

*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 3, 2007

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 31: NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS REGARDING REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS OF \$50,000 OR MORE FOR THE FY 2008 BUDGET.

One of the provisions of Resolution 2205, newly adopted by this Council, is the requirement in section (c)(4) that:

“It shall not be in order for any member of the Alexandria City Council to initiate any amendment to the proposed budget of the City of Alexandria which would increase any specific budget outlay by more than \$50,000, unless written public notice of the member’s intent to offer such an amendment, and a general description of the proposed amendment, is given to the City Manager and City Clerk at least one week prior to the spring budget public hearing.”

The following additional expenditure items (“adds”) of \$50,000 or more have been received from members of Council. These items are listed by member. An attachment contains a table showing each type of add and whether and to what extent each member of Council has proposed it for consideration.

Any of these adds could be reduced or withdrawn at a later date. In addition, corresponding revenue increases or other expenditure reductions in equal amounts must be proposed by the April 25, 2007 deadline for such add-deletes prior to the preliminary add-delete session scheduled for April 30, 2007.

City staff will prepare additional budget memoranda on these proposals as necessary to provide additional comments and analysis if existing budget memoranda or work session materials have not already covered the topic.

Mayor Euille

1. \$4.9 million for a 1.5% COLA for both City and School staff. (The City cost would be \$2.8 million after backing out the cost of a Q-step, which would not be provided under this alternative. The Schools cost would be \$2.1 million.)
2. \$2.0 million for an increased transfer to the Schools operating budget (in addition to the \$2.1 million for a 1.5% COLA shown above in #1).
3. \$1.0 million to City Council's contingent reserves for possible use for programs managed by the Department of Human Services.
4. \$0.4 million increase in the fund balance designation for National Harbor-related projects (for a total of \$0.7 million including the \$0.3 million already contained in the proposed FY 2008 Operating Budget).
5. To the extent that any surplus funds are available after the add-delete process is completed, they would be set-aside in fund balances.

Vice Mayor Macdonald

1. \$6.7 million for a 2.0% COLA for both City and School staff. The City cost would be \$3.9 million (after backing out the cost of a Q-step, which would not be provided under this alternative). The Schools cost is \$2.8 million.
2. \$3.1 million for a 1.0% COLA for both City and School staff (as an alternative to option 1 above). The City cost would be \$1.7 million (after backing out the cost of a Q-step, which would not be provided under this alternative). The Schools cost would be \$1.4 million.
3. \$100,000 in additional funds for the tree planting program.
4. \$600,000 to provide a personal property tax exemption for cars registered with the State as clean special fuel cars.
5. \$200,000 for funding for full-time aides for City Council members.
6. \$50,000 for additional advertising for the City (open air) markets.
7. \$200,000 to conduct and inventory of Alexandria's current global warming emissions (to be paid for by an increase in utility taxes to the extent necessary).

Councilwoman Pepper

1. \$4.9 million for a 1.5% COLA for both City and School staff. The City cost would be \$2.8 million (after backing out the cost of a Q-step, which would not be provided under this alternative). The Schools cost is \$2.1 million.
2. \$2.8 million for an increased transfer to the Schools operating budget (in addition to the funds provided for any COLA shown above in #1).
3. \$1.0 million for Child Care spots for both profit and non-profit organizations.
4. \$780,000 to restart the Red Light Camera Program at 3 locations (assumed to be budget neutral over time through the additional revenue generated by this program).
5. \$90,000 placed into contingent reserves to maintain a Gang Prevention Coordinator position (if Federal funds are not available).

- 6. \$100,000 for the Planning and Zoning Department to complete the 100 year old building survey in FY 2008.
- 7. To the extent that any surplus funds are available after the add-delete process is completed, they would be set-aside in fund balances.

Councilman Krupicka

- 1. \$4.9 million for a 1.5% COLA for both City and School staff. (The City cost would be \$2.8 million after backing out the cost of a Q-step, which would not be provided under this alternative. The Schools cost would be \$2.1 million.)
- 2. \$3.1 million for a 1.0% COLA for both City and School staff (as an alternative to option 1 above). The City cost would be \$1.7 million (after backing out the cost of a Q-step, which would not be provided under this alternative). The Schools cost would be \$1.4 million.
- 3. \$2.8 million for an increased transfer to the Schools operating budget (in addition to the funds provided for any COLA shown above in #1 and #2).
- 4. \$780,000 to restart the Red Light Camera Program at 3 locations (assumed to be budget neutral over time through the additional revenue generated by this program).
- 5. \$90,000 placed into contingent reserves to maintain a Gang Prevention Coordinator position (if Federal funds are not available).
- 6. \$1.0 million for (a) unforeseen mandated Community Service Act (CSA) spending, (b) partial replacement of lost Federal and State funded child care spots, and (c) for the Children's Fund to assist with the sustainability of early childhood programs.
- 7. \$100,000 for the Planning and Zoning Department to complete the 100 year old building survey in FY 2008.
- 8. \$1.0 million or more (depending on revenues and technical revenue re-estimates) to be added to fund balances in light of constrained property value growth, lost Federal and State support and related fiscal concerns for the next few years.

