

**City of Alexandria**  
**Summary Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2024 7:00 PM**  
**City Council Budget Work Session #4**

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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; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Predeoux, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Taylor, Legislative Director/Assistant City Manager; Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Pledger, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Ms. Dawson, Director, Libraries; Mr. Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Ms. Washington, CEO, Visit Alexandria; Mr. McPike, Director, General Services; Ms. Durham, Deputy Director, RPCA; Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance, and Mr. Greenlief, Assistant Director, Finance.

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

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Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order. The meeting began with a presentation on Central Services, Communications, Economic Strength, RPCA and Cultural Affairs. Kendel Taylor, Director, Finance, began with an overview of prior year central services investments and reviewed the items in the budget that proposed for continued investment to central services, including election support, cybersecurity investment, and business registration pilot program.

Ms. Taylor, Legislative Director/Assistant City Manager, gave an overview of the prior year investments for Communications and Cultural Affairs and noted the proposed items for investment in the proposed budget including, additional positions for communications and public information, investments in Office of Historic Alexandria and continuation of the mobile hotspots and Chromebook loaner program for libraries.

Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager, gave an overview of the prior year investment for items to increase the economic strength in the City and reviewed the items in the proposed budget for continued investment including investments in Visit Alexandria, investment in Alexandria Economic Development Partnership and the inclusion of an economic and fiscal impact studies. Ms. Baker also reviewed the proposed investments

for Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities including investment in the new aquatics center at Minnie Howard and increase in fees for out of school time programs and special events rental fees.

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

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**APPROVED BY:**

  
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**JUSTIN M. WILSON    MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Gloria A. Sittor, CMC    City Clerk

Adopted: April 2, 2024