

City of Alexandria, Virginia
BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday – November 8, 2018
7 p.m.
Alexandria City Hall
Sister Cities Conference Room #1101
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Summary Minutes

Commission Members:

Ben Klein (Chair), Kathy Stenzel (Vice Chair), Nicholas Lee, Skip Maginniss, Jesse O’Connell
Robert Ray, Joe Valenti, Michael Wenk

Absent: Margaret Gullen (unexcused), Kirk McPike (unexcused), Ericka Miller (excused)

Vacant: Representative for Councilman Chapman, Representative for Alexandria
Chamber of Commerce

OMB Staff:

Morgan Routt, Arthur Wicks

Others in Attendance (Guests/Staff/Public):

None

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order:** Chair **Klein** called the meeting to order at 7:00 with a quorum present.
- II. Approval of Minutes:** **O’Connell** moved to approve the October 16, 2018 meeting minutes as written. **Stenzel** seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- III. Commission Business**
 - a. **Klein** asks which BFAAC members will be able to attend the Council budget retreat
 - b. Walkthrough of BFAAC agenda for retreat:
 - i. Share an overview of the planned memos
 - ii. Encourage members-elect to think about who they plan to appoint
 - iii. **Wenk** suggests inquiring about 2019 priorities of members and members-elect
 - iv. **Lee** asks for clarification about how members-elect will be involved in the retreat
 - c. Commission vacancies
 - i. **Klein** will check on status of Chamber appointment
 - d. Affordable housing subcommittee

- i. Will plan to meet in November
- ii. Following that meeting will develop a workplan and inform the list of guests to invite to BFAAC meetings to give presentations
- e. December BFAAC meeting topic
 - i. Budget 101

IV. OMB Report

- a. Preview of budget
 - i. Expecting a \$28m gap
 - 1. This is comparable to last year
 - ii. \$14m revenue growth (2%)
 - iii. \$42m increase in expenditures
 - 1. \$22m for schools
 - 2. \$5-6m for transit (\$4m Metro)
 - iv. Health insurance costs up 8.2%
 - v. A tax rate increase is an available policy option this year

V. Adjournment: **O'Connell** moved that the meeting be adjourned, **Valenti** seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

VI. Next Meeting: December 18, 2018