

**City of Alexandria
City Council Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 12, 2018 4:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Allison Silberberg, Vice Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Members of Council Willie F. Bailey, Sr., John Taylor Chapman, Timothy B. Lovain, Redella S. Pepper, and Paul C. Smedberg.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Budget and Management (OMB); Ms. Henty, Assistant Director, OMB; Mr. Wicks, Budget Analyst, OMB; Ms. Herring, Budget Analyst, OMB; Ms. Lamm, Budget Analyst, OMB; Ms. Poly, Budget Analyst, OMB; Ms. Evans, Budget Analyst, OMB; Mr. Evans, Budget Analyst; Mr. Jenkins, Management Analyst, OMB; Ms. Bryan, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Silberberg called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of Council were present.

2. Public Hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2019 (including Schools) and the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2019-2028 (including the Schools CIP). Adopting is Scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. A Public Hearing on the Ordinance Establishing the Real Property Tax Rate Will be Held on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

The following persons participated in the public hearing for this item:

1. Robert Eiffert, 1418 Juliana Place, representing the Commission on Aging, thanked the City Manager for the proposed budget and requested that City Council support the proposed budget and he noted that the Commission on Aging is pleased to see there were not significant cuts to services, especially those that support senior adults.

2. Thomas Knighton, 2900 Business Center Drive, city employee, requested an increase in pay for employees in the Transportation and Environmental Services department.

3. Courtney Schlieter, 13 East Myrtle Street, representing Maury Elementary School PTA, spoke in support of the budget and the budget's proposal to fully fund schools.
4. Charles Ziegler, 309 North Langley Street, representing the Friends of Beatley Central Library, spoke in support of the funding for libraries in the proposed budget.
5. Melissa Harrington, 417 Monticello Boulevard, spoke in support of fully funding schools in the proposed budget.
6. Cindy Martinez, 2706 Holly Street, representing George Washington Middle School PTA, spoke in support of fully funding schools in the proposed budget.
7. Marie Randall, 2904 Cameron Knoll Road, spoke in support of fully funding schools in the proposed budget.
8. Will Oakley, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, requested that Council increase funding in the budget for public safety employees and other emergency personnel to make salaries competitive. Mr. Oakley requested a 10% increase in pay and an increase in market rate adjustment for public safety employees.
9. Peter Prunty, 731 Seaton Avenue, requested that Council increase funding in the budget for public safety employees to make salaries competitive.
10. Diana Barrett, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, representing Southern States Police Benevolent Association, requested that Council increase funding in the budget for public safety employees to make salaries competitive.
11. Marcus Downey, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, requested that Council increase funding in the budget for public safety employees to make salaries competitive.
12. William Taylor, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, requested that Council increase funding in the budget for public safety employees to make salaries competitive.
13. Stephen Thayer, 125 North Lee Street, representing the Waterfront Commission, spoke in support of funding for the top priorities of the Waterfront Plan, including park planning and flood mitigation. Mr. Thayer made recommendations for funding the continued implementation for the Waterfront Plan.
14. Maximus Dillon, 22 West Custis Avenue, student, requested funding for a rugby program at T. C. Williams High School.
15. Marina Medvin, 916 Prince Street, spoke in support of civil rights and requested that Council increase funding in the budget for public safety employees.
16. Deborah Altenburg, 222 East Del Ray Avenue, Alexandria PTA Council, spoke in support of fully funding the schools in the proposed budget.
17. Michelle Rief, 3110 Landover Street, spoke in support of fully funding the schools

in the proposed budget.

18. Joseph Shumard, 809 Oronoco Street, requested that Council increase funding in the budget for public safety employees for higher salaries.

19. Marcella Oakley, 4420 Berwick Place, Woodbrigde, Virginia, requested that Council increase funding in the budget for public safety employees to make salaries competitive.

20. Chad Lallier, 4609 Seminary Road, requested the Council increase funding in the budget for fire and emergency personnel to make salaries competitive.

21. Charlette Mitchell, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, requested that Council increase funding in the budget for public safety employees to make salaries competitive.

22. Jamica Marie Littles, 615 Swann Avenue, Apt. 238, representing the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission, spoke in support of fully funding the school budget and the funding of initiatives for children, youth and families.

23. Benjamin Klein, 1401 Kenwood Avenue, representing the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee, stated that the committee supports the City Manager's fiscally responsible budget proposal and offered recommendations to possible incorporate into the budgeting process better in the upcoming years.

24. Peter Feltham, 9203, Providence Court, Frederick, Maryland, requested that Council increase funding in the budget for public safety employees to make salaries competitive.

25. Bennie Evans, 490 Seminary Road, #330, requested that Council increase funding in the budget for public safety employees to make salaries competitive.

26. Constance Kniesler, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, requested that Council increase funding in the budget for public safety employees to make salaries competitive.

27. Daniel Sweeney, Jr., 22 East Oak Street, representing Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center, spoke in support of funding Mental Health care and availability in the City.

28. Megan Ellzy, 1210 Cameron Street, representing the Firefighters Local 2141, requested the Council increase funding in the budget for fire and emergency personnel to make salaries competitive

29. Denay Taylor, 100 South Reynolds Street, student, spoke in support of fully funding schools in the proposed budget

30. Mark Tonsetic, 700 South Overlook Drive, representing the Social Services Advisory Board, thanked Council for funding for services that address the well-being, health and safety of the citizens in the City.

31. Miranda Tonsetic, 700 South Overlook Drive, student, spoke about funding for school to address the capacity issues the schools are facing.

32. James Durham, 622 Fort Williams Parkway, thanked Council for supporting the Vision Zero plan and the continued support and funding to make the streets safe for citizens.

33. Betsy Faga, 2280 North Beauregard Street, spoke in support of additional funding for affordable housing projects in the budget and the creation of a sustainable options for funding these projects.

34. Monica Lisle, 1595A North Van Dorn Street, spoke in support of funding in the budget for public safety employees to make salaries competitive in the region.

35. Robert Knotts, 504 Upland Place, spoke in support of fully funding schools in the proposed budget

36. Betty Sixsmith, 6403 Kings Landing Road, spoke in support of funding in the budget for public safety employees to make salaries competitive.

37. Amy Santiago, 3600 Wheeler Road, spoke in support of funding in the budget for public safety employees to make salaries competitive.

38. Dino Drudi, 315 North West Street, spoke in opposition of funding the schools fully and in support of public safety employees receiving a salary increase.

39. Gayle Converse, 626 Queen Street, representing the Commission for the Arts, spoke in support of the proposed budget for the Arts.

40. Janet Eissentat, representing the Special Education Advisory Committee of the Alexandria City Public Schools, spoke in support of fully funding the schools and providing and increase for public safety employees.

41. Amanda Kelley, 4343 Loyola Avenue, spoke in support of fully funding the schools in the proposed budget.

42. Roy Shannon, Jr., 302 East Raymond Avenue, representing the Community Services Board, thanked Council for funding the opiate work group coordinator in the budget and he thanked Council and the City Manager for not impact services provided by the Community Services Board.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council closed the public hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2019 (including Schools) and the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2019-2028 (including the Schools CIP). The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the Special Budget Public Hearing meeting of March 12, 2018 at 6:27 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

ALLISON SILBERBERG MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk