

**City of Alexandria
Summary Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 17, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Budget Work Session #4
City Council Workroom – City Hall**

Present: Mayor Alyia Gaskins, Vice Mayor Sarah R. Bagley, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Abdel Elnoubi, Jacinta E. Greene, and R. Kirk McPike.

Absent: None.

Key Staff Present: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Browand, Acting Director, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Ms. Predeoux, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Castaneda, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Baker, DASH, CEO; Ms. Landrum, CEO/President, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership; Mr. O'Leary, CEO, Visit Alexandria; Ms. Dawson, Director, Libraries; Ms. Fleming, Director, Office of Communications and Community Engagement (OCCE); Ms. Pledger, Chief Information Officer, ITS; Mr. Smith, ITS; Ms. Demeke, ITS, and Police Lt. May.

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

Mayor Gaskins called the meeting to order. All members of City Council were present.

City Staff gave presentations on the budget proposals from the following departments: Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (including increase the fees on current services); Transportation and Environmental Services (including funding for electric leaf blowers and a noise/nuisance inspector and an adjustment for residential permit parking fee and stormwater utility fees); Housing (with a review of housing initiatives and dedicated revenue streams); DASH (increase for services and personnel costs); and Economic Development by Alexandria Economic Development Partnership and Visit Alexandria.

City Council also received reports from departments who were unable to complete their reports during the previous budget work session, including the City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, Libraries, OCCE, and Information Technology Services.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ALYIA GASKINS MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: May 13, 2025