

**City of Alexandria
Summary Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Budget Work Session #5
City Council Workroom – City Hall**

Present: Mayor Alyia Gaskins, Vice Mayor Sarah R. Bagley, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Abdel Elnoubi, Jacinta E. Greene, and R. Kirk McPike.

Absent: None.

Key Staff Present: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Lambert, Deputy City Manager; Police Chief McGuire; Fire Chief Hernandez; Sheriff Casey; Ms. Kamara, Acting Independent Police Auditor; Mr. Smith, ITS; Ms. Demeke, ITS, and Police Lt. May.

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

Mayor Gaskins called the meeting to order. All members of City Council were present.

City Staff gave presentations on the budget proposals from the following departments: Police Department (discussions about efficiency savings from administrative support, field operations bureau and criminal investigations); Fire Department (additional recruit class, update to EMS software, monies for professional development); .Sheriff's Office (increase in contract for medical services); other justice and public safety services for Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center, Sheltercare, and Volunteer Alexandria; and Office of the Independent Policing Auditor.

City Council also received a report from the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (BFAAC) on their assessment of the City Manager's Proposed Budget for FY 2026 and received any requests from City Council about additional information to include in their future assessments.

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

APPROVED BY:

ALYIA GASKINS MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: May 13, 2025