should submit a Speaker's Form. Submission of written statements is encouraged. Please sign up after the docket is created and you are able to verify the meeting date on the City's website. If the docket is not posted, you will have to return at a later date to complete the speaker's form in order to speak at a Council meeting.

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**Public Comment will be received at this meeting.**

**All persons wishing to speak before City Council must complete a Speaker's form (see link above). If you have a prepared statement or written comments for the record, you may email it to the City Clerk at [gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov](mailto:gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov). Speakers are encouraged to submit their written comments to the City Clerk.**

**If you would like to submit a written comment, you may also use the "Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Input" form (linked below).**

**Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Written Comment Form:**

**<https://www.research.net/r/AlexandriaVA-FY2022BudgetInput>**

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## **1. Calling the Roll.**

*Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present via Zoom webinar.*

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*Mayor Wilson stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the February 16, 2021 Special Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 and Section 4.0-00(g) in HB29*

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## 2. Public Discussion Period.

**[This period is a public comment period. The first 15 speakers will be heard under item #2 at the beginning of the meeting. Any remaining speakers will be heard at the conclusion of the docketed items.]**

*There were no speakers for the public discussion period.*

## 3. Presentation of the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2022 (including Schools), the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2022 to FY 2031 (including the Schools CIP) and Proposed Tax Rate Recommendations.

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Presentation of the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2022 (including Schools), the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2022 to FY 2031 (including the Schools CIP), and Proposed Tax Rate Recommendations.

*City Manager Jinks presented his proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY2022 (including Schools), the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2022 to FY 2031 (including Schools CIP), and the proposed Tax Rate recommendations. Some of the highlights of Mr. Jinks' presentation included:*

*\*\$11.8 million expenditure savings*

*\*38 unfunded vacant positions*

*\*\$767.6 million operating budget which equals a 1.9% increase in the operating budget*

*\*City operations increase equals \$3.3 million or 0.9%; and*

*\*a real estate tax rate proposed to be reduced from \$1.13 to \$1.11.*

*Mr. Jinks also presented alternative budgets as requested by City Council, including a budget for \$780.6 million if the real estate tax rate remains unchanged and allows the City to increase its operating and capital investments and a budget for \$741.7 million if the real estate tax rate is reduced by 6 cents (no change in average residential tax bill) and the City noticeably reduced programs and services.*

**At the conclusion of the Special Meeting, City Council will go into a Work Session to discuss the following:**

### **FY 2021 Work Session: FY 2020 Proposed Operating Revenues**

#### [21-0765](#)

FY 2021 Work Session: FY 2020 Proposed Operating Revenues

*City Council held the first budget work session on FY 2020 proposed operating*

*revenues following the City Manager's budget presentation. Office of Management and Budget and Finance staff gave a presentation and responded to questions from Council about revenues and compensation in the City of Alexandria.*

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*The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*

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*NOTE: The action docket is a summary of the Council's meeting deliberation prepared largely for staff follow-up. Formal minutes of the meeting, when approved by Council, become the official record of the meeting of Council decisions made at the meeting.*