

**City of Alexandria
City Council Special Meeting (Budget Adoption)
Wednesday, April 29, 2020 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, and Mohamed E. Seifeldein.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Ms. Henty, Assistant Director, OMB; Ms. Lawson, Analyst, OMB; Mr. Kurbanov, Analyst, OMB; Ms. McGrane, Analyst, OMB; Mr. Lew, Analyst, OMB; Ms. North, Division Chief, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Wicks, CIP Manager, OMB; Mr. Cruz, Analyst, OMB; Mr. Duval, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; and Mr. Barre, Information and Technology Services.

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

OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of Council were present at the meeting by Zoom video conference.

Mayor Wilson stated that the April 29, 2020 Special Budget Adoption meeting of the City Council is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2 (A)(3) and/or the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on April 18, 2020. All members of the City Council and staff are participating from remote locations through a video conference call on Zoom. The public may access the meeting either through video conference call, live broadcasting on the government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, or access via Zoom.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

2. Consideration of the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2021 (including Schools) and the Proposed Capital Improvement Program FY 2021 to FY 2030 (including Schools CIP) and Adoption of a Resolution. [ROLL-CALL-VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 23, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 2; 04/29/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion Councilman Seifeldein, seconded Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the budget resolution which included an annual General Fund operating budget for FY 2021 of \$753,276,147; and the FY 2021 to FY 2030 Capital Improvement Program of \$2,108,662,234 in total; including \$205,803,815 in total for FY 2021. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2940

WHEREAS, the City Manager submitted the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 budget to the City Council on February 18, 2020 for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was advertised in a newspaper of general circulation on February 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held March 9, 2020, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager submitted an amendment to the proposed budget on April 7, 2020 due to the fiscal impact associated with the COVID-19 virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, City Council did not submit any amendments to the FY 2021 proposed budget and cancelled the Final Add/Delete Work Session on April 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the budget as amended remains balanced with projected revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2021 of \$753,276,147;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia that:

1. The General Fund operating budget is \$753,276,147 as submitted and amended. It is hereby approved and adopted as the budget of the City of Alexandria for

Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021).

2. That the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2021 to 2030 is \$2,108,662,234.

3. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

3. Final Passage of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2020 (Fiscal Year 2021).
[ROLL-CALL-VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 23, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 3; 04/29/20, and is incorporated as part of this record.)

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. 3; 04/29/20, 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. 3; 04/29/20 and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council approved an ordinance to set the City's calendar year 2020 blended real property tax rate at \$1.13 on each \$100 of assessed value, which remains unchanged from the calendar year 2019 rate. The calendar year 2020 real property tax rate contains the following:

-The sum of \$0.0022 on each \$100 of assessed value of the one dollar and thirteen cents real property tax rate will be collected and reserved for the Transportation Improvement Fund.

-The sum of \$0.006 on each \$100 of assessed value of the one dollar and thirteen cents real property tax rate will be dedicated for affordable housing purposes to continue to pay budgeted debt service on affordable housing bonds, beginning on July 1, 2020.

-The total blended real property tax rate for the City in calendar year 2020 will be \$1.13.

The calendar year 2020 personal property tax rates contain the following:

-The sum of \$5.33 on each \$100 of assessed value of vehicle personal property. This rate remains unchanged from calendar year 2019.

-The sum of \$4.75 on each \$100 of assessed value of tangible business personal property. This rate remains unchanged from calendar year 2019.

-The sum of \$4.50 on each \$100 of assessed value of machinery and tools personal property.

This rate remains unchanged from calendar year 2019.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldin; Opposed, none.

The ordinance reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 5277

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-181 (LEVIED; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-188 (CLASSIFICATION AND TAXATION OF CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL REAL PROPERTY), and Section 3-2-189 (TIER I POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT TAX) of Division 1, (REAL ESTATE), and Section 3-2-221 (LEVIED ON TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OTHER THAN MOBILE HOMES, AUTOMOBILES, TRUCKS, ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES, TAXICABS, MOTOR VEHICLES WITH SPECIALLY DESIGNED EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE HANDICAPPED, MOTORCYCLES, CAMPERS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS AND TRAILERS; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-222 (LEVIED ON MACHINERY AND TOOLS USED IN MINING OR MANUFACTURING BUSINESS; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-223 (LEVIED ON MOBILE HOMES; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-224 (LEVIED ON AUTOMOBILES, TRUCKS, TRAILERS, SEMI-TRAILERS, ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES, TAXICABS, MOTORCYCLES, CAMPERS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS AND TRAILERS; AMOUNT) of Division 3 (TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MACHINERY AND TOOLS), all of Article M (LEVY AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES), Chapter 2 (TAXATION), Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 3-2-181 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 3-2-181 Levied; amount.

There shall be levied and collected for the calendar year 204920 on all real estate located within the territorial boundaries of the city and subject to taxation for city purposes under the constitution and laws of this state and city, a tax of \$1.13 on each \$100 of the assessed value of all taxable real property, to include residential property and commercial property value, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

Section 2. That Sec. 3-2-188 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981 as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 3-2-188 Classification and taxation of certain commercial and industrial real property.

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 58.1-3221.3 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, all commercial and industrial real property in the City of Alexandria classified by the General Assembly as a separate class of real property for local taxation shall be designated, assessed and taxed as a separate class of real property. Such separate class of real property shall not include any residential uses excluded by Section 58.1-3221.3 of the Code of Virginia.

(b) In addition to all other taxes and fees permitted by law, the class of real property designated in this section may, and if imposed by ordinance shall, be subject to a real property tax, in addition to that imposed by City Code Section 3-2-181 and any other applicable law, at the rate established by the City Council of the City of Alexandria not to exceed the rate authorized by the Code of Virginia.

(c) All revenues generated from the real property tax imposed by this Section 3-2-188 shall be used exclusively for transportation-related projects and services that benefit the City of Alexandria.

(d) The real property tax imposed by this Section 3-2-188 shall be levied, administered, enforced and collected in the same manner as set forth in Subtitle III of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia and Chapter 2 of this Title for the levy, administration, enforcement and collection of local taxes.

(e) The director of the division of real estate assessments shall separately assess and set forth upon the City of Alexandria's land book the fair market value of that property that is designated as a separate class of real property in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(f) There shall be levied and collected for the calendar year 2020 on all real estate located within the territorial boundaries of the city and subject to taxation pursuant to this section, a tax of \$ 0 on each \$100 of the assessed value thereof, for the purposes set forth in subsection (c) above.

Section 3. That Section 3-2-189 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 3-2-189 Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District Tax.

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 15.2-2400, et seq. of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, all real property located in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District, established pursuant to Ordinance Number 4693, classified by the city council as a separate class of real property for local taxation shall be designated, assessed and taxed as a separate class of real property.

(b) In addition to all other taxes and fees permitted by law, the class of real property designated in this section may, and if imposed by ordinance shall, be subject to a real property tax, in addition to that imposed by city code section 3-2-181 and any other applicable law, at the rate established by the city council of the City of Alexandria.

(c) As detailed in Ordinance Number 4693, all revenues generated from the real property tax imposed by this Section 3-2-189 shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing facilities and services related to the construction of the Potomac Yard Metro Station in the City of Alexandria and the construction of a pedestrian bridge from Potomac Greens to Potomac Yard.

(d) The real property tax imposed by this section 3-2-189 shall be levied, administered, enforced and collected in the same manner as set forth in Subtitle III of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia and chapter 2 of this title for the levy, administration, enforcement and collection of local taxes.

(e) The director of the division of real estate assessments shall separately assess and set forth upon the City of Alexandria's land book the fair market value of that property that is designated as a separate class of real property in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(f) There shall be levied and collected for the calendar year 204920 on all real estate located within the territorial boundaries of the city and subject to taxation pursuant to this section, a tax of \$0.20 on each \$100 of the assessed value thereof, for the purposes set forth in subsection (c) above.

Section 4. That Section 3-2-221 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 3-2-221 Levied on tangible personal property other than mobile homes, automobiles, trucks, antique motor vehicles, taxicabs, motor vehicles with specially designed equipment for use by the handicapped, motorcycles, campers and other recreational vehicles, boats and boat trailers; amount.

There shall be levied and collected for the calendar year 204920 on all tangible personal property, other than mobile homes, automobiles, trucks, antique motor vehicles, taxicabs, motor vehicles with specially designed equipment for use by the handicapped, motorcycles, campers and other recreational vehicles, boats and trailers, owned or held by residents or citizens of the city or located within the territorial boundaries of the city or otherwise having a situs within the city and subject to taxation for city purposes under the constitution and laws of this state and city, a tax of \$4.75 on every \$100 of assessed value thereof, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

Section 5. That Section 3-2-222 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 3-2-222 Levied on machinery and tools used in mining or manufacturing business; amount.

There shall be levied and collected for the calendar year 2019~~20~~ on all machinery and tools used in a mining or manufacturing business taxable on capital and subject to taxation for city purposes under the constitution and laws of this state and city, a tax of \$4.50 on each \$100 of assessed value thereof, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

Section 6. That Section 3-2-223 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 3-2-223 Levied on mobile homes; amount.

There shall be levied and collected for the calendar year 2019~~20~~ on all vehicles without motor power, used or designed to be used as mobile homes as defined in section 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia, owned or held by residents or citizens of the city or located within the territorial boundaries of the city or otherwise having a situs within the city and subject to taxation for city purposes under the constitution and laws of this state and city, a tax of \$1.13 on each \$100 of assessed value thereof, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

Section 7. That Section 3-2-224 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 3-2-224 Levied on automobiles, trucks, trailers, semi-trailers, antique motor vehicles, taxicabs, motorcycles, campers and other recreational vehicles, boats and trailers; amount.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c) and (d), there shall be levied and collected for the calendar year 2019~~20~~ on all automobiles, trucks, trailers, semi-trailers, antique motor vehicles (as defined in Section 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, which may be used for general transportation purposes as provided in subsection C of Section 46.2-730 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended), taxicabs, motorcycles, campers and other recreational vehicles, boats and boat trailers owned or held by residents or citizens of the city or located within the territorial boundaries of the city or otherwise having a situs for taxation in the city, a tax of \$5.33 on every \$100 of assessed value thereof, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

(b) There shall be levied on and collected for the calendar year 2019~~20~~ on all automobiles, trucks, trailers and semi-trailers with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more which are used to transport property for hire by a motor carrier engaged in interstate commerce, and are owned or held by residents or citizens of the city, are located within the territorial boundaries of the city or otherwise have a situs for taxation in the city, a tax of \$ 4.50 on every \$100 of assessed value thereof, for the support of the city government, for the

payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

(c) There shall be levied on and collected for the calendar year 201920 on all automobiles and trucks which are equipped with specially designed equipment for use by the handicapped and are owned or held by residents or citizens of the city, are located within the territorial boundaries of the city or otherwise have a situs for taxation in the city, a tax of \$3.55 on every \$100 of assessed value thereof, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

(d) There shall be levied on and collected for the calendar year 201920 on all privately owned pleasure boats and watercraft, which are used for recreational purposes only, and are owned or held by residents or citizens of the city, or are located within the territorial boundaries of the city or otherwise have a situs for taxation in the city, a tax of \$.01 on every \$100 of assessed value thereof, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

(e) The city adopts Personal Property Tax Relief as authorized by the current state budget, which allows for provision of a specific dollar amount to be offset against the total taxes that would otherwise be due but for the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Section 58.1-3523 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and the reporting of such specific dollar relief on the tax bill.

(i) The city shall, following adoption of the annual budget adopted pursuant to Chapter 25 of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia and Sections 6.01 through 6.15 of the City Charter, set the rates of tax relief under this subsection at such a level that it is anticipated fully to exhaust relief funds under the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Section 58.1-3523 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, as amended, provided to the city by the Commonwealth.

(ii) Personal property tax bills shall set forth on their face the specific dollar amount of relief under this subsection credited with respect to each qualifying vehicle, together with an explanation of the general manner in which such relief is allocated.

(iii) Allocation of relief under this subsection shall be provided in accordance with the general provisions of this section, as implemented by resolution relating to relief under this subsection.

(iv) Relief under this subsection shall be allocated in such a manner as to eliminate personal property taxation of each qualifying vehicle with an assessed value of \$1,000 or less.

