

City of Alexandria
Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:30 PM
City Council Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes

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 Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Henty, Assistant Director, OMB; Mr. Fifer, Director, Office of Communications and Public Information, Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance; Police Captain Andreas; 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. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2018 (Fiscal Year 2019).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 7, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 2; 03/14/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 2; 03/14/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of council, marked Exhibit No. 3 of Item No. 2; 03/14/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) passed the proposed ordinance on first

reading after establishing the tax rates to be advertised for residential and commercial real property and personal property; and (2) set the ordinance for public hearing on Saturday, April 14, 2018 and second reading and final passage on Thursday, May 3, 2018. The maximum rates authorized by City Council in the ordinance reflect:

1. A base real estate tax rate on residential, commercial, and industrial property for calendar year 2018 of \$1.13 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The FY 2019 proposed budget recommends a real estate tax rate of \$1.13 to fund the base budget.
2. Assumed in this proposed amount is the continued dedication of 0.6 cents for affordable housing;
3. Assumed in the proposed amount is the continued reservation of 2.2 cents of the real property tax rate for transportation projects;
4. A Special Services District tax is proposed to continue to be levied on all real property located in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District at the current rate of \$0.20 per one hundred dollars of valuation;
5. A personal property tax rate on vehicles for calendar year 2018 of \$5.00 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2019 proposed budget recommends a vehicle personal property tax rate of \$5.00 to fund the base; and
6. A tangible business personal property tax rate for calendar year 2018 of \$ 4.75 per one hundred dollars of assessed value and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 per hundred dollars of assessed value. The FY 2019 proposed budget recommends a tangible personal property tax rate of \$4.75 and a machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.50 to fund the tax base budget.

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 meeting of March 14, 2018 at 9:16 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.

APPROVED BY:

ALLISON SILBERBERG MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk