ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

A County Board Recessed Meeting of Arlington County, Virginia, held at the Bozman Government Center 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Room 307 Arlington, VA 22201 thereof on April 22, 2026, at 3:00 PM

PRESENT: Matt de Ferranti, Chair
Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair
Susan Cunningham, Member
Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr., Member
Takis Karantonis, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Schwartz, County Manager
Ryan Samuel, County Attorney
Mason Kushnir, County Board Clerk
Jonathan Davis, County Board Deputy Clerk

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I. COUNTY BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Appointments

On a motion by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, the County Board made the following appointments:

Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families
Appoint — Kate Raftery for a term ending April 30, 2028

Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments
Reappoint — Johnny Mendez for a term ending April 30, 2027
Reappoint — Jose Penaranda for a term ending April 30, 2027

Climate Change; Energy and Environment Commission
Reappoint — Trevor Montano for a term ending April 30, 2028

Crystal and Pentagon Cities Council
Reappoint — Patrick Phillippi to a seat representing a Crystal City Business Owner/Tenant for a term ending April 30, 2028

Community Services Board
Reappoint — Angela Souder for a term ending February 28, 2029

Economic Development Commission
Appoint — Philip Green for a term ending April 30, 2029
Reappoint — Andy VanHorn for a term ending April 30, 2029

Joint Facilities Advisory Commission
Designate — John Mingus as Vice Chair for a term ending December 31, 2027.

Park and Recreation Commission
Appoint — Richard Viola, for a term ending April 30, 2028

Sports Commission
Reappoint — Samuel Hamilton Humes for a term ending April 30, 2028
Reappoint — David Lansing for a term ending April 30, 2028

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

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Meeting Highlights

Matt de Ferranti highlighted County resources available to federal workers, including employment, mental health, food, housing, health insurance, and event information.

Matt de Ferranti highlighted publicly available resources for immigrants and refugees, including information on legal rights and the path to citizenship.

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Recognitions

The County Board recognized Administrative Professionals Day and thanked administrative professionals throughout the County for supporting public service and Board operations.

The County Board recognized Earl Conklin upon his retirement after 36 years of service to the Arlington and Falls Church Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Board members thanked him for strengthening juvenile services and supporting young people and families.

Maureen Coffey issued the below proclamation recognizing the 20th anniversary of Project Peace:

PROJECT PEACE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Arlington County envisions a community grounded in safety, dignity, equity, and respect, where all individuals are supported in building healthy relationships and living free from violence, fear, and harm; and

WHEREAS, Project PEACE (Partnering to End Abuse in the Community for Everyone) serves as Arlington County's coordinated community response to prevent and address domestic, dating, and sexual violence, uniting County agencies, nonprofit organizations, and community partners around a shared commitment to survivor safety, accountability, and prevention; and

WHEREAS, for 20 years, Project PEACE has strengthened Arlington County's response to interpersonal violence by fostering collaboration across public safety, health care, education, courts, advocacy, housing, and community-based services, helping ensure survivors can access coordinated, trauma-informed, culturally responsive support when they need it most; and

WHEREAS, through initiatives such as 24-hour crisis advocacy and hotlines, court advocacy, hospital accompaniment, counseling services, prevention education, and safe housing and visitation supports, Project PEACE and partners work together to enhance safety, promote healing, and reduce barriers for individuals and families impacted by abuse; and

WHEREAS, Project PEACE also advances violence prevention by engaging youth, parents, educators, and community members in efforts that promote healthy relationships, raise awareness, and strengthen the community's ability to recognize, prevent, and respond to harm meaningfully — recognizing that prevention and early intervention are essential to lasting change; and

WHEREAS, the evolution of Project PEACE over the past two decades reflects Arlington County's ongoing commitment to learning, growth, and inclusion, expanding its focus to address sexual violence, dating violence, and intimate partner violence across the lifespan, and embracing approaches informed by survivor voices and community experience; and

WHEREAS, as Arlington County celebrates the 20th anniversary of Project PEACE, the community honors the dedication of advocates, service providers, public servants, volunteers, and survivors whose collective efforts have shaped a stronger, more coordinated response, honors those whose lives have been impacted or lost to intimate partner and sexual violence, and recommits to the shared work still ahead to end violence and promote equity and safety for all;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby recognize April 2026 as the **20th Anniversary of Project PEACE** in Arlington County, and encourage community members, partners, and community leaders to join in celebrating this milestone while continuing to work together to prevent violence, support survivors, and build a safer, more compassionate community.

Maureen Coffey issued the below proclamation recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month calls attention to the reality that sexual violence affects individuals, families, and the broader Arlington community; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County envisions a peaceful and respectful community where diversity is celebrated, violence is not tolerated, and all people are empowered to build healthy relationships free from fear, coercion, abuse, and violence; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment are serious harms that affect people of all ages, races, genders, sexual orientations, abilities, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, national data show that sexual violence remains widespread, with nearly half of women and one in six men experiencing contact sexual violence in their lifetime, and Arlington County recognizes that young people in our community are also impacted; and

WHEREAS, Arlington's Sexual Assault Response Team and Project PEACE work collaboratively to support coordinated responses and help ensure that survivors have access to services that protect safety, autonomy, dignity, and healing; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County Board recognizes the strength, resilience, and leadership of survivors and affirms the importance of survivor centered, compassionate, and equitable responses, especially for individuals from historically marginalized and underserved communities who may face additional barriers to accessing services; and

WHEREAS, preventing sexual violence requires education, awareness, early support, and continued collaboration among public agencies, schools, service providers, advocates, and residents, and the Arlington County Board supports efforts to raise awareness, prevent sexual violence, support survivors, and strengthen a culture of safety, respect, and accountability;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim April 2026 as **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH** in Arlington County and urges all residents to learn more about preventing sexual violence, supporting survivors, and promoting safe and respectful communities.

Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. issued the below proclamation recognizing the Month of the Military Child:

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

WHEREAS, since 1986, April has been recognized as the Month of the Military Child, honoring the sacrifices and challenges faced by military children; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County, Virginia, is home to the Pentagon, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, the National Guard Arlington Hall Readiness Center, and Naval Support Facility Arlington, where thousands of veterans and military personnel work daily as parents or guardians of military children; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 1.6 million military children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of military service, the average military family moves every two to three years, which can create barriers to academic success; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of frequent moves extend beyond the classroom and can be socially isolating for children as they navigate new friendships and community dynamics; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Board also commends institutions such as Arlington Public Schools, the Military Child Education Coalition Arlington, the Armed Services YMCA Child Development Center Arlington, and many others that work to ease transitions between school districts for military families while also providing a warm and meaningful welcome into our community; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County, with its unique ties to the military community, honors and deeply appreciates the sacrifices military families make for our country both in service and at home; and

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **April 2026**, as **MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD** in Arlington County and encourages all residents to join in honoring the children of military families in our community.

Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. issued the below proclamation recognizing Autism Acceptance & Awareness Month:

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE & AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, approximately 1 in 31 children in the United States is diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), reflecting a community that touches families, schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods across Arlington and the nation; and

WHEREAS, autism is a complex neurological and developmental condition that manifests differently in each individual and no two people on the autism spectrum share the same strengths, challenges, or experiences; and

WHEREAS, awareness without acceptance is incomplete, and true inclusion requires moving beyond understanding autism in the abstract to actively embracing autistic individuals as full and valued members of our community; and

WHEREAS, autistic individuals contribute meaningfully to Arlington's civic, cultural, professional, and social life, and deserve environments that recognize their dignity, honor their differences, and remove barriers to participation; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is committed to fostering a community in which every resident, regardless of neurological difference, has access to the support, resources, and opportunities needed to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County Department of Human Services (DHS), families, caregivers, educators, healthcare providers, organizations such as the Autism Society of Northern Virginia, and advocates in Arlington work every day to support autistic individuals and build a more inclusive community;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **APRIL 2026**, as **AUTISM ACCEPTANCE & AWARENESS MONTH** in Arlington County and urge all residents, businesses, schools, and organizations to join in recognizing the experiences of autistic individuals and their families, promoting acceptance and inclusion, and reaffirming our shared commitment to a county where everyone belongs.

Matt de Ferranti issued the below proclamation recognizing Arlington Preparedness Month:

ARLINGTON PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Preparedness Months seeks to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies, encouraging individuals to act; and building community resilience;

WHEREAS, Arlington County's Department of Public Safety Communications and Emergency Management encourages everyone who lives, works and plays in the County to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and the broader community;

WHEREAS, preparedness goes beyond fire alarms, deadbolt locks, and an emergency kit;

WHEREAS, it also entails being informed about different hazards by subscribing to Arlington Alert, researching hazards that can impact your community, and reflecting on your family's unique needs like medications and mobility,

WHEREAS, residents can help their loved ones be more prepared by discussing a family emergency plan;

WHEREAS, volunteering with groups like CERT and attending community training classes can help build a more resilient, prepared County;

WHEREAS, a whole community approach is central to equitable emergency preparedness, and preparedness is everyone's responsibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, The County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim the month of **April 2026** as **ARLINGTON PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in Arlington County and urge all citizens to be informed, make a plan, and build community resilience by being more prepared and helping others to do the same.

Matt de Ferranti issued the below proclamation recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunications Week:

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Arlington County Emergency Communications Center, who process on average over 450,000 telephone calls per year, are the first and most critical contact that our citizens have with Arlington's emergency services; and

WHEREAS, these telecommunicators are the vital link to those calling for help and to police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and Sheriff's deputies; and

WHEREAS, telecommunicators monitor emergency personnel's activities by radio and telephone and provide them with lifesaving information to ensure their safety; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and Sheriff's deputies is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained by all Emergency Communications Technicians from the citizens who telephone the Arlington County Emergency Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Arlington County Emergency Communications Center have contributed significantly to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fire and the treatment of patients in life-threatening situations; and

WHEREAS, each telecommunicator – the unseen individual providing a calm voice when emergencies arise – exhibits compassion, empathy and professionalism, keeping our county and citizens safe;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Matt de Ferranti, Chair of the County Board of Arlington do hereby proclaim **April 12-18, 2026**, as **NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK** in Arlington County and urge all residents to honor the employees of the Emergency Communications Center and recognize them for their diligence and professionalism in helping keep our county, its residents, employees and visitors safe.

Susan Cunningham issued the below proclamation recognizing Week of the Young Child:

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

WHEREAS, the early years of a child's life represent a period of rapid brain development and lay the foundation for lifelong learning, health, and success; and

WHEREAS, high quality early childhood education supports children's cognitive, social emotional, physical, and language development through nurturing relationships and engaging learning environments; and

WHEREAS, early childhood educators play a vital role in fostering these foundational skills, supporting families, and helping build a strong and connected community; and

WHEREAS, Children's International School has served the Arlington community for more than 40 years, and its North Scott campus has provided a caring, inclusive, and engaging environment for young learners and families for more than 21 years; and

WHEREAS, Children's International School serves families across Arlington and helps build a connected community by fostering meaningful relationships among educators, families, and children and by ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, now celebrating 100 years of advancing early childhood education, continues to highlight the importance of supporting educators, families, and young children through initiatives such as the Week of the Young Child; and

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **April 11 through 17, 2026**, as **WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD** in Arlington County and urge all residents to recognize the important contributions of early childhood educators, families, and programs that support young children and to reaffirm their commitment to high quality early learning opportunities for all.

Susan Cunningham issued the below proclamation recognizing Walk Month:

WALK MONTH

WHEREAS, walking is an enjoyable, safe, and sustainable form of transportation that supports healthier people, a healthier environment, and a more connected community; and

WHEREAS, walking can help reduce traffic congestion and conserve energy, while also benefiting both employees and employers through improved physical and mental health, reduced commuting stress, and lower parking costs; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is home to an expansive walking network, including some of the region's most popular trails, and continues to invest in pedestrian safety, sidewalks, and other infrastructure improvements through Vision Zero and County and regional transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Arlington is committed to creating equitable opportunities for education, encouragement, and engagement around walking and active transportation Countywide, and residents continue to help shape transportation and community policies that support more walkable places and more people walking; and

WHEREAS, Arlington is recognized as a Platinum-Level Walk Friendly Community by the national Walk Friendly Communities program and continues to strive for improvement in making walking safer, easier, and more accessible for all; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association has proclaimed April 2, 2026, as National Walking Day, providing an opportunity to recognize the many benefits of walking and encourage greater participation throughout the month; and

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **May 2026**, as **WALK MONTH** in Arlington County and urge all residents to support and participate in activities that contribute to the health of the community and the environment.