(v) Relief under this subsection with respect to qualifying vehicles with assessed values of more than \$1,000 shall be provided at the following rates, annually fixed by resolution, that achieve to the extent feasible the following general relationships between the rates applicable to classes of vehicle value established herein and that is estimated fully to use all relief funds under the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Sections 58.1-3523 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, as amended, provided to the city by the Commonwealth:

(A) Relief with respect to vehicle value up to and including \$20,000 shall be provided at a rate that is approximately 15 percent higher than that applied to vehicle value described in subsection (B) of this section;

(B) Relief with respect to vehicle value in excess of \$20,000, but not more than \$25,000, and applied to the first \$20,000 in value, shall be provided at a rate that is approximately 15 percent higher than that applied to vehicle value described in subsection (C) of this section; and

(C) Relief with respect to vehicles in excess of \$25,000 and applied to the first \$20,000 in value.

Section 8. That this ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2020, nunc pro tunc.

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (4-12)

4. Final Passage of an Ordinance to Revise Transportation and Environmental Services Department Grading Plan Review Fees. [ROLL-CALL-VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 23, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 4; 04/29/20, and is incorporated as part of this record.

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. 4; 04/29/20, 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. 4; 04/29/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

5. Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt Refuse Fee Increases for FY 2021 [ROLL-CALL-VOTE].

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 23, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 04/29/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6. Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt Fire Department Fee Increases. [ROLL-CALL-VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 23, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 04/29/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7. Consideration of a Resolution to Add a Fee for the City's On-Street Reserved Motorcoach Parking Permit. [ROLL-CALL-VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 23, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 04/29/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt Land Development Related Fees. [ROLL-CALL-VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 23, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 04/29/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Consideration of a Resolution to Increase the Fares for the Department of Transportation (DOT) Paratransit Program.[ROLL-CALL-VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 23, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 04/29/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Consideration of a Resolution to Increase Employee Parking Rates. [ROLL-CALL-VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 23, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 04/29/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt Fee Changes to Increase Cost Recovery for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) Programs for FY 2021 [ROLL-CALL-VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 23, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 04/29/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt Fee Changes to Increase Museum Tour and Rental Fees at City Museums for FY 2021. [ROLL-CALL-VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 23, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 04/29/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council approved the roll-call

consent calendar, with the exception of item #10, which was considered under separate motion. The approval was as follows:

4. City Council approved an ordinance to revise Transportation and Environmental Services Department Grading Plan Review Fees.

The ordinance reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 5278

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 5-6-224(d) (METHOD OF STORM AND SUBSOIL WATER DISPOSAL) of Chapter 6 (WATER AND SEWER) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES), Subdivision J (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) of Article B (SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND DRAINS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 5-6-224(d) of Chapter 6 of Title 5, Subdivision J of Article B of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows, by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and adding the language shown as underlined:

Sec. 5-6-224 - Method of storm and subsoil water disposal.

(a) Buildings shall have drainage provision for conveying storm water from roofs, paved areas and areaway drains, subsoil water, condensate, cooling water, etc., on the premise to a public storm sewer: except that where a public storm sewer is not available, an approved method of disposal shall be provided to the satisfaction of the director of transportation and environmental services. The director of transportation and environmental services may permit alternative means of disposal if the director deems the proposed alternative method to provide an environmental benefit to the city and the director determines that no nuisance will be created on any adjacent property or within the public right-of-way. Alternative methods of disposal may include, but are not limited to, onsite surface discharge, onsite infiltration and onsite detention in the form of a rain barrel or cistern. The director may require additional supporting information such as geotechnical or other engineering analyses. Direct discharge of roof drains within the public right-of-way may be permitted at the director's discretion. Direct discharge of ground water to gutters in the public right-of-way may be permitted at the director's discretion when a public storm sewer is not available.

(b) Availability.

(1) For a one- and two-family dwelling, a public storm sewer shall be deemed available when such sewer is within 100 feet of the premises on which the dwelling is located, measured along a street, and a connection may be made lawfully thereto.

(2) For any other buildings, a public storm sewer shall be deemed available when such sewer is within 500 feet of the premises on which the building is located, measured along a street, and a connection may be made lawfully thereto.

