

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Monday, March 8, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting - Budget Public Hearing

City Council Special Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency, the March 8, 2021 Budget Public Hearing Meeting of the Alexandria City Council is being held electronically pursuant to the Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 and Section 4.0-01(g) in HB29 and HB30, enacted by the 2020 Virginia General Assembly (Virginia Acts of Assembly Ch. 1283 and 1289), to undertake essential business. All the members of the City Council and staff are participating from remote locations through a video conference on Zoom. This meeting is being held, electronically, unless a determination is made that it is safe enough to be held in person in the City Council Chamber at 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting can be accessed by the public through the live broadcast on the government channel 70, streaming on the City's website, and can accessed via Zoom by following the link below:

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Speaker's Form:

<https://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/2020-VIRTUAL-City-Council-Speakers-Form>

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Public Comment will be received at this meeting.

All persons wishing to speak before City Council must complete a Speaker's Form (see link above). If you have a prepared statement or written comments for the record, you may email it to the City Clerk at gloria.sitton@alexandriava.gov. Speakers are encouraged to submit their written comments to the City Clerk.

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- 1. Calling the Roll.**
- 2. Public Hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2022 (including Schools) and the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2022 to FY 2031 (including the Schools CIP) and Proposed Tax Rate Recommendations.**

Adoption is scheduled for May 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. A public hearing on the ordinance establishing the Real Property Tax Rate will be held Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

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Public Hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY

2022 (including Schools) and the Proposed Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) for FY 2022 -2031 (including the Schools CIP).

Adoption is Scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. A public hearing on the ordinance establishing the Real Property Tax Rate will be held Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

The following persons participated in the budget public hearing:

1. *Barbara Waters, 325 Cameron Station Blvd, spoke on behalf of the Commission for Aging, and voiced concerns about staffing and the need for funding to upgrade the Senior Work Force Development Training Specialist position.*

Mayor Wilson requested a budget memo on the upgraded position.

2. *Charles Ziegler, 309 N. Langley Street, spoke on behalf of the Friends of Beatley Library, and voiced concerns about the many funding needs in the city libraries.*

3. *Abenaa Buabeng, 101 S. Whiting Street, spoke in opposition to the proposed funding for schools Student Resource Officer position.*

4. *Sindy Carballo Garcia, 3634 Edison Street, spoke in opposition to the proposed funding for schools Student Resource Officer position.*

5. *Karen Adu-Poku, 200 Yoakum Parkway, spoke in opposition to the proposed funding for schools Student Resource Officer position.*

6. *Alessandra Guevara, 3515 Mount Vernon Avenue, spoke in opposition to the proposed funding for schools Student Resource Officer position.*

7. *Fatimah Hameed, 4381 King Street, spoke in opposition to the proposed funding for schools Student Resource Officer position.*

8. *Ingrid Pavon, 3917 Elbert Avenue, spoke in opposition to the proposed funding for schools Student Resource Officer position.*

9. *Jamie Conrad, 107 W. Maple Street, voiced concerns about the cost of the Taylor Run project.*

10. *Ingris Moran, Executive Avenue, representing Tenants and Workers United and voiced concerns regarding affordable housing for everyone.*

11. *Olga Moncado, Four Mile Road, voiced concerns about development near her home and need for funding provide affordable housing.*

12. *Teofila Gomez, Commonwealth Avenue, spoke in opposition to the proposed funding for schools Student Resource Officer position and the funds should be used for affordable housing.*

13. *Jonathan Krall, 6a E. Mason Avenue, spoke in opposition to the proposed funding for schools Student Resource Officer position and the funds should be use for affordable housing. He also suggested council increase the half penny to a full penny for the Personal Property Tax contributions.*

Councilman Seifeldein requested a budget memo on the increase from half penny to whole.

14. Shira Eller, 200 E. Spring Street, spoke in opposition to the proposed funding for schools Student Resource Officer position.

15. Luis Velez Torres, 4520 King Street, voiced concerns about collective bargaining ordinance.

16. Ann Shack, 501 Tobacco Quay, voiced concerns about tax increase and the funding for several projects.

17. LaDonna Sanders, 25 E. Reed Avenue, spoke in opposition to the proposed funding for schools Student Resource Officer position.

18. Susan Keightley, 3700 Wheeler Avenue, spoke in support of budget funding to expand early childhood education and childcare programs.

19. Ashley Moore, 6066 Leesburg Pike, Suite 520, spoke in opposition to the proposed funding for schools Student Resource Officer position.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

NOTE: The action docket is a summary of the Council's meeting deliberation 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.