Takis Karantonis issued the below proclamation recognizing Earth Day:

EARTH DAY

WHEREAS, Arlington County values the importance of a healthy environment, recognizing that clean air, safe water, and thriving natural spaces are essential to the health and well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the parks, trails, trees, and waterways throughout Arlington contribute to a vibrant quality of life and provide critical habitat for local wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is committed to protecting natural resources,

reducing pollution, addressing climate change, and supporting local programs that encourage energy conservation, waste reduction, and environmental education; and

WHEREAS, residents, businesses, and community organizations play an important role in keeping Arlington a clean, healthy, and resilient place to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day provides an opportunity for everyone in Arlington to reflect on our shared responsibility to care for the environment and take action to protect it for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County continues to build a more sustainable future through community partnerships, innovation, and everyday efforts that make a lasting impact;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **April 22, 2026,** as **EARTH DAY** in Arlington County and urges all residents, businesses, and organizations to participate in efforts to protect and improve our environment.

Matt de Ferranti also recognized Dark Sky Week, Arbor Day, and Arab American Heritage Month, highlighting environmental stewardship and Arlington's diversity.

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Board Member's Reports

Mason Kushnir reported that the request for proposals for the County Board's Examination of Board Structure and Performance had been distributed to identified research partners and would be posted on the County Board and purchasing websites. The County would accept questions and proposals according to the schedule and requirements published online.

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Manager's Reports

Mark Schwartz introduced Nick Rogers and Eileen Weinschenk, who presented the Low Residential Generalized Areas Land Study's engagement findings and analysis of lot sizes, impervious area, tree canopy, and peer jurisdictions. Staff will develop two or three potential impervious-area limits and begin the next phase of public engagement in June.

Mark Schwartz, Deborah Warren, and Latoya Young reviewed Project PEACE's 20-year history and its coordinated work to prevent and respond to intimate-partner and sexual violence. They highlighted expanded youth engagement, an integrated survivor hotline, intervention and prevention programs, and coordinated survivor services. Project PEACE is developing its 2026–2028 blueprint with survivor and community input.

Mark Schwartz and Peter Vaselopulos outlined Arlington's plans to commemorate America's 250th anniversary through historical, educational, cultural, and tourism programs. Planned activities include Arlington History Fest, Library Fest 250, school programming, historical exhibits, and community events developed with County departments and the Arlington Historical Society.

Mark Schwartz and Hui Wang reviewed lessons learned from the Columbia Pike Multimodal Project. Staff identified the need for stronger design quality control, earlier identification of underground utilities, additional project-management resources, greater attention to constructability and pedestrian access, and more direct communication with residents, businesses, contractors, and community partners. Staff will apply these lessons to future large and complex construction projects.

Mark Schwartz and Samia Byrd presented the second Expanded Housing Options data report, covering July 2023 through December 2025. During that period, 47 properties received EHO zoning permits, three developments were completed, five were under construction, and 15 permit holders instead developed single-detached homes. Staff also reported that permitting resumed on October 1, 2025, while litigation remains pending.

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II. REGULAR HEARING ITEMS

31. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Adoption

A. Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 County Budget Resolution, Appropriations Resolution, and Appropriations.

B. Calendar Year 2026 Real Estate Tax Rate and Commercial Real Estate Tax Rate.

C. Calendar Year (CY) 2026 Personal Property Tax Rate and the allocation method of the State's vehicle tax relief provided to Arlington County.

D. Calendar Year 2026 Ballston Business Improvement District (Ballston BID) Tax Rate.

E. Calendar Year 2026 National Landing Business Improvement District (National Landing BID) tax rate.

F. Calendar Year 2026 Rosslyn Business Improvement District (Rosslyn BID) Tax Rate.

G. Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Cultural Affairs Division (CAD) program, services, and membership fees.

H. Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Cultural Affairs Division (CAD) Staff Support Fees.

I. Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Cultural Affairs Division (CAD) Scenic Studio Fees.

J. Ordinance, effective July 1, 2026, to amend, reenact, and recodify Chapter 26 (Utilities), Article I (General Provisions), Section 26-9 (Water/sewer Rates and Fees) of the Arlington County Code to increase water and sewer rates.

K. (1) Ordinance, effective January 1, 2026, to amend, reenact, and recodify Chapter 26 (Utilities), Article III (Stormwater Utility), Section 26-120 (Stormwater Utility Fee) of the Arlington County Code to increase the Stormwater Utility Fee and (2) resolution providing a financial relief program for certain homeowners to assist with payment of the County's Stormwater Utility Fee.

L. Ordinance, with an effective date of July 1, 2026, to amend, reenact, and adopt the fees depicted on the Department of Environmental Services Consolidated Development-Related Fee Schedule related to and listed under the sections titled Transportation

Right-of-Way Fees, Public Right-of-Way Fees, Land Disturbing Activities Fees, Civil Engineering Plan Fees, Subdivision Plat Review and Bond Administration Fees, Administrative Fees for Enforcement of Stormwater Management Facility Inspection and Maintenance Requirements, and Outdoor Café Licensing Fees.

M. Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 addition of a zoning fee to the Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development (CPHD) Planning and Zoning fee schedule for a Local Historic District Designation Fee, effective July 1, 2026.

N. Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 changes to the Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development (CPHD) development related fees for Planning, Zoning, and Inspection Services, effective July 1, 2026.

O. Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) program, services, and membership fees.

P. Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Summer Camp Fees for the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD).

Q. Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) fees related to off-duty details including special events and administrative vehicle use fees.

R. Ordinance, effective July 1, 2026, to amend, reenact, and recodify Chapter 9.2 (Food and Food Handling Code) and Chapter 24.1 (Water Recreation Facilities Ordinance) of the Arlington County Code relating to fees for food establishments and water recreation facilities.

