Budget Comments received after the City Manager’s Proposed Budget

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February 24, 2021

In reference to Stormwater management in the Hunting Creek watershed. I did not see anything specific in the budget for working with Fairfax County to clean up Hunting Creek and prevent further pollution. There is a complete automobile that has languished in Hunting Creek for over 11 years. Recently joined by two dumpsters, also floated off during heavy rains. Hunting Creek empties into the Potomac, which empties into the Chesapeake Bay. We spend tons of money cleaning up the Bay. It is the responsible and accountable action to provide for clean-up of Hunting Creek. Please include provisions in the 2022 budget to clean up this important waterway.

February 17, 2021

I applaud the city manager for preparing alternative revenue scenarios. Although as a property owner looking I’m looking at a 2nd consecutive year of a significant tax increase (due to appreciation of property value), I advocate for maintaining the tax rate at $1.13 to expand the services the city operates. This can meet expanded needs of city residents and visitors, and model responsible fiscal behavior across the region.

February 16, 2021

I would like the budget to address my following concerns:
1. Energy and Climate Change Task Force (EAP 1.1.1, $150,000 for consultant minus $110,000 allocated FY2021, additional staff support time) – We request that the FY 2022 budget include funds to support the work of the Energy and Climate Change Task Force that will be fully operational in FY 2022.
2. Green Building New Staff Person (EAP 3.1.7, $120,000 per year) – We request that you include funding for one full time green building staff person in the Department of Planning and Zoning as set forth under Section 3.1.7 of the EAP.
3. City Electric Vehicle Program funding (EAP 2.2.2, $150,000 per year) – Implement recommendations of the new Alternative Fleet Fuel Policy and pilot programs for DASH, Alexandria City Public Schools, and the City vehicle fleet.
4. Tree Canopy Program and Guidelines (EAP 4.1.1, est. $30-40,000 per year) – We request that funding to support achieving the tree canopy preservation goals be continued. This green infrastructure is critical for adapting to higher temperatures and rainfall events.