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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

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TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER /s/

DOCKET TITLE:

Consideration of a Budget Resolution Establishing the Process to be Used to Adopt the FY 2020 Operating Budget and the FY 2020 to FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

ISSUE: To determine the process that will guide the FY 2020 budget deliberations.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council adopt the proposed resolution (Attachment 1) establishing the Process to Be Used to Adopt the FY 2020 Operating Budget and the FY 2020 to FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND: This resolution would establish the framework for City Council's deliberations for the FY 2020 Operating Budget and FY 2020 to FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program to be presented for Council consideration on February 19, 2019.

City Council has long had a resolution in place to frame the budget process roles and responsibilities of Council, the City Manager and the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS). The attached budget process resolution reflects the language and process used for FY 2019. The dates proposed in this resolution reflect the adopted City Council calendar for 2019. The only format difference from last year's budget process resolution is that the add/delete language has been moved in its entirety from the budget guidance resolution to this budget process resolution.

During the FY 2019 budget debriefing City Council discussed the possibility of adding a second public hearing to obtain public input on the preliminary add/deletes proposed by City Council. In lieu of a second public hearing on the budget, staff could provide an online solution that would allow electronic add/delete comments by the public. This solution would be more accessible to a greater audience as comments could be received for a greater length of time and at all hours of the day. In addition, this option would also allow the current calendar to remain largely unchanged, whereas the addition of another budget public hearing would require significant

changes to the work session and add/delete schedule and result in a compression of the Council budget consideration process.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT: Budget Resolution Establishing the Process to Be Used to Adopt Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program

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