S. Ordinance, with an effective date of July 1, 2026, to amend, reenact, and recodify Chapter 27 (Miscellaneous Ordinances), Section 27-11.2 (Imposition of License Tax on Owners of Certain Motor Vehicles) of the Arlington County Code to impose an annual $250 penalty for failure to register a motor vehicle within 30 days.

T. Ordinance to amend, reenact, and recodify Chapter 39 (Cigarette Tax) Sections 39-2 (Definitions), 39-4 (Methods of Collection), 39-5 (Registered Agents), 39-7 (Sale of Cigarettes in Vending Machines; Contraband), 39-8 (Illegal Acts), 39-12 (Erroneous Assessment; Notices and Hearings in the Event of Sealing of Vending Machines or Seizure of Contraband Property), 39-13 (Disposal of Seized Property), and 39-14 (Extensions) of the Arlington County Code ("County Code") to (a) repeal Section 39-7 (Sale of Cigarettes in Vending Machines; Contraband), and (b) enact other conforming changes to Chapter 39 of the County Code to enable the county to join the Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board and implement various technical corrections.

U. Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Pay Plan as set forth in Attachments 1-7 (of the staff report).

A motion was made by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by TAKIS KARANTONIS, Member, to adopt the amended Chair's Markup spreadsheet of the FY2027 Operating Budget, as displayed onscreen.

The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Nay; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

A motion was then made by MAUREEN COFFEY, Vice-Chair, seconded by JULIUS D. "JD" Spain, Sr., Member, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 supplemental budget guidance, as displayed onscreen.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

The adopted Supplemental Guidance reads as follows:

Supplemental
FY2027 Budget Guidance

The Arlington County Board's Direction to the County Manager in the preparation of the FY2027 Budget anticipated deepening fiscal constraints and difficult decisions. Slowing revenue growth, loss of regional funding for homeland security programs and other federal funding, and increased costs were among the challenges facing the County Manager and the Board during this year's budget cycle.

As directed by the Board, the County Manager's proposed budget prioritized funding for the County's core functions and safety net services, maintaining our financial commitments, and serving our most vulnerable community members.

After careful deliberation on the many options presented during a months-long process of hearing from the community, County Commissions and advisory bodies, and County department leadership and staff, the FY2027 budget adopted by the Board strives to meet the challenges of the current moment by ensuring the County continues to provide high-quality core functions, while maintaining its tradition of providing the services that make Arlington a unique and vibrant place to live, work, and play.

The Board offers the following supplemental budget guidance to further articulate its intent behind the FY2027 adopted budget, as well as to explain the amendments made during the mark-up work session ("mark-up") of this budget cycle.

ADDRESSING FISCAL CHALLENGES FOR FY 2027

To meet the needs and priorities of our community during FY 2027, including ensuring safety net services, public safety, and restoring funding for proposed cuts to popular community programs and services, the adopted budget increases the real estate tax rate by $0.020 to $1.053 per $100 of assessed value. $3,283,813 of the additional revenue, beyond that included in the Manager's proposed budget, will be shared with Arlington County Public Schools, per the County's revenue sharing principle. The County will retain $3,732,882. The additional school funding includes $1,090,398 in one-time funding and $2,193,415 in ongoing funding. The additional County funding includes $1,239,512 in one-time funding and $2,493,370 in ongoing funding.

In addition, the adopted budget updates the County's *Personal Property Tax Relief Act* allocation to advance tax equity by redirecting relief funds to reduce the tax burden on residents who own lower-value vehicles. This updated allocation will also better align local relief with the amount of funding provided by the state. With the adopted changes, the Board will continue its obligations and commitments to vehicle property tax relief but would reduce the local net tax support associated with the program. $1,773,459 of the savings beyond what was included in the Manager's proposed budget will be shared with Arlington County Public Schools, per the County's revenue sharing principles, while the County retains $2,015,983.

The County Manager's proposed budget also included the implementation of a new cap on spending for the County's Housing Grant program. This cap will help ensure the financial sustainability of the program. However, the adopted budget delays implementation of the cap until completion of the waitlist technology system, but no later than October 1, 2026, to ensure sufficient time for implementation.

Finally, the County Manager's proposed budget followed the Board guidance of maintaining the prior year's ongoing funding level to the Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF) of $9.7

million, as well as $0.6 million in federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding, for a total of $10.3 million for AHIF. The adopted budget allocates an additional $21,167 in one-time funding and $629,231 in ongoing funding to AHIF.

Given the ongoing challenging fiscal environment, the Board directs the County Manager to return to the Board as soon as warranted and as needed throughout the fiscal year, to review updated revenue trends and overall fiscal performance.

RESIDENT RESILIENCE AND WELL-BEING

The adopted budget reflects the County's ongoing commitment to supporting the most vulnerable and most impacted by the critical challenges of the current moment. During mark-up, the County Board added funding to support the following priority areas:

- $150,000 in ongoing funding for Food Security Mini grants, to ensure continued grant funding availability for local non-profits to implement select aspects of the county's Food Security Strategic Plan.
- $437,050 in one-time funding for additional Opportunities Grants funding.
- $350,000 in one-time funding for humanitarian assistance to be allocated as follows:
    - $100,000 to the Legal Aid Justice Center via the Arlington Community Foundation
    - $50,000 to Just Neighbors, via the Arlington Community Foundation.
    - $100,000 to the Arlington Free Clinic.
    - $50,000 to OAR of Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church.
    - $50,000 to Thrive, to provide direct support to families facing challenges due to the removal or loss of primary wage earners.

Finally, during the FY2026 budget cycle, the Board committed $10,000 to contract support for the Human Rights Office, to support annual fair housing testing and expanded education and enforcement efforts. This work is now underway. The Board therefore directs the County Manager to develop a work plan that details next steps based on the findings of the fair housing testing.

HEALTH

The Board directs the County Manager to prepare to compensate for the changes in federal public health policy, including support of health services for our LGBTQIA+ community, vaccine availability consistent with medical best practices, and general support for evidence-based public health practices.

Health Insurance

The Board directs the County Manager to ensure future collective bargaining agreements allow for health insurance plan updates across all employees. The goal is to keep the number of distinct plans to a minimum and allow regular annual updates to plans within the standard notice and open enrollment periods.

