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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 5, 2024

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: JAMES F. PARAJON, CITY MANAGER /s/

FROM: KENDEL TAYLOR, INTERIM DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

DOCKET TITLE:

Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2024.

ISSUE: Receipt of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council receives the Monthly Financial Report.

BACKGROUND: The following discussion is a summary of the Monthly Financial Report for this period. Detailed comparative schedules are attached.

As of January 31, 2024, General Fund revenues totaled \$462.6 million, an increase of \$22.4 million, or 5.1 percent, compared to the same period in FY 2023. There are no significant variations in receipts through the midpoint of the fiscal year that are due to anything but timing billing, posting and accruals. It is important to note that several revenue categories lag by one or two months (e.g., the City has only received 5 months of Sales Tax revenue and 6 months of other categories, such as Transient Lodging and Restaurant Meals Tax Revenue).

Revenue may not track consistently with a monthly calendar since many revenue sources have due dates that do not occur evenly throughout the year. Transient Lodging and Restaurant Meal tax revenues continue to reflect post pandemic recovery trends. The largest revenue source, real estate tax, is remitted twice per year and aligns closely with real estate tax revenue from the same period in FY 2023. Real Estate tax revenue was due to the City on November 15. Through January 31, 2024, the City has collected \$259.5 million or 48.8 percent of the budgeted amount. This is comparable to FY 2023 when the City had collected \$250.9 million as of January 31, 2023, or 48.8 percent of the budgeted amount. Personal Property tax revenue, including business personal property, is trending ahead of FY 2023. Through seven months of the fiscal year, \$65.8 million reflects 99.2 percent of the budgeted amount compared to \$62.0 million in FY 2023, which was 92.9 percent of the budgeted amount. The higher interest rates that began in FY 2023 are continuing in FY 2024. Revenue from Use of Money and Property exceeds collections through the same period in FY 2023 by more than \$8.3 million or 90 percent.

As of January 31, 2024, General Fund expenditures totaled \$484.5 million, a difference of \$37.9 million, or 8.5 percent more than the same time period for FY 2023. Similar to the situation with revenues, no significant expenditure has occurred in the first seven months of Fiscal Year 2024 that is unbudgeted or unexpected. The most significant difference is the timing of payments (Transit

Subsidies and the Transfer to DASH) and proportional increases in spending due to budget increases (cash capital and debt service). The timing of payments and increases in personnel costs are the main driver of variances in Judicial Administration, Communications, Police and Information Technology Services. In addition, in FY 2023, several departments had large appropriations of General Funds added to their budget in the fall as ARPA funds were shifted. That one-time event creates a distorted comparison of percentage of budget expended between the two years.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Comparative Statement of General Fund Revenues

Attachment 2: Comparative Statement of General Fund Expenditures

STAFF:

Morgan Routt, Director, Office and Management and Budget

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE PERIODS ENDING JANUARY 31, 2024 AND JANUARY 31, 2023

