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CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

APPROVED BUDGET IN BRIEF

FISCAL YEAR 2021

JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021



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FY 2021 BUDGET OVERVIEW

February 18, 2020, the City Manager proposed a \$799.9 million General Fund operating budget for FY 2021 to fund the over 500 services offered to the Alexandria community. This budget included significant investments in Schools and City capital projects; advancing the City’s progress as a smart, green and equitable community; and attracting and retaining a diverse and talented workforce with minimal reductions in services. The emergence of COVID-19 considerably changed the City’s economic outlook and required the City Manager to release an updated FY 2021 Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) on April 7, 2020 that reflected the new economic realities of the pandemic.

As unanimously adopted by the Alexandria City Council on April 29th, the City’s General Fund Operating Budget of \$753.3 million represents a decrease of 1.6 percent over the current year. The approved budget includes \$234.0 million in operating funds for public schools (a 1.0 percent, or \$2.4 million increase over FY 2020 funding), and invests \$2.1 billion over 10 years in Alexandria’s CIP. Within this budget, the previously proposed 2-cent increase in the real estate tax to fund City and Schools capital projects was deferred to a future fiscal year. Highlights of this approved budget include:

- Maintains the current real estate tax rate of \$1.13 per \$100 of assessed value
- Sanitary and storm sewer fees remain unchanged from FY 2020
- Resource recovery fee increases \$49 annually in response to negative recycling market conditions
- Provides an operating transfer to ACPS totaling \$234.0 million, which is an increase of \$2.4 million or 1.0 percent over FY 2020
- A continued focus on cybersecurity
- Establishment of a City owned 1315 Duke Street museum
- Provides additional staff to expand capacity in the popular Out of School Time Program

- Reduces the DASH operating subsidy by \$0.4 million, which is anticipated to be offset by Federal CARES funding via WMATA
- Allocates Federal CARES funding to the Alexandria Health Department
- Designates contingency funds for programs to assist Alexandria residents and businesses with recovery from the economic impacts of COVID-19
- Approved budget reflects a selective hiring freeze in filling City positions through at least mid-FY 2021 and cancelled the previously proposed 1.5% competitiveness pay scale adjustment, merit increases and targeted public safety pay increases for FY 2021

TAX FACTS & ASSESSED VALUE



Type	Unit	CY 2019 Actual Rate	CY 2020 Approved Rate
Real Estate	\$100/AV	\$1.13	\$1.13
Personal Property	\$100/AV	\$5.33	\$5.33
Refuse Collection Disposal	Household	\$411.00	\$460.00
Average Home Assessed Value.....			\$582,636
Average Residential Tax Bill CY 2019 (\$1.13 Current Rate).....			\$6,272
Average Residential Tax Bill CY 2020 (\$1.13 Approved Rate)			\$6,584

CIP OVERVIEW

The Approved FY 2021 – 2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) totals \$2.1 billion and is the first major update to the plan in three years. Significant expenses include the increased cost of construction in the regional market and the need to build two new schools, install waterfront flood mitigation infrastructure, and renovate City Hall.

Highlights of the 10-Year Plan:

- Funding totaling \$530.7 million for the Alexandria City Public Schools 10-year plan
- \$318.4 million to fund the City’s Capital Facility Maintenance Programs and other major renovations
- Stormwater funding totals \$96.8 million to continue to address long-term capital infrastructure needs related to state mandated improvements
- WMATA capital funding totaling \$165.3 million
- \$80.2 million for DASH Bus Fleet Replacement
- Funding for just 75 percent of projected Waterfront flood mitigation and City Hall Renovation costs until more planning and options are reviewed

Highlights of the FY 2021 Capital Budget:

The FY 2021 Capital Budget (only year formally adopted and appropriated by City Council) totals \$205.8 million and highlights of the projects are as follows:

- \$95.1 million for Alexandria City Public Schools capital funding request, which defers construction of the high school facility project at the Minnie Howard Campus to FY 2023.
- \$17.6 million for the City’s contribution to WMATA’s Capital Improvement Program.
- \$19.8 million for identified maintenance, repair, and renovation projects of public buildings.
- \$8.6 million for investments in Affordable Housing, including \$4.1 million in dedicated restaurant and meals tax and \$1.0 million committed by the City as part of Amazon HQ2 campus proposal.

- \$7.4 million for bridge repairs and refurbishments, including the joint Alexandria-Arlington Four Mile Run Bridge project
- \$5.5 million for street reconstruction and resurfacing. Resurfacing of lane miles will increase from an estimated 22 miles resurfaced in FY 2014, to over 55 miles to be resurfaced in FY 2021

Debt and Capital Funding Policies:

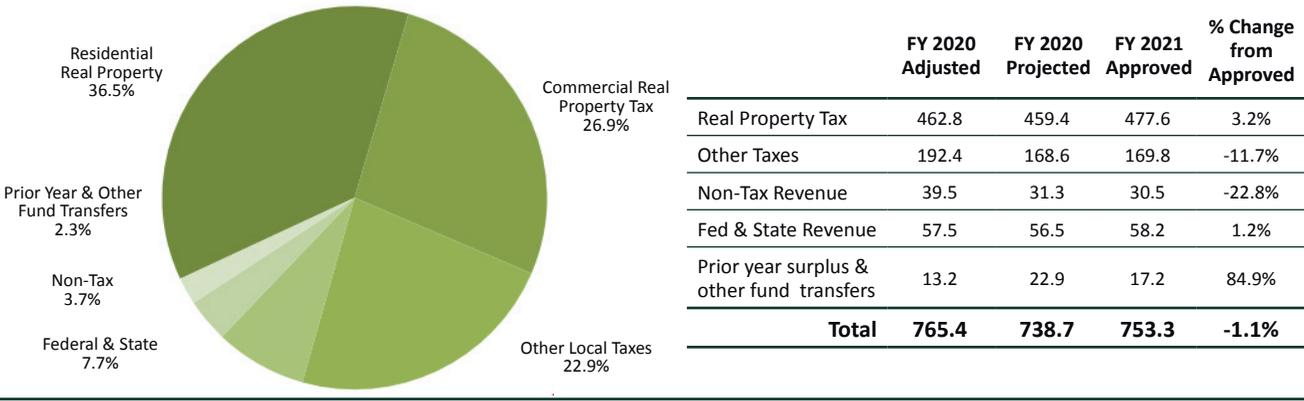
- The Approved CIP is in compliance with the City’s adopted debt ratios throughout the 10-year plan. See the Approved CIP document for additional details.
- The CIP has 36% cash sources versus 64% bonds over the life of the 10-year CIP.
- The General Fund Cash Capital Transfer is above the City Council approved target of 2.5% of General Fund expenditures annually. The percentage as relates to total General Fund expenditures in FY 2021 is 3.6% and averages 3.8% over the 10-year plan.

BUDGET CALENDAR

City Council and City Staff held a series of meetings during the budget development process to discuss and deliberate on the FY 2021 budget, including two meetings to update City Council and propose a revised operating and CIP budget in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Additional meetings included a public hearing on the budget on Monday, March 9th and a public hearing on the tax rate on Saturday, April 18th. Six budget-related work sessions were held in February, March, and April and four CIP specific work sessions were held in the Fall, which were available to the public to attend or view virtually. Throughout this year’s deliberation process, City staff issued over 60 responses to budget questions from City Council.

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FY 2021 APPROVED GENERAL FUND REVENUES



FY 2021 APPROVED OPERATING EXPENDITURES