Councilman Smedberg

- 1. \$3.1 million for a 1.0% COLA for both City and School staff (as an alternative to option 1 above). The City cost would be \$1.7 million (after backing out the cost of a Q-step, which would not be provided under this alternative). The Schools cost would be \$1.4 million.
- 2. \$2.0 million for an increased transfer to the Schools operating budget (in addition to the \$2.1 million for a 1.0% COLA shown above in #1).
- 3. \$780,000 to restart the Red Light Camera Program at 3 locations (assumed to be budget neutral over time through the additional revenue generated by this program).
- 4. \$750,000 to City Council's contingent reserves for possible use for programs managed by the Department of Human Services.
- 5. \$0.4 million increase in the fund balance designation for National Harbor-related projects (for a total of \$0.7 million including the \$0.3 million already contained in the proposed FY 2008 Operating Budget).

6. \$100,000 for the Planning and Zoning Department to complete the 100 year old building survey in FY 2008.

#### Councilman Gaines

1. \$4.9 million for a 1.5% COLA for both City and School staff. The City cost would be \$2.8 million (after backing out the cost of a Q-step, which would not be provided under this alternative). The Schools cost is \$2.1 million.
2. \$2.8 million for an increased transfer to the Schools operating budget (in addition to the funds provided for any COLA shown above in #1).
3. \$90,000 placed into contingent reserves to maintain a Gang Prevention Coordinator position (if Federal funds are not available).
4. \$1.0 million for (a) unforeseen mandated Community Service Act (CSA) spending, (b) partial replacement of lost Federal and State funded child care spots, and (c) to assist with the sustainability of early childhood programs.
5. \$100,000 for the Planning and Zoning Department to complete the 100 year old building survey in FY 2008.
6. \$1.0 million or more (depending on revenues and technical revenue re-estimates) to be added to fund balances in light of constrained property value growth, lost Federal and State support and related fiscal concerns for the next few years.

#### Councilman Lovain

1. \$4.9 million for a 1.5% COLA for both City and School staff. The City cost would be \$2.8 million (after backing out the cost of a Q-step, which would not be provided under this alternative). The Schools cost is \$2.1 million.
2. \$3.1 million for a 1.0% COLA for both City and School staff (as an alternative to option 1 above). The City cost would be \$1.7 million (after backing out the cost of a Q-step, which would not be provided under this alternative). The Schools cost would be \$1.4 million.
3. \$2.7 million for a 1.0% COLA on the first \$50,000 of salary for all employees (as an alternative to options 1 and 2 above). The City cost would be \$1.3 million (after backing out the cost of a Q-step, which would not be provided under this alternative). The Schools cost would be \$1.4 million if no cap were applied. As explained in Budget Memorandum #20 City staff does not have an estimate of the effect of a capped COLA on the cost of a Schools COLA. Even if we did, a cap on eligible salary for a COLA cannot be proscribed for School personnel. However, the Schools may provide City Council that information at a later date and the cost of this alternative would be reduced accordingly.
4. \$2.5 million for an increased transfer to the Schools operating budget (in addition to the funds provided for any COLA shown above in #1, #2 and #3).
5. \$50,000 for the overtime budget of the Sheriff's Office, a one-time increase to cover staffing issues pertaining to Detention Center operations, including the supervision of inmates conducting community cleaning projects.

6. \$65,000 for an increase of one Deputy Sheriff position to supervise an additional external work detail to handle community cleanup and assistance requests.
7. \$240,000 for the reclassification of Sheriff Deputy III and IV positions to bring those positions into line with the classification of Police Officer III and IV positions.

Attachment: Table: Council Member Notifications of Requests for Additional Funding of \$50,000 or More

Attachment

**Council Member Notifications of Requests for Additional Funding of \$50,000 or More**

	Euille	Macdonald	Pepper	Krupicka	Smedberg	Gaines	Lovain
COLA (both City and Schools)	\$4.9 M (1.5% COLA)	\$6.7 M (2.0% COLA) or \$3.1 M (1.0% COLA)	\$4.9 M (1.5% COLA)	\$4.9 M (1.5% COLA) or \$3.1 M (1.0% COLA)	\$3.1 M (1.0% COLA)	\$4.9 M (1.5% COLA)	\$4.9 M (1.5% COLA) or \$3.1 M (1.0% COLA) or \$2.7 M (1.0% COLA with \$50K Cap)
Schools Transfer (excluding COLA)	\$2.0 M		\$2.8 M	\$2.8 M	\$2.0 M	\$2.8 M	\$2.5 M
DHS Programs	\$1.0 M in Contingent Reserves		\$1.0 M	\$1.0 M	\$750,000 in Contingent Reserves	\$1.0 M	
Red Light Cameras			\$780,000	\$780,000	\$780,000		
National Harbor - Related	\$0.4 M in designated fund balance				\$0.4 M in designated fund balance		
100 Year-Old Building Study			\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	
Gang Prevention Coordinator			\$90,000 in contingent reserves	\$90,000 in contingent reserves		\$90,000 in contingent reserves	
Tree Planting		\$100,000					
Exemption from Tax of Clean Special Fuel Vehicles		\$600,000					
Full-Time Council Aides		\$200,000					
Advertising for City Open Air Markets		\$50,000					
Inventory of Alexandria Global Warming Emissions		\$200,000					
Sheriff (Overtime)							\$50,000
Sheriff (Dep. Sheriff Position)							\$65,000
Sheriff (Position Reclassification)							\$240,000
Fund Balance	Remaining Funds if surplus		Remaining Funds if surplus	\$1.0 M or more		\$1.0 M or more	