

City of Alexandria, Virginia
BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Tuesday – March 12, 2019
7 p.m.
Alexandria City Hall
Room #3008
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Summary Minutes

Commission Members:

Ben Klein (Chair), Kathy Stenzel (Vice Chair), Janet Blair-Fleetwood, Paul Igasaki, Nicholas Lee, Kirk McPike, Jesse O’Connell, Greg Parks, Robert Rapanut, Joe Valenti,

Absent: Skip Maginniss (excused), Deb Roepke (excused)

Vacant: Representative for Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

OMB Staff:

Arthur Wicks

Others in Attendance (Guests/Staff/Public):

None

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order:** Vice Chair **Klein** called the meeting to order at 7:06 with a quorum present.
- II. Approval of Minutes:** **Stenzel** moved to approve the February 13, 2019 meeting minutes as written. **O’Connell** seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- III. Commission Business**
 - a. Discussion of affordable housing deliverable:
 - i. **Valenti** shared an update that the subcommittee is in the process of gathering feedback and recapped the materials he has received so far. He will compile that information and share a draft at the next meeting.
 - b. Election of officers
 - i. **Klein** nominated **O’Connell** for Chair. **Stenzel** seconded. **O’Connell** accepted the nomination and is elected via unanimous voice vote.
 - ii. **O’Connell** nominated **Stenzel** for Vice Chair. **McPike** seconded. **Stenzel** accepted the nomination and is elected via unanimous voice vote.
 - iii. **O’Connell** nominated **Blair-Fleetwood** for Secretary. **Valenti** and **Klein** seconded. **Blair-Fleetwood** accepted the nomination and is elected via unanimous voice vote.

- c. Update on Upcoming Joint BFAAC/BAC Meeting
 - i. **Stenzel** outlined the agenda for the joint meeting scheduled March 14. The meeting will address progress implementing recommendations of the Joint Task Force, as well as several budget procedural questions that have arisen since the last meeting, including at the Council's retreat in November. As suggested by the City Manager during his FY 2020 budget presentation, the joint group also will discuss the potential use of a dedicated tax rate for school capital costs.
 - ii. Significant discussion was had regarding the City Manager's proposal to dedicate a portion of the real estate tax to the school CIP budget
 - 1. Commission discusses this proposal, BFAAC precedent on similar issues, what the intent of the dedicated fund would be
 - 2. **Wicks** is planning to have City Manager attend the next meeting to discuss this issue
- d. Discussion of BFAAC budget response memo workplan
 - i. Need a final product by April 8 (draft to staff by April 3)
 - ii. Proposed topics:
 - 1. Revenue
 - 2. Looming future obligations
 - 3. Covering shortfalls
 - 4. Schools role and impact
 - 5. Spreading out the engagement with the budget process
 - 6. Relationship between service increase and tax increases
 - 7. Economic development
 - iii. BFAAC work session with Council is April 8

IV. OMB Report

- a. Budget process is proceeding
- b. Work sessions with Schools last week, issue of custodians loomed large
- c. Klein encourages the commission to watch as many work sessions as possible

V. Adjournment: **Valenti** moved that the meeting be adjourned, **McPike** seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

VI. Next Meeting: Tuesday March 19, 2019