(c) Area drains are prohibited from entering septic tanks or public or private sewer systems unless specifically approved in writing by the director of transportation and environmental services.

(d) Prior to the issuance of any building permit for any proposed improvement to real property involving (1) the construction of a new home (2) construction of an addition to an existing home where either (A) the addition exceeds the area of the existing building footprint by 100 percent or more; or (B) the construction of the addition results in less than 50 percent of the existing first floor exterior walls, in their entirety, remaining; (3) changes to the existing grade elevation of one foot or greater; (4) changes to existing drainage patterns; or (5) land disturbance of 2,500 square feet or greater, a grading and drainage plan prepared by a professional engineer or land surveyor licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be submitted for review and approval by the director of transportation and environmental services or deputy director/city engineer. Such plan shall demonstrate that post-development drainage will have no greater impact on adjacent or down-stream property than pre-development conditions. The requirements for such plans, including without limitation form, content, methods of calculation, and procedures for review and approval, shall be established by regulations promulgated by the director of transportation and environmental services. A plan review fee in the amount of ~~\$500~~—\$1,000 shall accompany such plan, except that in instances where the proposed improvement is already subject to the erosion and sediment control requirements set forth in section 5-4-1 et seq. of this code, and a fee has already been paid pursuant to those requirements, no additional fee shall be required. No building permit for improvements subject to this subsection shall be issued until after the grading and drainage plan has been approved. When a grading and drainage plan is required pursuant to subsections (d)(2), (3) or (4) hereof, the requirement may be waived by the director of transportation and environmental services or his designee when such a waiver is requested by the property owner and such request is accompanied by sufficient information to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the director or deputy director/city engineer, in his or her reasonable engineering discretion, that no adverse drainage impacts to abutting or adjacent property will occur as a result of the proposed construction. The director shall promulgate rules and regulations for the application, consideration, grant or denial of such waiver requests, including without limitation rules and regulations specifying the minimum information required for applications, and reasonable criteria and standards for the consideration of such requests. The decision on such requests shall be in writing, and shall state the grounds thereof. The decision to grant or deny a waiver request is committee to the discretion of the director or deputy director/city engineer, and shall not be subject to judicial review.

(e) Grading plans will be considered valid for a term of 36 months from the date of approval. A request to extend the validity of a grading plan must be submitted in writing to the director of transportation and environmental services a minimum of 60 days prior to expiration with a

\$100 fee. The director will determine if additional modifications or a new grading plan submission is required.

(f) Any change to an approved grading plan requires that an amended grading plan be filed and that the amended grading plan be reviewed and approved, pursuant to the provisions of this section 5-6-224(d). The director of transportation and environmental services may allow minor modifications without an amended grading plan. (Ord. No. 4659, 5/15/10, Sec. 8; Ord. No. 4800, 4/13/13, Sec. 1)

5. City Council approved a resolution to adopt Refuse Fee increases for FY 2021.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2941

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FEE INCREASES
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FOR FY 2021**

WHEREAS, under Section 2.07 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to establish fees to be charged for services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, under City Code Section 5-1-4(a), City Council is required, from time to time, to set by resolution the annual fee that is to be paid by the owners of 'required user property,' as defined in Section 5-1-2(12b) of the City Code, for the City's collection and disposal of solid waste, ashes, recyclable materials, and yard debris from their properties on a fiscal year basis, and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 2880, adopted May 1, 2019, City Council set the annual fee for such collection and disposal services at \$411 per household and \$373 for commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, under Section 2.07 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to establish fees to be charged for services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, under City Code Section 3-1-8(a), except as otherwise expressly provided in this code or in the zoning ordinance, all fees and charges for applications submitted to; for permits and approvals issued by, and for activities, programs and services provided by, the City of Alexandria shall be established by resolution of the City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA,
VIRGINIA**