	B	C	D=C/B	E	F	G=F/E
	FY 2024	FY2024		FY 2023	FY2023	
	APPROVED	REVENUES	%	FINAL	REVENUES	%
	BUDGET	THRU 1/31/2024	OF BUDGET	BUDGET	THRU 1/31/2023	OF TOTAL
General Property Taxes						
Real Property Taxes.....	\$ 532,076,175	\$ 259,530,909	48.8%	\$ 514,554,739	\$ 250,910,555	48.8%
Personal Property Taxes.....	66,313,000	65,757,934	99.2%	66,776,000	62,002,543	92.9%
Penalties and Interest.....	3,358,050	2,380,618	70.9%	3,199,600	1,991,780	62.3%
Total General Property Taxes	<u>\$ 601,747,225</u>	<u>\$ 327,669,461</u>	<u>54.5%</u>	<u>\$ 584,530,339</u>	<u>\$ 314,904,877</u>	<u>53.9%</u>
Other Local Taxes						
Local Sales and Use Taxes.....	\$ 39,000,000	\$ 16,796,068	43.1%	\$ 37,440,000	\$ 16,290,834	43.5%
Consumer Utility Taxes.....	12,020,000	5,708,026	47.5%	11,760,000	5,751,602	48.9%
Communication Sales and Use Taxes.....	6,810,000	3,543,333	52.0%	7,245,080	3,765,160	52.0%
Business License Taxes.....	39,824,300	3,687,348	9.3%	39,824,300	3,310,939	8.3%
Transient Lodging Taxes.....	11,200,000	6,655,392	59.4%	9,500,000	4,887,324	51.4%
Restaurant Meals Tax.....	31,200,000	15,733,068	50.4%	27,600,000	14,825,662	53.7%
Tobacco Taxes.....	2,030,000	986,723	48.6%	2,100,000	1,070,587	51.0%
Real Estate Recordation.....	3,926,000	1,586,844	40.4%	8,645,000	2,156,270	24.9%
Admissions Tax.....	313,000	222,053	70.9%	261,000	193,481	74.1%
Other Local Taxes.....	3,848,000	507,440	13.2%	4,103,000	402,017	9.8%
Total Other Local Taxes	<u>\$ 150,171,300</u>	<u>\$ 55,426,295</u>	<u>36.9%</u>	<u>\$ 148,478,380</u>	<u>\$ 52,658,159</u>	<u>35.5%</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues						
Revenue from the Fed. Government.....	\$ 7,944,000	\$ 3,484,895	43.9%	\$ 7,944,000	\$ 3,559,968	44.8%
Personal Property Tax Relief from the Commonwealth.....	23,578,531	22,399,604	95.0%	23,578,531	22,399,604	95.0%
Revenue from the Commonwealth.....	27,422,507	14,269,742	52.0%	26,001,491	13,876,894	53.4%
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>\$ 58,945,038</u>	<u>\$ 40,154,242</u>	<u>68.1%</u>	<u>\$ 57,524,022</u>	<u>\$ 39,836,466</u>	<u>69.3%</u>
Other Governmental Revenues And Transfers In						
Fines and Forfeitures.....	\$ 4,425,000	\$ 2,640,212	59.7%	\$ 4,305,200	\$ 1,497,467	34.8%
Licenses and Permits.....	2,667,500	1,841,771	69.0%	2,867,350	1,510,174	52.7%
Charges for City Services.....	15,652,609	9,332,344	59.6%	15,071,741	8,390,872	55.7%
Revenue from Use of Money & Prop.....	19,322,000	17,493,975	90.5%	6,655,000	9,224,250	138.6%
Other Revenue.....	3,470,890	2,268,001	65.3%	2,490,701	3,339,273	134.1%
Transfer from Other Funds.....	10,461,523	5,747,767	54.9%	9,976,651	8,813,490	88.3%
Total Other Governmental Revenues	<u>\$ 55,999,522</u>	<u>\$ 39,324,070</u>	<u>70.2%</u>	<u>\$ 41,366,643</u>	<u>\$ 32,775,526</u>	<u>79.2%</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 866,863,085</u>	<u>\$ 462,574,067</u>	<u>53.4%</u>	<u>\$ 831,899,384</u>	<u>\$ 440,175,027</u>	<u>52.9%</u>
Appropriated refunding bond proceeds.....						
Appropriated Fund Balance						
Operating Budget	\$ 17,464,943	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,120,000	\$ -	-
Cash Capital.....						
Encumbrances And Other.....	8,841,470		-	6,335,925		-
Supplemental Appropriations.....	7,924,149		-	50,401,898		-
TOTAL	<u>\$ 901,093,647</u>	<u>\$ 462,574,067</u>	<u>51.3%</u>	<u>\$ 896,757,207</u>	<u>\$ 440,175,027</u>	<u>49.1%</u>

58% of Fiscal Year Completed
56% of Payrolls Processed

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS BY FUNCTION
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE PERIODS ENDING JANUARY 31, 2024 AND JANUARY 31, 2024**

