

City of Alexandria, Virginia
Commission on Information Technology

October 28, 2025 IT Commission Special Working Session Minutes (virtual)
7:00 – 8:30 PM

In attendance: Rhonda Syler, Timothy Casey, Brandon Mosoriak, Daniel Rodriguez, Emily Dillard, Heather Barrows, Francisco Ortiz, Tom VanAntwerp, Benjamin McGinniss, Steve Davidson

City IT Staff: Vanetta Pledger, Stacey Campbell, Patrick Eze, Steve Chozick

Public/Other: John Crites (ACPS)

1. Call to Order

2. Discussion of FY27 Budget Priorities & Letter Drafting

- BM: What is the goal of the meeting tonight? RS: Highlight specific items that are important to the Committee and should be funded, especially items that currently have little or no funding.
- VP: Will present ITS budget (CIP and operating) to City Manager. We need to consider not only what to prioritize, but also the rationale for prioritization.

Open floor for questions.

- BM: WCAG automation software? Don't see any items for this. SC: It's under the electronic website CIP. Feel free to point it out, we can add it to the narrative for this CIP to spell it out more specifically.
- BM: How is the City's database infrastructure hosted and stored? How much is being spent on this? VP: Microsoft licensing for server and database storage. BM: What is the amount of data? VP: Host over 600 servers, close to 1PB (documents, files, videos, etc.). Some is on-prem and some in the cloud. There are two storage architectures for high availability.
- BM: Are there any lessees identified for the municipal fiber program? VP: Always open to interest. We are finalizing the fiber now, then will light it and connect City facilities. This is our priority.
- BM: Move budgeting for software licenses from specific departments to ITS. Are there plans to itemize this for accounting purposes? VP: Adobe example: get renewal from Adobe for X licenses, go back to the departments to see who has the software/needs the software.
- BM: Are there plans to possibly consolidate some programs/ERP systems/vendors? VP: We are always looking for synergies, the IT Governance board looks at these things.
- SD: Concerned if we're 'binning' things appropriately. For example, municipal fiber is under 'economic strength'. VP: Potential for leasing would be a possible economic strength, also developing the digital economy.

- BM: Should we be emphasizing new things or do we need to re-emphasize older/current items? VP: It doesn't hurt to do both.
- Is the document that we're preparing for Council or for the City Manager's prep? VP: It's for the CM's prep but it doesn't mean that the IT Commission hasn't shared it with Council before, but I don't recommend that. It will be part of the public record.
- DR: Operational budget question about body-worn cameras. Is this a one-time payment or will this cover several years? VP: This was for a contractor to assist with implementation of the body-worn camera system. Courts asked for one-time funding, it was a line-item for them that was added to the ITS budget.
- There was a wide-ranging discussion around the items, and their ordering, under the five focus points of the letter: Community Connection, Employee Attraction & Retention, Housing Opportunities, Elimination of Community Disparities, and Building Economic Strength.
- RS took notes on the conversation and will send a draft out to the Commission for further comment before it is finalized and submitted.

3. Other Business

No other business.

4. Adjournment at 8:45 pm. Next meeting scheduled for November 20, 2025.