1. That, beginning in fiscal year 2021, the annual charge for the collection and disposal of solid waste, ashes, recyclable materials, and yard debris from required user properties shall be \$460.00 per household, with each single-family, two-family and row dwelling in the City, and each separate dwelling unit in a building or structure in the city that contains four or fewer dwelling units, constituting a "household."
 2. That the annual fee established in Section 1 above shall apply, unless and until revised by City Council, to such services provided during subsequent fiscal years.
 3. That the fee for the collection and disposal of solid waste for commercial properties shall be \$411.00 per unit of services per year.
 4. That the fees established in Section 3 above shall apply, unless and until revised by City Council, to such services provided during subsequent fiscal years.
 5. To the extent that these rates differ from those in Resolutions 2279, 2555, 2723, 2768 and 2880, those provisions in Resolutions 2279, 2555, 2723, 2768 and 2880 are hereby repealed.
 6. That this resolution shall be effective July 1, 2020.
6. City Council approved a resolution to adopt Fire Department Fee increases.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2942

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.07 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to establish fees to be charged for services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, section 8-1-23(a) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, provides that all fees for permits, inspections and certificates required by the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code shall be as established by resolution of the city council; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2550, adopted by City Council on May 6, 2013, which incorporated an attached fee schedule, is the most recent establishment of fees charged for various permits and certificates issued by, and for various services performed by, the City of Alexandria Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that the fee schedule set forth in Resolution No. 2550 is in need of amendment and adjustment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:**

1. The Fire Prevention Permit Fees are changed as follows:

	Current Fee	New Fee
Fire Retesting Fee	\$132 per hour	\$162 per hour
Fire Inspector Fee – Site Plan Reviews	-	\$162 per hour

2. That the fees established above shall apply, unless and until revised by the City Council, to such services provided during subsequent fiscal years.
3. To the extent that these rates differ from those in Resolution 2550, those provisions of Resolution 2550 are hereby repealed.
4. That this Resolution shall become effective July 1, 2020.
7. City Council approved a resolution to add a fee for the City's on-street reserved Motorcoach Parking permit.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2943

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR THE CITY'S MOTORCOACH ON-STREET PARKING PERMIT

WHEREAS, under Section 2.07 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to establish fees to be charged for services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, under City Code Section 3-l-8(a), except as otherwise expressly provided in this code or in the zoning ordinance, all fees and charges for applications submitted to; for permits and approvals issued by, and for activities, programs and services provided by, the City of Alexandria shall be established by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Council has now determined that it is necessary and desirable to establish Motor Coach fee for on-street parking permit of \$5 on the 500 block of N. Union Street and the 900 block of N. St. Asaph Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. The Motor Coach fees are changed as followed:

	Current Fee	New Fee
On-Street Motor Coach Parking Permit	-	\$5/permit

2. That the fees established above shall apply, unless and until revised by the City Council, to such services provided during subsequent fiscal years.
3. That this resolution shall become effective July 1, 2020.
8. City Council approved a resolution to adopt Land Development related fees.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2944

WHEREAS, under section 11-104 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, as amended, provides that the director shall by general rule approved by City Council establish a schedule of fees required for each application for development approval to be paid at the time an application is submitted; and

WHEREAS, the director and City Council have determined that the fee schedule is in need of amendment and adjustment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

1. That the fee schedule attached hereto, entitled Department of Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule, is deemed to contain fair and appropriate fees; and
2. That said fee schedule shall be, and hereby is, approved and incorporate by reference in this resolution, and shall, until amended or rescinded, set forth the fees to be charged by the City of Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning, beginning July 1, 2020; and
3. To the extent that these rates differ from those in Resolutions 2770 and 2821, those provisions of Resolutions 2770 and 2821 are hereby repealed; and
4. That this resolution shall become effective July 1, 2020.
9. City Council approved a resolution to increase fares for the Department of Transportation (DOT) Paratransit Program.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2945

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE FARES FOR DOT PARATRANSIT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, under Section 2.07 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to establish fees to be charged for services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, under City Code Section 3-1-8(a), except as otherwise expressly provided in this code or in the zoning ordinance, all fees and charges for applications submitted to; for permits and approvals issued by, and for activities, programs and services provided by, the City of Alexandria shall be established by resolution of the City Council

WHEREAS, City Council has now determined that it is necessary and desirable to increase the DOT Paratransit passenger fare to \$4 per trip for inside the City and up to 5 miles outside the City, and increase the DOT Paratransit passenger fare to \$6 per trip for all trips 5 miles and over outside the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That, beginning in fiscal year 2021, the DOT passenger fare shall be \$4 per trip for inside the City and up to 5 miles outside the City, and \$6 per trip for all trips 5 miles and over outside the City.

