

City of Alexandria
Summary Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:00 PM
City Council Budget Work Session #5

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, Director, Finance, Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Keeler, Director, Office of Housing.

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

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order. The meeting began with presentation from the Amy Friedlander, Chair, of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee, on their report on the City Manager's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025. Ms. Friedlander offered recommendations from BFAAC for future budget consideration and budget development and ways for City to consider revenue generation. Ms. Friedlander and other members of BFAAC responded to questions from Council about financing and economic development and working with partner agencies.

Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager, gave an overview of prior year investments for Development and Infrastructure including additional positions for grants and stormwater utility projects, positions for the Office of Climate Action, DASH collective bargaining agreements, and funding for yard waste collection programs and street renaming work. Ms. Baker reviewed the proposed investments for the proposed budget including investments in DASH and WMATA for service, collective bargaining investments for DASH and labor and trades, increase in stormwater utility fees and increase in zoning and code administration fees.

Ms. Baker gave an overview of the public service and community well-being prior year investments including housing investments in Arlandria Chirilagua Housing Cooperative, AHDC Arlandria Project infrastructure, and increasing of affordable housing designation increased to 1 cent. Ms. Baker also noted that there were prior investments for community services including funding for eviction prevention and rental assistance, ARISE Guaranteed Income Pilot, summer youth employment program expansion and resources for Del Pepper Community Resource Center. Ms. Baker noted that proposed

investments for FY2025 include funding for food security, youth and safety resilience, funding for positions for DCHS.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: May 14, 2024