Health Equity

The Board directs the County Manager to develop a review, including community stakeholder input, of the systems, programs, and organizations that support healthcare for our low-income residents which should include public, private, and non-profit programs. From this review, the Board would like a proposal for how to invest ongoing funding in healthcare services and health equity that focus on our lowest-income residents, particularly in the wake of the changes to federal policy, that could be enacted in the FY2028 budget.

LEGAL SERVICES FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

To meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents with respect to housing, domestic violence and family issues, landlord-tenant relations, consumer protection, employment issues, and other pressing needs, the Board directs the County Manager to provide options for free or reduced-cost legal services for our most vulnerable residents, either via contract with organizations that provide such services or via request for proposals to provide such services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

During mark-up, the County Board added funding to support the following priority areas at Arlington Economic Development:

- $55,000 in ongoing funding to maintain funding levels for the Clarendon Alliance.
- $50,000 in one-time funding for Langston Blvd. Area Plan implementation.
- $250,000 in one-time funding for Arlington Economic Development to be used for Catalyst Grants, Innovation Grants, or other similar purposes.

    - The Manager is directed to return to the Board with greater detail on the proposed allowable uses for the funds prior to making the funds available to the AED Director.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION

The Board allocated $70K in one-time funding to the County Board Office, to continue supporting Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) education efforts. The purpose of this appropriation is to engage Arlington voters across the County on their experiences with and understanding of ranked-choice elections, and to educate them on the purpose of RCV and how it works.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Climate Action Fund

The Climate Action Fund holds approximately $1.5 million in unallocated funds. These funds are intended to be used for urgent climate funding priorities, such as community-facing programs designed to reduce carbon emissions and promote energy affordability. These funds should be allocated to known climate action funding priorities without waiting for the completion of a new Climate Action Plan. Therefore, the Manager is directed to report back to the Board as soon as feasible, but no later than the fall of this year, with proposed allocations, including discussion of alternatives.

In developing the allocations, priority should be given to initiatives that provide technical and financial assistance and education to residential and commercial properties, with particular attention to lowering energy costs for low- and moderate-income households.

Developing a Climate-Aware Budget Process

The FY 2027 budget makes incremental gains in advancing a climate-aware budget process across government operations. The Manager is directed to propose, prior to the FY2028 budget proposal, a more systematic and transparent approach for implementation in the next budget cycle to aid in tracking progress toward, and achieving, County climate goals. The proposal should incorporate lessons learned from peer jurisdictions and organizations active in the area of climate budgeting, including several with which we understand staff is engaging, such as ICLEI through MWCOG. It should include a department-by-department summary of progress and plans for addressing County climate goals together with financial impacts, including not only expenditures but also any lower costs due to energy savings. Feedback from the Climate Change, Energy and Environment Commission (C2E2) and its Energy Committee should be sought as this proposal is developed.

Climate Policy Office

Furthermore, during mark-up, the Board added $74,913 in ongoing funding to restore the Associate Environmental Management Specialist position for a half-year.

COMMUNITY VITALITY

The County Board's FY2027 Budget Direction, issued in December 2025, directed the Manager to propose program reductions, including reductions in non-critical functions, at a level that significantly reduced the estimated budget gap. The County Manager took this charge seriously and, indeed, proposed cuts to several beloved community services and programs.

In response, Arlingtonians made their objections known to the Board. The Board understands that these programs are unique and viewed as critical to maintaining Arlington's vitality and ensuring Arlington remains the community-driven place our residents chose to make their home.

To that end, the adopted budget restores funding to the following services and programs:

- $2,300 in ongoing funding to the Arlington County Woodshop, with net tax support reduced by increasing fees for the program.
- $292,768 in ongoing funding to keep the Cherrydale Library branch open, partially offset by eliminating the proposed hiring of an additional outreach librarian.
- $27,022 in ongoing funding to re-open half of the Department of Parks and Recreation restrooms scheduled for winter closure in the Manager's proposed budget.

Gymnastics

The adopted budget restores funding to two distinct programs within DPR's broader gymnastics program – the Competitive Teams and the Recreational Classes. The Board understands that these programs are operated separately and should each meet cost recovery goals. As such, revenue from one program cannot be put toward the other program (unlike with private gyms, which may operate by a different financial model whereby all program revenue contributes to their bottom line).

Competitive Gymnastics

The Board's goal is to have a stable program with high levels of participation sufficient to meet cost recovery goals. To meet this goal, the adopted budget increases fees in FY2027 for the Aerials and Tigers program by 25% to help close the cost recovery gap (note that the FY2027 increases will not get the program 86% cost recovery). In addition, the County Manager is directed to do the following:

- Propose fees for FY2028 and future years that will bring these competitive team fees to at least 86% and strive to meet 100%.
- Monitor the variables that contribute to the fee levels like total team size and participation by age group category, as well as staffing patterns that will impact the timeframe to reach cost recovery goals.
- Propose for FY2028 a recommendation on non-resident rates, as there are a significant number of non-Arlington residents participating in the program.

The Board Chair and Vice Chair will host a meeting in May 2026 with the Aerials and Tigers leadership and DPR/County leadership to kick off a new spirit of collaboration. Through the existing monthly Aerial and Tigers Board meetings, DPR liaisons will continue to attend to support the program and ensure clear lines of communication regarding the Operating Budget, County policies and procedures, and possible revenue opportunities for the Competitive Program like hosting additional meets and/or clinics.

The Board directs the Manager to review and update the MOAs with the Aerials and Tigers to reflect the new relationships.

Recreational Gymnastics Classes

The adopted budget increases fees by 50% to help ensure cost recovery. The County Manager is directed to monitor fee levels to ensure that the program meets cost recovery goals.

Adaptive Gymnastics classes will continue at the Barcroft Center. Staff proposed, and the Board adopted, a 3% increase for these classes. Fees can be adjusted in future years as necessary.

When the staffing levels stabilize, DPR should explore additional revenue opportunities, including but not limited to classes that can be offered during the school day, increase classes for adults, and explore restoring birthday parties and other special events.

