



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

CITY COUNCIL

# MINUTES

Council Chambers, 715 Princess Anne Street  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

HON. MARY KATHERINE GREENLAW, MAYOR  
HON. CHARLIE L. FRYE, JR., VICE -MAYOR, WARD FOUR  
HON. KERRY P. DEVINE, AT-LARGE  
HON. MATTHEW J. KELLY, AT-LARGE  
HON. JASON N. GRAHAM, WARD ONE  
HON. JONATHAN A. GERLACH, WARD TWO  
HON. DR. TIMOTHY P. DUFFY, WARD THREE

## Work Session

April 25, 2023

### Fiscal Year 2024 Recommended Budget

**The Council** of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held a work session on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Council Present.** Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Presiding. Vice-Mayor Charlie L. Frye, Jr. (5:46) Councilors Kerry P. Devine, Timothy P. Duffy, Jonathan A. Gerlach, Jason N. Graham, and Matthew J. Kelly.

**Also Present.** City Manager Timothy J. Baroody, Assistant City Manager Mark Whitley, Assistant City Manager David Brown, City Attorney Kathleen Dooley, Finance Director Robyn Shugart, Assistant Director of Finance Richard Lawrence, Budget Analyst Donna Leahy and Clerk of Council Tonya B. Lacey.

**Fiscal Year 2024 Recommended Budget.** Finance Director Shugart presented a PowerPoint presentation and she reviewed the Agenda, FY2024 Budget Overview, Personal Property Update, Elderly Tax Relief, Proposed Propositions, Capital Improvements Plan Update, Opioid Abatement Authority and Upcoming Meeting Schedule. (See Attachment I for more information).

Mayor Greenlaw asked if the City would still qualify for the Opioid settlement if every jurisdiction in Planning District 16 does not participate. Ms. Shugart explained that only one jurisdiction would have to join to be qualified and Caroline County has joined and Stafford offered to be the fiscal agent. Any jurisdiction that does not participate will not receive services.

Councilor Kelly asked if she knew whether the Sunshine Lady House was up and running and whether they would benefit from these services. Mr. Shugart said during the pandemic the

Sunshine Lady House had issues and could not provide services but RACSB believes this is what they need to get running again.

Councilor Graham suggested for the 2025 budget staff look at the personal property rate instead of the real estate rate because this will prioritize the rate on those who most can afford it. He said he would like to keep the personal property rate lower than the Real Estate because those who own homes are more likely able to bear the burden of taxation.

Councilor Graham asked if the opioid abatement was in conjunction with the continuum of care program or whether it was outside of the scope. Ms. Shugart said the mobile unit would help greatly with the homeless population because they may not be able to get to the center.

Councilor Duffy asked who would update the Council on how things are going with the funding and Ms. Shugart said finance would be, but Stafford is the regional fiscal agent so they will be responsible for the recording on the Mat Unit and finance would only provide reports on the local funding.

**Disclosures.** Councilor Duffy disclosed that he was employed by the Fredericksburg School System and he could participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest.

Vice-Mayor Frye disclosed that his spouse was employed by the Fredericksburg School System and he could participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time. Mayor Greenlaw declared the session officially adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



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**Tonya B. Lacey, MMC  
Clerk of Council  
City of Fredericksburg**

**APPROVED  
10-24-23**