

**City of Alexandria, Virginia**  
**BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 20, 2021**  
**7 p.m.**  
**ZOOM call due to COVID 19 per City Guidelines**

**Summary Minutes**

**Commission Members:**

Jesse O’Connell (Chair), Kathy Stenzel (Vice Chair), Janet Blair-Fleetwood (Secretary), Christopher Ferrara, Amy Friedlander, Karen Graf, Paul Igasaki, Ben Klein, Nicholas Lee, Skip Maginniss, Robert Rapanut, Deb Roepke

**Absent:** Kirk McPike

**OMB Staff:**

Morgan Routt, Arthur Wicks

**Special Guests:** Mark Jinks, City Manager, Dana Wedeles, Special Assistant to the City Manager

**Agenda:**

- 1. Call to Order: Vice Chair Stenzel** called the meeting to order at 7:01 with a quorum present.
- 2. American Rescue Plan (ARP) for the City of Alexandria: City Manager Jinks** provided an overview of the potential funding the City might receive from the ARP. He noted that half of whatever funding is provided will be allocated next fall and the rest in the next budget cycle. There is some clarification needed regarding independent City (of which Alexandria is one) and County funding allocations, so the City is working to determine its allocations—it could be between \$30M to \$56M. Alexandria City schools will receive an additional \$35M for ARP. The City has 45 months to spend the funding. Funding can be used for three types of efforts: 1) CARES type activities; 2) To make up for Revenue loss due to the Pandemic; and 3) necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. **Wedeles** outlined the City process for identifying and evaluating uses of the funding. The City is looking for ways to partner with non-profits when determining the funding allocations. Also, consideration is being given to the first allocation being used for recovery from the pandemic, the second allocation for investment. The City is also reviewing if there is some funding allocated to the State of Virginia that can be passed to the City. The City will get its allocation in early May.
- 3. Public Comment: Chair O’Connell** welcomed Stephen Koenig who was a public attendee. Mr. Koenig said he was happy to be there and noted that he had no comments but just wanted to listen and learn at the meeting.
- 4. Approval of the Minutes from April 5, 2021 meeting: Friedlander** moved to approve the minutes, **Igasaki** seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. **Debrief on the BFAAC Worksession with the City Council on April 12, 2021:** **Chair O’Connell** led the discussion stating BFAAC was asked to provide a memorandum on reflections for ARP funding use and revenue opportunities, as well as schools spending for the funding. We were also asked to reflect on the process review for allocating the funding. **Chair O’Connell** said he and **Rapanut** would pull together a two-page paper highlighting the reflections. He asked for input from each member with the intent of having the paper out for review before the next meeting in May. The paper will need to be finalized at that May meeting. **Roepke** provided a presentation outlining some environmental program efforts that would be valuable uses of the ARP infrastructure investments. **Roepke** and **Maginniss** will develop a paper outlining a BFAAC workplan on the environmental program efforts.
6. **OMB Report:** **Rouff** said the Council has been provided with the list of items individual Councilmen request to be funded. There will be a public hearing on those items on Saturday. The decision on the list will be made in early May.
7. **Adjournment:** **Graf** moved that the meeting be adjourned, **Klein** seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.
8. **Next Meeting:**
  - a. Regular Monthly Meeting, May 18, 2021.