

Meeting Minutes
City Council Special Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2015
8:00 P.M.
ACPS Headquarters, 1340 Braddock Place
Alexandria, Virginia

Present: Mayor William D. Euille, Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg and Members of Council John Taylor Chapman, Timothy B. Lovain, Redella S. Pepper, Paul C. Smedberg and Justin M. Wilson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, Acting City Manager; Police Captain Wemple; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Birch, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager.

Recorded by: Jacqueline M. Henderson, City Clerk and Clerk of Council

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Euille called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m. and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present.

2. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2015 (Fiscal Year 2016).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 9, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 2; 3/17/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. passed the proposed ordinance on first reading and established the advertised tax rate for residential and commercial real property and personal property; and 2. set the ordinance for public hearing on Tuesday, April 21 and second reading and final passage on Thursday, May 7. The maximum rates authorized by City Council in the ordinance reflect: 1. a base real estate tax rate on residential, commercial and industrial property for calendar year 2015 at \$1.043 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation; 2. assumed in this proposed amount is the continued dedication of 0.6 cents for affordable housing and the continued dedication of 0.5 cents for a stormwater infrastructure trust fund account; 3. assumed in the proposed amount is the continued reservation of 2.2 cents of the real property tax rate for transportation projects; 4. a special services district tax is proposed to continue to be levied on all real property located in the Tier 1 Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District at the current rate of \$0.20 per one hundred dollars of valuation; and 5. tax rates on vehicles and on other classes of personal property are not proposed to change for calendar year 2015. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

There was discussion about adding an additional budget work session to the calendar.

Council consensus was to use April 16 as the additional work session, and that it would be put on the Council Calendar for the March 24 City Council meeting for formal adoption.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, the special meeting of March 17, 2015, was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson
City Clerk and Clerk of Council