2. That the fees established in Section 1 above shall apply to the DOT Paratransit Program inside and outside of the City passenger fare, unless and until revised by the City Council, to such services provided during subsequent fiscal years.

3. That this resolution shall become effective July 1, 2020.

11. City Council approved a resolution to adopt fee changes to increase cost recovery for the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA) programs for FY 2021.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2947

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FEE INCREASES ADMINISTERED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS
AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2021**

WHEREAS, under Section 2.07 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to establish fees to be charged for services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, under City Code Section 3-1-8(a), except as otherwise expressly provided in this code or in the zoning ordinance, all fees and charges for applications submitted to; for permits and approvals issued by, and for activities, programs and services provided by, the City of Alexandria shall be established by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted by Resolution No. 2577 the department's "Resource Allocation Philosophy, Cost Recovery Model and Policy" on September 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing leisure services to the general taxpayer continue to increase and the fees do not cover the entire costs of these programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

1. The Power On Out of School Program Activity Fees are changed as follows:

	Current Fee	New Fee	Cost Recovery Tier
School Year (Residents)	\$475.00	\$575.00	2
Summer (Residents)	\$345.00	\$445.00	3

2. The Youth Sports League Fees are changed as follows:

	Current Fee	New Fee
Fee per sport	\$85	\$95

3. The General Admission Fees are increased at Charles Barrett, Charles Houston, Cora Kelly, William Ramsey, and Chinguapin Recreation Centers as follows:

	Current Fee	New Fee
Adult Fitness Single Use (excluding Chinguapin) Resident	\$5	\$6
Adult Fitness 3-month pass (excluding Chinguapin) Resident	\$40	\$45
Adult Fitness 6-month pass (excluding Chinguapin) Resident	\$75	\$85
Adult Fitness Annual pass (excluding Chinguapin) Resident	\$125	\$140
Chinguapin Admission Fee, Youth (Age 5-17)	\$5	\$6
Chinguapin Admission Fee, Adult (Age 18+)	\$8	\$9
Chinguapin Individual Fitness Pass (25 visits) for Youth (Age 5-17)	\$120	\$130
Chinguapin Individual Fitness Pass (25 visits) for Adult (Age 18+)	\$150	\$160
Chinguapin 1-month Unlimited Fitness Pass (Single) for Resident	\$50	\$55
Chinguapin 1-month Unlimited Fitness	\$87	\$95

Pass (2 persons) for Resident		
Chinquapin 6-month Unlimited Fitness Pass (Single) for Resident	\$250	\$260
Chinquapin 6-month Unlimited Fitness Pass (2 persons) for Resident	\$438	\$450
Chinquapin 6-month Unlimited Fitness Pass (Family up to 4) for Resident	\$505	\$515
Chinquapin 12-month Unlimited Fitness Pass (Single) for Resident	\$450	\$465
Chinquapin 12-month Unlimited Fitness Pass (2 persons) for Resident	\$788	\$805

4. The Special Events and Wedding Permit Fees are changed as follows:

	Current Fee	New Fee
ABC Permission (For Special Event only, not recreation centers)	\$50	\$100
Special Event Trail Use Assessment (For run/walk events using City trails)	\$150	\$300
Special Event/Wedding Permit (City Parks)	\$0	\$50
Special Event/Wedding Electrical Set-up (City Parks)	\$0	\$250/permit
Turf Bond (City Parks)	\$0	\$0.10 cents per square foot
Barricade Rental	\$0	\$10 per barricade
Special Event/Wedding Application – City Parks (Submitted 4-5 months in advance)	\$50	\$75
Special Event/Wedding Application – City Parks (Submitted 3 months in advance)	\$50	\$100
Special Event/Wedding Application – City Parks (Submitted 2 months in advance)	\$50	\$125
Special Event/Wedding Application – City Parks (Submitted less than 1 month in advance)	\$50	\$175
Special Event/Wedding Permit Site Plan, Revision Fee – City Parks (Submitted 6 months in advance)	\$0	\$25