Facility Utilization

As discussed during work sessions and the markup, the Board is interested in having a clearer sense of County facility utilization and facility carrying costs to inform future operating and capital budget decisions. To that end, the Board directs the County Manager to provide an initial analysis of utilization, revenue, and cost for at least 5 public facilities prior to adoption of the FY2028 operating budget. This analysis will inform future scoping of a more comprehensive facility utilization study.

NVRC

Lastly, the Board allocated $32,145 in one-time funding for Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) Strategic Initiatives, to be used only in the event that NVRC's strategic planning process requires additional funding from member jurisdictions.

PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Investments

To remain competitive in the region and provide compensation, staffing, contracting, and operating adjustments at several public safety- and criminal justice-focused offices, the adopted budget made the following additions and modifications to the Manager's proposed budget:

- $1,455,619 total funding to the Sheriff's office to be used for salary increases and updates to their step system.
- $172,000 in ongoing funding to support a new Deputy Independent Policing Auditor and $25,000 in additional ongoing operational funding for the Office of the Independent Policing Auditor.
- $150,000 in ongoing funding to the Commonwealth's Attorney Office to fund its restorative justice efforts.
- $50,000 in ongoing funding to the Commonwealth's Attorney Office to fund the conversion of Paralegal position to a Paralegal Supervisor.
- $107,150 in one-time funding to the Office of the Public Defender for a paralegal fellow focused on mitigation and investigation.
- $28,000 in ongoing funding to the Clerk of the Circuit Court to supplement Compensation Board funding for a position dedicated to records sealing.
- In addition, all staffing and funding related to the Independent Policing Auditor will be transferred from the County Manager's Office to the County Board Office.

The Board is interested in ensuring that ongoing funding to Constitutional offices is well spent and data informed. Accordingly, the County Manager is directed to review the Memoranda of Understanding with the Constitutional offices and determine what updates might be advisable, such as requiring reporting or a competitive bidding process.

Police Department

Upon request, the County Manager identified funds within the Arlington County Police Department that could be reduced without harming the Department's operational capacity. Accordingly, the adopted budget reduces the ACPD FY2027 budget by $250,000. The County Manager is directed to realize these reductions through the following means:

- Eliminate the Rosslyn Pedestrian Safety Initiative funding included in the Manager's proposed FY27 budget: $144,474.
- The remaining $105,526 reduction shall be determined by the County Manager.

Juvenile Diversion Services

The Manager is directed to compile and provide a list of existing juvenile diversion services in the County, how they are funded, and any recommended changes in approach. In doing this work he should consult with all relevant stakeholders.

Criminal Justice Analysis

Over the recent years, the County has made significant investments in criminal justice and public safety. However, these efforts are dispersed across many departments and offices, including but not limited to the following bodies: Independent Policing Auditor, Commonwealth Attorney, Sheriff's office, Department of Human Services, Judges, Public Defender, the Police Department, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, and the Community Criminal Justice Board. Due to this dispersal, it is difficult for the Board to accurately assess the County's full criminal justice sector investments and the impacts of this funding. As such, the County Manager is directed to assess what data is currently collected related to these investments and to report back to the Board prior to the FY2028 budget process. This assessment should be performed in conjunction with the Community Criminal Justice Board and may include the County Auditor.

VISION ZERO

The adopted budget added $150,000 to support the County's Street Safety Improvements (SSI) program via PAYGO in support of our Vision Zero strategic plan. The funds are to supplement the Manager's proposed funding level for capital projects that improve transportation safety.

FINES & FEES

During mark-up, the Board eliminated the proposed addition of a Local Historic District Designation Fee, reducing expected ongoing revenues by $500.
The Board considered, but did not adopt, certain fine and fee increases. These included the following proposals:

- Increasing the fine for exceeding the time limit on a parking meter;
- Expanding the operating times of photo speed cameras in school zones where possible (per SB211 and HB1220);
- Increasing Competitive Aquatics fees to 100% cost recovery over a multi-year period; and
- Increasing fees for 55+ programs to increase revenue by 50%.

The Board opted not to proceed with these increases to fees and fines at this time largely because a majority of members believed adequate notice had not been given to the community. In addition, for several of the proposals, a majority of members believed that it would be better to postpone any decisions until relevant planning is completed (such as the update to the Master Transportation Plan, with respect to the parking and speeding fines).

Nevertheless, the Board is interested in closer examination of these proposals and directs the Manager to analyze these and other options to increase fees or fines, and report back to the Board prior to the proposal of the FY2028 budget. This analysis should focus on what the optimal policy approach should be to achieve the objectives of the Board (e.g., transportation

safety, parking compliance, cost recovery for DPR programs) in addition to how the fines and fees may generate additional revenue.

INFLATION

The Board is concerned that inflation is not routinely considered when determining grant and contract funding. Accordingly, the County Manager is directed to consider a standard approach to incorporating annual inflationary increases into contracts and grant pools or allocations, given available funding, to ensure purchasing power is not eroded.

Separately, the Board added $1,250,000 in ongoing funding to address inflationary cost increases for utilities.

WORKFORCE

The FY2027 Adopted Budget removes the Manager's proposal to eliminate a Principal Planner in the Department of Community Planning, Housing, & Development's Comprehensive Planning team, and instead retains the position as frozen.

In addition, the FY2027 Adopted Budget transfers the existing position and budget for collective bargaining from the Human Resources Department to the County Manager's Office.

A motion was then made by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by TAKIS KARANTONIS, Member, to adopt a Calendar Year 2026 base real estate tax rate of $1.053 per $100 of assessed value using the advertisement (shown as Attachment I in the staff report). In addition, the County Board adopted a calendar year 2026 commercial real estate tax for transportation initiatives at the current rate of $0.125 per $100 using the advertisement (shown as Attachment I in the staff report).

The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Nay; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

A motion was then made by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by MAUREEN COFFEY, Vice-Chair, to:

Adopt the FY 2027 County Budget Resolution (Attachment I of the staff report);

Adopt the FY 2027 County Appropriations Resolution (Attachment II of the staff report);

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and sign grant agreements with non-profits that result from the 2027 budget appropriations, subject to approval as to form of those agreements by the County Attorney;

Allocate and appropriate $2.3 million from the Self-Insurance Reserve (101.491210) to Non-departmental (101.9011002) in FY 2026 for healthcare expenses above contributions as outlined in the midyear memo;

Allocate and appropriate $9.2 million from the Stabilization Reserve (101.491210) to Non-departmental (101.9011002) in FY 2026 for healthcare expenses, revenue shortfalls, snow removal costs above budget, and other budget pressures as outlined in the midyear memo; and

Allocate $6,474,295 from FY 2026 from the budget for buying down Barcroft debt ($5.0 million) and repayment of a lien ($1.4 million) to the Stabilization Reserve as outlined in the midyear memo and in the Board's approved Chair's Mark.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

A motion was then made by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by MAUREEN COFFEY, Vice-Chair, to:

Adopt a Calendar Year 2026 personal property tax rate of $5.00 per $100 of assessed value and a personal property tax rate of $1.053 per $100 of assessed value (equal to the real estate tax rate) for public service corporations using the resolution (shown as Attachment I in the staff report).

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

A motion was then made by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by JULIUS D. "JD" Spain, Sr., to:

Adopt a Calendar Year 2026 tax rate for the Ballston Business Improvement Service District ("Ballston BID") not to exceed $0.045 per $100 of assessed value that is in addition to the current real estate rate, using the resolution (shown as Attachment I in the staff report);

Adopt a Calendar Year 2026 tax rate for the National Landing Business Improvement Service District ("National Landing BID") of $0.043 per $100 of assessed value that is in addition to the current real estate rate, using the resolution (shown as Attachment I of the staff report); and

Adopt a Calendar Year 2026 tax rate for the Rosslyn Business Improvement Service District ("Rosslyn BID") of $0.078 per $100 of assessed value that is in addition to the current real estate rate, using the resolution (shown as Attachment I of the staff report).

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

A motion was then made by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by JULIUS D. "JD" Spain, Sr., to:

Adopt an ordinance, attachment A to the staff report, effective July 1, 2026 to amend, reenact, and recodify Chapter 26 (Utilities), Article I (General Provisions), Section 26-9 (Water/Sewer Rates and Fees) of the Arlington County Code to increase water and sewer rates as specified in the ordinance;

Adopt an ordinance (Attachment A of the staff report), effective January 1, 2026, to amend, reenact, and recodify Chapter 26 (Utilities), Article III (Stormwater Utility), Section 26-120 (Stormwater Utility Fee) of the Arlington County Code to increase the Stormwater Utility rate to $268 per Equivalent Residential Unit. In addition, adopt a resolution (Attachment B of the staff report) providing a financial relief program for certain homeowners to assist with payment of the County's stormwater utility fee;

Adopt an ordinance (Attachment A of the staff report), with an effective date of July 1, 2026, to amend, reenact, and adopt the fees depicted on the Department of Environmental Services Consolidated Development-Related Fee Schedule related to and listed under the sections titled Transportation Right-of-Way Fees, Public Right-of-Way Fees, Land Disturbing Activities Fees, Civil Engineering Plan Fees, Subdivision Plat Review and Bond Administration Fees, Administrative Fees for Enforcement of Stormwater Management Facility Inspection and Maintenance Requirements, and Outdoor Café Licensing Fees;

Take no action on the ordinance amending and approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 addition of a zoning fee to the Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development (CPHD) fee schedule for a Local Historic District Designation fee; and

Enact the ordinance amending, reenacting and readopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 changes to CPHD development related fees as depicted on the Inspection Services, and Zoning and Planning Fee Schedules related to building and trade permits, administrative changes, form-based code applications, site plan applications, administratively reviewed permits and requests,

certificates of occupancy, variances, use permits and other fees as shown in Attachments A and B, effective July 1, 2026.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

A motion was then made by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by TAKIS KARANTONIS, Member, to:

Adopt the FY 2027 CAD program, services, and membership fees (Attachment I of the staff report);

Adopt the FY 2027 CAD Staff Support Fees (Attachment A of the staff report);

Adopt the FY 2027 CAD Scenic Studio Fees (Attachment I of the staff report);

Adopt the FY 2027 Department of Parks and Recreation Fee Resolution (Attachment I of the staff report); and

Adopt the FY 2027 ACPD Summer Camp fees (Attachment I of the staff report), effective July 1, 2026.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

A motion was then made by MAUREEN COFFEY, Vice-Chair, seconded by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, to:

Adopt increased fees (Attachment I of the staff report) related to off-duty details including, but not limited to, special events, effective July 1, 2026;

Adopt an ordinance, effective July 1, 2026, to amend, reenact, and recodify Chapter 9.2 (Food and Food Handling Code), Article III (Compliance Procedures), Section 9.2-10(B) (Licenses for Food Establishment), and Article V (Review of Plans and Specifications), Section 9.2-21(D) (Submission of Plans, Specifications and Other Data; Inspection prior to Operation; Fees) of the Arlington County Code to increase fees related to food establishments (Attachment A of the staff report). And, adopt an ordinance, effective July 1, 2026, to amend, reenact, and recodify Chapter 24.1 (Water Recreation Facilities Ordinance), Article I (General Provisions), Section 24.1-24 (Fee Schedule) of the Arlington County Code to increase fees related to water recreation facilities (Attachment B of the staff report);

Adopt an ordinance (Attachment A of the staff report), with an effective date of July 1, 2026, to amend, reenact, and recodify Chapter 27 (Miscellaneous Ordinances), Section 27-11.2 (Imposition of License Tax on Owners of Certain Motor Vehicles) of the Arlington County Code to impose an annual $250 penalty for failure to register a motor vehicle within 30 days; and

Adopt an ordinance (Attachment A to the staff report) to amend, reenact, and recodify Chapter 39 (Cigarette Tax) sections 39-2 (Definitions), 39-4 (Methods of Collection), 39-5 (Registered Agents), 39-7 (Sale of Cigarettes in Vending Machines; Contraband), 39-8 (Illegal Acts), 39-12 (Erroneous Assessment; Notices and Hearings in the Event of Sealing of Vending Machines or Seizure of Contraband Property), 39-13 (Disposal of Seized Property), and 39-14 (Extensions) of the Arlington County Code ("County Code") to (a) repeal section 39-7 (Sale of Cigarettes in Vending Machines; Contraband), and (b) enact other conforming changes to Chapter 39 of the County Code to enable the County to join the Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board and implement various technical corrections.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

A motion was then made by MATT DE FERRANTI, Chair, seconded by JULIUS D. "JD" SPAIN, SR., to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Pay Plan as set forth in Attachments 1-7 of the staff report.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

#31(A) – Board Report

#31(A) – Item Attachment – APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

#31(B) – Board Report

#31(B) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT I RESOLUTION

#31(c) – Board Report

#31(C) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT I RESOLUTION

#31(C) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT II TAX RELIEF

#31(D) – Board Report

#31(D) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT I

#31(D) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT II MAP

#31(D) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT III WORK PLAN

#31(E) – Board Report

#31(E) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT I

#31(E) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT II MAP

#31(E) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT III WORK PLAN

#31(F) – Board Report

#31(F) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT I

#31(F) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT II MAP

#31(F) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT III WORK PLAN

#31(G) – Board Report

#31(G) – Item Attachment – CAD PROGRAM AND MEMBERSHIP FEES ATTACHMENT I

#31(H) – Board Report

#31(H) – Item Attachment – CAD STAFF SUPPORT FEE ATTACHMENT A

#31(I) – Board Report

#31(I) – Item Attachment – CAD SCENIC STUDIO FEES ATTACHMENT I

#31(J) – Board Report

#31(J) – Item Attachment – WATER – SEWER RATE ORDINANCE

#31(K) – Board Report

#31(K) – Item Attachment – 2026 STORMWATER FEE ATTACHMENT A

#31(K) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT B

#31(L) – Board Report

#31(L) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT A: DES CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE

#31(M) – Board Report

#31(N) – Board Report

#31(N) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT A

#31(N) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT B

#31(O) – Board Report

#31(O) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT I FEE SCHEDULE 25% OPTION

#31(P) – Board Report

#31(P) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT I

#31(Q) – Board Report

#31(Q) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT I FEE SCHEDULE

#31(R) – Board Report

#31(R) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENTS A AND B

#31(S) – Board Report

#31(S) – Item Attachment – ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (ATTACHMENT A)

#31(T) – Board Report

#31(T) – Item Attachment – ATTACHMENT A – ORDINANCE

#31(U) – Board Report

#31(U) – Item Attachment - PAYSCALES

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32. Allocation of State Personal Property Tax Relief Monies

After a duly advertised public hearing, at which there were speakers, a motion was made by SUSAN CUNNINGHAM, Member, seconded by MAUREEN COFFEY, Vice-Chair, to adopt a Calendar Year 2026 resolution (Attachment II of the staff report attached to agenda item 31.C) fixing the methodology that shall be utilized in distributing the State's block grant, which includes providing 100% vehicle tax relief on assessed value up to $4,000 and 13% tax relief for vehicle value between $4,001 and $20,000 on all qualifying vehicles registered in Arlington County.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

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33. Fiscal Year 2027 Opportunities Grant Awards to human services nonprofits.

After a duly advertised public hearing, at which there were speakers, a motion was made by JULIUS D. "JD" SPAIN, SR., Member, seconded by TAKIS KARANTONIS, Member, to:

1. Approve the list of proposed grantees based on community and staff reviewers scores and feedback to receive grants in the amounts included in Table 1 in the staff report dated April 18, 2026; and

2. Authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign and amend, on behalf of the Board, the grant agreements between the Board and each grant recipient, in a form approved by the County Attorney.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

#33 – Board Report

#33 – Item Attachment – FY27 OPPORTUNITIES GRANT FINAL

#33 – Item Attachment – STAFF PRESENTATION

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34. Resolution to initiate consideration of the adoption of an ordinance that would establish an historic district overlay zoning of the Nelly Custis Elementary School property, also known

as Melwood, located at 750 23rd St. S. by designating it a Local Historic District (LHD) pursuant to Article 11.3 of the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance.

After a duly advertised public hearing, at which there were speakers, a motion was made by JULIUS D. "JD" SPAIN, SR., Member, seconded by Susan Cunningham, Member, to adopt the Initiating Resolution, Attachment I of the staff report, to consider adoption of an ordinance that would establish an historic district overlay zoning of Nelly Custis Elementary School property, also known as Melwood, located at 750 23rd St. S. by designating it as a Local Historic District pursuant to the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: Matt de Ferranti, Chair – Aye; Maureen Coffey, Vice-Chair – Aye; Susan Cunningham, Member – Aye; Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. – Aye; and Takis Karantonis, Member – Aye.

The adopted Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER INITIATING THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT OVERLAY ZONING OF THE NELLY CUSTIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPERTY, ALSO KNOWN AS MELWOOD, LOCATED AT 750 23RD ST. SOUTH PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 11 OF THE ARLINGTON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Code of Virginia Sections 15.2-2285, 15.2-2286 and 15.2-2306, the County Board of Arlington County ("County Board") is authorized to amend the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance (ACZO) and enact ordinances to designate local historic districts whenever it determines that public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice require such; and

WHEREAS, upon an application to nominate the Nelly Custis Elementary School Property, also Known as Melwood, located at 750 23rd St. South (the Property), the Historical Affairs and Land Landmark Review Board voted to recommend to the County Board that the Property be designated as a local historic district; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined that consideration of an ordinance to designate the Nelly Custis Elementary School Property is in accordance with the above-referenced statutes and Article 11 of the ACZO and as required by public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board hereby initiates consideration of the adoption of an ordinance to establish a local historic district overlay zoning for the Nelly Custis Elementary School Property, known also as Melwood, at 750 23rd Street South.

#34 – Board Report

#34 – Item Attachment – INITIATING RESOLUTION FOR ACZO AMENDMENT

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IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

There were no additional items heard or considered by the Board.

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V. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, at 9:10 PM, the April 22nd, 2026 County Board Recessed meeting was adjourned.

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Matt de Ferranti, Chair

ATTEST:

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Mason Kushnir, Clerk

Approved: November 14th, 2026