

FY2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

Work Session #4



RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- Minnie Howard Pool Utilities Efficiency Reduction: (\$169,728)
- Seasonal Staffing Efficiency Reduction: (\$16,688)
- Fee Adjustments
 - Indoor Moon Bounce and Soft Play Equipment: \$12,600 in program revenue is forecasted for equipment rentals.
 - **Youth Sports: \$7,315** in program revenue is forecasted for youth sports fees. This aligns with market rates and costs to provide the sport.
 - ▶ Audio Equipment: \$1,800 in program revenue is forecasted for a projector, speakers and microphone equipment rental.
 - ▶ Rental Fee Adjustments: \$85,411 in program revenue is forecasted for facility usage. The proposed fee increases are for: Chinquapin pool, Minnie Howard Aquatics Facility, Lee Center auditorium, and rental staff support.



- Curbside Compost, Yard Waste & Glass Recycling: \$50,000
- Resource Recovery Driver Training: \$75,000
- ▶ Electric Leaf Blowers: \$25,000
- Noise/Nuisance Inspector: \$130,000
- Parking Meter Credit Card Processing Efficiency Reduction: (\$60,000)
- Refuse Disposal Efficiency Reduction: (\$235,000)
- Residential Permit Parking Fee Adjustment
- Stormwater Utility Fee Adjustment



Housing

Dept	Program	FY 2026
Housing Office	Home Ownership	\$0.83
	Housing Rehabilitation	1.24
	Tenants & Landlords	0.53
	Affordable Housing Development & Preservation	6.33
	Leadership & Management	0.77
	Affordable Housing Development & Preservation (Budgeted in the Proposed FY 2026 – 2035 CIP)	7.57
DCHS	Homelessness Prevention	0.14
	Tenant Assistance	0.07
	Homeless Shelter	1.07
	Community Services Block Grant	0.30
	Older Adult Rent Relief	0.78
	Eviction Prevention	0.47
Finance	Elderly/Disabled/Veteran Tax Relief	10.30
	Total (in Millions)	\$30.40

- Reduction through Reallocation of Staff Costs to Dedicated Revenue: (\$23,328)
- Office of Housing totals \$17.3 million
 - Includes annual dedicated revenue: 1 cent real estate tax,
 1% meals tax, and additional \$1 million City commitment
 - Affordable Housing investments includes \$11 million for the Sanse & Naja project
- DCHS Housing initiatives total \$2.8M



▶ FY 2026 City General Fund Contribution to DASH: increases to \$36.0 million from \$33.8 million in FY 2025 (6.5% increase), mainly driven by higher personnel costs under the existing CBA.



- Small Business Incubation/Acceleration: \$200,000 in one-time funding to target early-stage startups and support underrepresented entrepreneurs.
 - Provide specialized resources to new audiences who can grow and scale small business ideas through mentorship, training, networking and potential funding opportunities.
- Business Operations Efficiency Reduction: (\$11,319)
- ▶ Targeted Business Attraction Reduction: (\$28,006)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: VISIT ALEXANDRIA

- Supporting Advertisement: \$250,000 of one-time investment in marketing to maintain the City's position in the competitive tourism arena.
- Visitor Guide Reduction (\$25,000): represents a \$50,000 cutback in total copies for distribution.
- ▶ Trade Show Reduction (\$24,000): reducing the number of trade shows and hosted meeting planner events in FY 2026.



WORK SESSION #3 WRAP UP



City Clerk

Fees for professional services reduction: (\$2,000)



City Manager

Consulting services reduction: (\$60,832)



- Communications & Community Engagement
 - Interpretation and Translation Services reduction: (\$24,303)



Information Technology Services

- Cable TV franchise renewal: \$180,000
- Software and application reduction: (\$152,321)
- Cybersecurity collaborative reduction: (\$15,000)

UPCOMING WORK SESSIONS

The following work sessions will be held in the Council Work Room

- Work Session #5: Wednesday, March 26
 - BFAAC
 - Safe, Secure, & Just