Special Event/Wedding Permit Site Plan, Revision Fee – City Parks (Submitted 5 months in advance)	\$0	\$30
Special Event/Wedding Permit Site Plan, Revision Fee – City Parks (Submitted 4 months in advance)	\$0	\$150
Special Event/Wedding Permit Site Plan, Revision Fee – City Parks (Submitted 2-3 months in advance)	\$0	\$175
Special Event/Wedding Permit Site Plan, Revision Fee – City Parks (Submitted 1 month in advance)	\$0	\$250
Special Event/Wedding Permit Site Plan, Revision Fee – City Parks (Submitted less than 1 month in advance)	\$0	\$500
Special Event/Wedding Permit Site Plan Revision Fee, 2 nd Revision	\$0	\$25
Special Event/Wedding Permit Site Plan Revision Fee, 3 rd Revision	\$0	\$50
Special Event/Wedding Permit Site Plan Revision Fee, 4 th Revision	\$0	\$150
Special Event/Wedding Permit Site Plan Revision Fee, 5 th Revision	\$0	\$175
Special Event/Wedding Permit Site Plan Revision Fee, 6 th and any additional revision	\$0	\$200 per revision plus cost of staff time
Special Event/Wedding Convenience Fee	\$0	\$50 per communication
Special Event/Wedding Equipment Removal Fee	\$0	\$1,000 plus cost of staff time and any additional costs incurred to remove equipment
Special Event/Wedding Equipment Disposal fee	\$0	\$1,000 plus cost of staff time and any additional costs incurred to dispose of equipment
Photography Permit for City Parks	\$0	\$100 per day
Film Permit for City Parks	\$0	\$400 per day

5. The Mobile Stage Rental Fees are changed as follows:

	Current Fee	New Fee
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Fee per hour: nonresident/business/non-local	\$79	\$119
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6. The Park Rental Fees for Oronoco Bay Park, Montgomery Park, EF Pier Gazebo are changed as follows:

	Current Fee	New Fee
Park Rental – Monday through Thursday	\$117	\$234
Park Rental – Friday through Sunday	\$157	\$434

7. The Park Rental Fees for Waterfront Park are changed as follows:

	Current Fee	New Fee
Park Rental – Monday through Thursday	\$117	\$434
Park Rental – Friday through Sunday	\$157	\$868

8. That the fees established above shall apply, unless and until revised by the City Council, to such services provided during subsequent fiscal years.

9. To the extent that these rates differ from those in Resolutions 2771, 2822, and 2882 those provisions of Resolutions 2771, 2822, and 2882 are hereby repealed.

10. That this resolution shall become effective July 1, 2020.

12. City Council approved a resolution to adopt fee changes to increase museum tour and rental fees at City Museums for FY 2021.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2948

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FEE INCREASES ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA FOR FY 2021

WHEREAS, under section 2.07 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to establish fees to be charged for services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, under City Code Section 3-1-8(a), except as otherwise expressly provided in this code or in the zoning ordinance, all fees and charges for applications submitted to; for permits

and approvals issued by, and for activities, programs and services provided by, the City of Alexandria shall be established by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing services to the general taxpayer continues to increase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

5. That the facility rental fees are established or changed as follows:

	Current Fee	New Fee
Friendship Firehouse Rental	\$150/hour	\$350/hour
Black History Museum Rental	\$200/hour	\$250/hour
Apothecary Museum Rental	\$0	\$250/hour
Permit fee – Alcohol	\$0	\$50

6. That the admission/tour fee(s) are established or changed as follows:

	Current Fee	New Fee
School Tour and Chaperone fee	\$2	\$3
Standard Group Tour Fee	\$0	\$50

7. That the fees established above shall apply, unless and until revised by the City Council, to such services provided during subsequent fiscal years.
8. To the extent that these rates differ from those in Resolutions 2280, 2674 and 2773, those provisions of Resolutions 2280, 2674 and 2773 are hereby repealed.
9. That this resolution shall become effective July 1, 2020.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

10. Consideration of a Resolution to Increase Employee Parking Rates.
[ROLL-CALL-VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 23, 2020, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 04/29/20, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 4-3 by roll-call vote, City Council .. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Chapman, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, Councilman Aguirre, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by

Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the Special meeting of April 29, 2020 at 7:33 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk