City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314

Action Docket - Final

Thursday, May 4, 2017
7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Special Meeting
1. **Calling the Roll.**

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

**OTHER**

2. **16-6028**

Consideration of the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2018 (Including Schools) and the Proposed Capital Improvements Program for FY 2018-2027 (Including the Schools CIP) and Adoption of a Resolution. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the annual general fund operating budget for FY 2018 of $728,138,029 as amended by City Council in the final add/delete work session on May 1, 2017, and summarized as: Accountable, Effective and Well-Managed Government: $62,915,939; Healthy and Thriving Residents: $77,507,660; Livable, Green and Prospering City: $99,348,569; Safe, Secure and Just Community: $164,747,663; Alexandria City Public Schools Transfer: $214,061,472 and Debt Service / Cash Capital: $109,556,726. City Council adopted the FY 2018 to FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program of $2,114,788,223 in total and $1,691,326,361 in local funding, with $145,265,804 in total and $120,607,849 in local funding for FY 2018. City Council adopted the resolution on the General Fund Operating Budget and the CIP. (RES. NO. 2767)

3. **16-6029**

Final Passage of an Ordinance to Establish the Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2017 (Fiscal Year 2018). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted an ordinance to set the City’s calendar year 2017 blended real property tax rate at one dollar and thirteen cents ($1.13) on each $100 of assessed value, which represents an increase of five point seven cents over the calendar year 2016 rate of one dollar and seven point three cents ($1.073) on each $100 of assessed value. The calendar year 2017 real property tax rate contains the following:

- The sum of five tenths of one cent ($0.005) on each $100 of assessed value of the one dollar and thirteen cents real property tax rate will be collected for stormwater management and segregated in a separate special revenue fund to address operating and capital needs related to stormwater management.
- The sum of two point two cents ($0.022) 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 six tenths of one cent ($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, 2017.
- The total blended real property tax rate for the City in calendar year 2017 will be one dollar and thirteen cents.
- Personal property tax rates remain unchanged from 2016.

(ORD. NO. 5059)

4. **16-6409**

Final Passage on an Ordinance to Implement the Stormwater Utility Fee as Included in the FY 2018 Proposed Budget. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted an ordinance to implement the Stormwater Utility Fee including...
5. **16-6408** Final Passage on an Ordinance to Bring the Sewer Line Maintenance Charge Set Forth Therein into Conformity with the Previously Adopted Resolution Setting the Fee at $1.82 per 1,000 Gallons of Water Supplied. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted an ordinance to bring the Sewer Line Maintenance Charge set forth therein into conformity with the previous adopted resolution setting the fee to $1.82 per 1,000 gallons of water supplied; amended the ordinance by changing the title of Section 5-6-26 “Sewer Line Maintenance Charge,” as it appears in the section heading and every time it appears in the ordinance thereafter, to “Sanitary Sewer System Capital Investment and Maintenance Fee,” and changing the word “charge” or “charges,” every time either word appears in the ordinance, to the word “fee” or “fees.”; and further amended the proposed ordinance by replacing the word “is” with the word “if” in subsection c. of Section 5-6-26. (ORD. NO. 5061)

**ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (6-10)**

6. **16-6115** Consideration of a Resolution to Increase the Residential and Commercial Refuse Collection Fee, Noise Permit Fees and Leaf Mulch Delivery Fee for FY 2018. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

7. **16-6288** Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt the Department of Code Administration FY 2018 Permit Fee Schedule. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

8. **16-6329** Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt Fee Increases Charged By the Department of Planning and Zoning for Commercial Antenna Applications and Pedestrian-Oriented Retail Wayfinding Sign Applications, Formerly A-Frame Signs. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

9. **16-6027** 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 2018. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

10. **16-6030** Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt Fee Changes to Increase the Monthly Parking Rates to be Charged to the Employees and the General Public at City-owned Parking Facilities and the Rental Fee Charged for Market Square Events for FY 2018. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

**END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR**

City Council adopted the roll-call consent calendar, as follows:

6. City Council adopted the resolution to increase the residential and commercial refuse collection fee, noise permit fees and leaf mulch delivery fee for FY 2018. (RES. NO. 2768)

7. City Council adopted the resolution to adopt the Department of Code Administration FY 2018 permit fee schedule. (RES. NO. 2769)
8. City Council adopted the resolution to adopt fee increases charged by the Department of Planning and Zoning for commercial antenna applications and pedestrian-oriented retail wayfinding sign applications, formerly A-Frame signs. (RES. NO. 2770)

9. City Council adopted the resolution to adopt fee changes to increase cost recovery for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Programs for FY 2018. (RES. NO. 2771)

10. City Council adopted the resolution to adopt fee changes to increase the monthly parking rates to be charged to the employees and the general public at City-owned parking facilities and the rental fee charged for Market Square events for FY 2018. (RES. NO. 2772)

OTHER

11. 16-6114 Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt Fee Changes to Increase Admission and Facility Rental Fees at Selected Facilities for the Office of Historic Alexandria for FY 2018

City Council adopted the resolution to adopt fee changes to increase admission and facility rental fees at selected facilities for the Office of Historic Alexandria for FY 2018. (RES. NO. 2773)

12. 16-6360 Consideration of a Resolution to Amend the City of Alexandria’s Supplemental Retirement Plan. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the resolution to amend the City of Alexandria’s Supplemental Retirement Plan. (RES. NO. 2774)

13. 16-6425 Consideration of Modification to the City’s Debt-Related Financial Policies.

City Council adopted modified debt-related financial policies in order to: 1. increase the debt to tax base ratio limit from 1.6% to 2.5%; 2. increase the debt service as a percent of general expenditures limit from 10% to 12%; 3. no longer utilize debt as a percent of personal income as a debt ratio measure; 4. recognize only general obligation tax-supported debt and general obligation tax-supported debt service as appropriate for debt ratio measure calculations; and 5. adopted debt repayment rapidity ratios of 50% as a minimum 10-year repayment ratio and 65% as the target 10-year repayment ratio as new policy elements of the modified debt-related financial policies.

14. 16-6428 Consideration of a Resolution to Establish an Ad Hoc Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted a resolution to Establish an Ad Hoc Joint City-Schools Facility Investment Task Force, as amended. (RES. NO. 2775)

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The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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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 and of Council decisions made at the meeting.