

**City of Alexandria**  
**Summary Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 7:00 PM**  
**City Council/School Board Joint Meeting**  
**CIP/School Budget Discussion**

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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; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Pledger, Director/Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services (ITS); Mr. Freed, Chief Climate Officer; Mr. Broward, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Ms. Suehr, Director, Department of Project Implementation (DPI), Mr. Spengler, Director, RPCA; Ms. Castaneda, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Poluicci, Deputy Director, General Services; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Mr. Wick, OMB, Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney, and Ms. Mclean, City Manager's Office.

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 an presentation from Mr. Wicks, Office Management and Budget on the City's Capital Improvement Plan (including Schools CIP) and the proposed budget for the upcoming cycle. Mr. Wicks, along with City Manager Parajon responded to questions from Council and School Board.

Dr. Kay-Wyatt, Alexandria City Public Schools Superintendent, presented a summary of ACPS CIP budget and she, along with ACPS staff responded to questions from City Council and the School Board.

Staff from City and Schools responded to questions from City Council and the School Board about the following topics:

- Budget gap and addressing the modernization needs for schools
- Sustainability as the possible cut because of cost for school projects
- Clarity on Schools long-term planning for facilities and addressing capacity issues.

- Creative financing opportunities for both City and Schools CIP projects.
- Schools reporting back to City Council on K-8 capacity for future needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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**APPROVED BY:**

**JUSTIN M. WILSON    MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**Gloria A. Sitton, CMC    City Clerk**

Adopted: March 12, 2024