FUNCTION	B	C	D=C/B	B	C	G=F/E
	FY 2024	FY2024	%	FY 2023	FY2023	%
	APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDITURES THRU 1/31/2024	OF BUDGET EXPENDED	APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDITURES THRU 1/31/2023	OF BUDGET EXPENDED
Legislative & Executive.....	\$ 8,016,322	\$ 2,959,306	36.9%	\$ 5,353,977	\$ 2,662,416	49.7%
Judicial Administration.....	\$ 50,395,577	\$ 29,176,665	57.9%	\$ 48,621,278	\$ 26,603,525	54.7%
Staff Agencies						
Communications.....	\$ 2,428,675	\$ 1,295,706	53.4%	\$ 2,315,980	\$ 853,409	36.8%
Human Rights.....	1,108,320	\$ 588,545	53.1%	1,118,762	558,287	49.9%
Information Technology Services.....	16,820,418	\$ 10,406,135	61.9%	17,462,099	9,626,535	55.1%
Management & Budget.....	1,980,451	\$ 958,137	48.4%	1,786,305	801,572	44.9%
Finance.....	14,698,311	\$ 7,255,335	49.4%	14,365,095	7,060,459	49.2%
Performance and Accountability.....	1,007,419	\$ 520,102	51.6%	868,233	496,298	57.2%
Internal Audit.....	453,649	\$ 237,019	52.2%	438,920	234,391	53.4%
Human Resources.....	6,514,142	\$ 2,787,118	42.8%	6,049,636	2,741,476	45.3%
Planning & Zoning.....	7,938,787	\$ 4,061,215	51.2%	7,593,728	3,657,067	48.2%
Economic Development Activities.....	8,550,618	\$ 5,904,010	69.0%	9,105,994	7,190,761	79.0%
City Attorney.....	4,157,207	\$ 2,632,847	63.3%	4,160,155	2,546,793	61.2%
Registrar.....	1,806,012	\$ 860,706	47.7%	1,561,826	775,541	49.7%
General Services.....	16,497,687	\$ 8,679,103	52.6%	14,871,041	6,437,222	43.3%
Total Staff Agencies	\$ 83,961,696	\$ 46,185,976	55.0%	\$ 81,697,775	\$ 42,979,809	52.6%
Operating Agencies						
Transportation & Environmental Services.....	\$ 28,676,508	\$ 13,657,804	47.6%	\$ 27,684,657	\$ 12,824,340	46.3%
Project Implementation.....	-	\$ -	0.0%	-	-	0.0%
Fire.....	60,635,507	\$ 33,878,645	55.9%	56,544,097	30,871,075	54.6%
Police.....	72,752,996	\$ 40,825,250	56.1%	70,358,385	35,475,719	50.4%
Community Policing Review.....	578,440	\$ 138,852	0.0%	515,114	36,445	0.0%
Emergency Communications.....	10,244,342	\$ 5,516,829	53.9%	9,907,137	5,173,701	52.2%
Code.....	-	\$ -	0.0%	-	-	0.0%
Transit Subsidies.....	19,430,635	\$ 3,858,828	19.9%	19,355,404	9,391,648	48.5%
Housing.....	2,216,323	\$ 1,138,657	51.4%	2,081,141	1,125,782	54.1%
Community and Human Services.....	17,148,903	\$ 7,961,309	46.4%	17,586,100	8,207,056	46.7%
Health.....	10,473,406	\$ 7,384,801	70.5%	9,713,307	6,583,964	67.8%
Historic Resources.....	4,968,830	\$ 2,636,940	53.1%	5,279,711	2,239,098	42.4%
Recreation.....	28,856,012	\$ 16,543,254	57.3%	28,198,744	14,080,350	49.9%
Total Operating Agencies	\$ 255,981,902	\$ 133,541,170	52.2%	\$ 247,223,797	\$ 126,009,178	51.0%
Education						
Schools.....	\$ 258,686,800	\$ 129,343,400	50.0%	\$ 248,737,300	\$ 124,368,650	50.0%
Other Educational Activities.....	15,570	\$ 11,678	75.0%	15,750	11,813	75.0%
Total Education	\$ 258,702,370	\$ 129,355,078	50.0%	\$ 248,753,050	\$ 124,380,463	50.0%
Capital, Debt Service and Miscellaneous						
Debt Service - City.....	\$ 48,235,001	\$ 45,895,041	95.1%	\$ 41,170,131	\$ 36,056,187	87.6%
Debt Service - Schools.....	\$ 32,220,940	\$ 30,118,322	93.5%	\$ 31,941,000	27,895,884	87.3%
Expenses on Refunding Bonds.....	-	\$ -	0.0%	-	-	0.0%
Non-Departmental.....	\$ 13,130,187	\$ 5,916,637	45.1%	\$ 31,190,582	9,610,733	16.6%
General Cash Capital.....	\$ 38,392,581	\$ 18,280,741	47.6%	\$ 57,881,807	27,647,901	0.0%
Contingent Reserves.....	2,383,529	\$ -	0.0%	3,124,170	-	0.0%
Total Capital, Debt Service and Miscellaneous	\$ 134,362,238	\$ 100,210,741	74.6%	\$ 165,307,690	\$ 101,210,705	61.2%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 791,420,104	\$ 441,428,935	55.8%	\$ 796,957,567	\$ 423,846,095	53.2%
Cash Match (Transportation/DCHS/ and Transfers to Special Revenue /Capital Projects Funds)...	\$ 61,484,591	\$ 8,254,269	0.0%	\$ 58,742,540	\$ 7,342,346	0.0%
Transfer to Housing.....	9,351,130	4,673,223	0.0%	7,679,115	3,839,558	0.0%
Transfer to Library.....	8,589,228	4,293,426	50.0%	8,213,526	6,435	0.1%
Transfer to DASH.....	30,248,594	25,889,100	85.6%	25,164,459	11,580,614	46.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS	\$ 901,093,647	\$ 484,538,952	53.8%	\$ 896,757,207	\$ 446,615,048	49.8%
Total Expenditures by Category						
Salaries and Benefits.....	\$ 270,393,854	\$ 146,809,878	54.3%	\$ 258,355,244	\$ 131,538,505	50.9%
Non Personnel (includes all school funds)	630,699,793	\$ 337,729,074	53.5%	638,401,963	\$ 315,076,543	49.4%
Total Expenditures	\$ 901,093,647	\$ 484,538,952	53.8%	\$ 896,757,207	\$ 446,615,048	49.8%