

City of Alexandria

*301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314*



Action Docket - Final

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

6:00 PM

Special Budget Adoption

Council Chamber

City Council Legislative Meeting

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I. OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

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

Councilman Elnoubi gave the following disclosure statement: "Due to my employment with WMATA, I have a personal interest in the approval of the FY 2026 annual operating budget because it includes funding for WMATA. However, after discussing the matter with the City Attorney, I have determined that I am able to participate in, and vote on, this docket item due to an applicable legal exception which allows members of a business, profession, occupation, or group of three or more persons the members of which are affected by the transaction to participate in the transaction despite having a personal interest."

Councilman Chapman gave the following disclosure statement: "Due to my ownership of Manumission Tour Company and its membership in Visit Alexandria, I have a personal interest in the approval of the FY 2026 annual operating budget because it includes funding for Visit Alexandria. However, after discussing the matter with the City Attorney, I have determined that I am able to participate in, and vote on, this docket item due to an applicable legal exception which allows members of a business, profession, occupation, or group of three or more persons the members of which are affected by the transaction to participate in the transaction despite having a personal interest."

II. Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager for Discussion

2. [25-3084](#)

Consideration of the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2026 (including Schools) and the Proposed Capital Improvement Program for FY 2026 to FY 2035 (including Schools CIP) and Adoption of a Resolution.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the budget resolution which includes an annual General Fund operating budget for FY 2026 of nine hundred and fifty-six million, four hundred and forty-nine thousand, seven hundred and five dollars (\$956,449,705); and

the FY 2026 to FY 2035 Capital Improvement Program of two billion, seventy-six

million, seven hundred and forty-nine thousand, eight hundred and thirty-six dollars (\$2,076,749,836) in total;

including two hundred and five million, eight hundred and sixty-six thousand, five hundred and forty-four dollars (\$205,866,544) in total for FY 2026. (RES. NO. 3288)

III. ORDINANCES

3. [25-3116](#)

Final Passage of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2025 (Fiscal Year 2026). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted an ordinance to set the City's calendar year 2025 blended real property tax rate at one dollar and thirteen and one half cents (\$1.135) on each \$100 of assessed value. This rate reflects no change from calendar year 2024. The calendar year 2025 real property tax rate contains the following:

- The sum of two point two cents (\$0.022) on each \$100 of assessed value of the one dollar and thirteen and one half cents real property tax rate will be collected and reserved for the Transportation Improvement Fund.*
- The sum of one cent (\$0.01) on each \$100 of assessed value of the one dollar and thirteen and one half cents real property tax rate will be dedicated for affordable housing purposes beginning on July 1, 2025.*
- The total blended real property tax rate for the City in calendar year 2025 will be one dollar and thirteen and one half cents (\$1.135).*

The calendar year 2025 personal property tax rates contain the following:

- The sum of five dollars and thirty-three cents (\$5.33) on each one-hundred dollars of assessed value of vehicle personal property. This rate remains unchanged from calendar year 2024.*
- The sum of four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$4.75) on each \$100 of assessed value of tangible business personal property. This rate remains unchanged from calendar year 2024.*
- The sum of four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) on each \$100 of assessed value of machinery and tools personal property. This rate remains unchanged from calendar year 2024. (ORD. NO. 5584)*

4. [25-3110](#)

Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 5-6-233 (STORMWATER UTILITY FEE) of Chapter 6 (WATER AND SEWER) of Article C (STORMWATER UTILITY) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted an ordinance to increase the Stormwater Utility Fee as set forth in the Stormwater Utility ordinance. (ORD. NO. 5585)

5. [25-3111](#)

Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 5-8-77 (PARKING PERMITS; ISSUANCE) of Article F (PERMIT PARKING DISTRICTS) of Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted an ordinance to increase the residential permit parking fees for

FY 2026 as set forth in the ordinance. (ORD. NO. 5586)

IV. RESOLUTIONS

- 6. [25-3021](#) 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 2026. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
City Council adopted a resolution to establish and to increase fee rates for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities programs for FY 2026 as set forth in the resolution. (RES. NO. 3285)
- 7. [25-3027](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt a Department of Planning & Zoning Fee Increase by Adding Short-Term Residential Rental Permit Fees to the Department of Planning & Zoning’s Fee Schedule and to Transfer Grading Plan Permit Fees to the Department of Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
City Council adopted a resolution for the transfer of grading and draining plan permit fees for FY 2026 and to establish new permit fees, effective September 1, 2025, for the City’s Short Term Rental Program to the Department of Planning and Zoning’s Fee Schedule. (RES. NO. 3286)
- 8. [25-3028](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt Adjustments to the FY 2026 Department of Code Administration’s Permit Center Fee Schedule. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
City Council adopted a resolution to establish and to increase fee rates for the Department of Code Administration’s Permit Center Fee Schedule for FY 2026 as set forth in the resolution. (RES. NO. 3287)

V. ADJOURN.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

NOTE: The action docket is a summary of Council's meeting deliberations prepared largely for staff follow-up. Formal minutes of the meeting, when approved by Council become the official record of the meeting of Council decisions made at the meeting.