

Public Hearings of the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, held in Room 307 of 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, thereof on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jay Fiset, Chairman
Christopher Zimmerman, Vice Chairman
Barbara A. Favola, Member
Mary Hynes, Member
J. Walter Tejada, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Barbara Donnellan, Acting County Manager
Hope L. Halleck, Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2009 TAX RATES.

The Board held a duly advertised public hearing from 7:00 p.m. to 8:12 p.m. at which 26 persons spoke on the proposed CY 2009 assessment increase: real estate tax rate of \$0.952 per \$100 of assessed value; proposed personal property tax rate of \$5.00 per \$100 of assessed valuation on taxable tangible personal property, machinery and tools; and a proposed tax rate of \$0.952 per \$100 of assessed valuation on manufactured homes and on other tangible personal property of public service corporations; proposed Crystal City Business Improvement Service District CY 2010 tax levy of \$0.043 per \$100 of assessed value; 2ND Road North Service District CY 2010 tax levy of \$0.153 per \$100 of assessed valuation; Rosslyn Business Improvement Service District CY 2010 tax levy of \$0.080 per \$100 of assessed value; and proposed FY 2011 ordinances and fees including Water and Sewer Rates, Garbage, Refuse and Weed Fees, Building, Plumbing Electrical, Gas, and Elevator fees, Zoning Fees, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Programs and Fees, Street Development and Construction Fees, Traffic Engineering Service Fee, Motor Vehicles and Traffic Fees, and Police Department Special Event Fees; and Personal Property Tax Relief for qualifying vehicles.

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TWO MINUTE SPEAKERS:

Mary Rouleau spoke about raising the property tax rate.

Geraldine Shannon of the Arlington Nonprofit Network spoke of meeting emergency needs and a higher tax rate.

David Broder, Vice-President of the Arlington Interfaith Council spoke about raising the property tax rate.

Duke Banks spoke about keeping the tax rate as advertised.

Chris Berg, Chairman of the Republican Committee spoke about the tax rates.

Carol Skelly of the Community Services Board spoke about keeping the tax rate as advertised.

Fernando Burbano of the Ballston Neighborhood spoke about linking the tax rate to the rate of inflation.

Terrance Callahan, a concerned parent, spoke about increased tax rates and utilities fees, in relation to surrounding jurisdictions.

Neal Sigmon, of the Four Mile Run Joint Task Force, spoke about the Stormwater Management Fund.

Sara Bailey, of the Alliance for Housing Solutions, spoke about an increased tax rate.

Jeff Oliver, Finance Committee Chair of the Arlington Soccer Association, spoke about the sports fees.

Naomi Verdugo spoke about keeping the tax rate as advertised.

Betsy Greer spoke about setting the tax rate high to create a safety net.

Mitch Opalski, a small business owner, spoke about maintaining the current tax rate.

David Hyun spoke about maintaining the current tax rate.

Susan Korfanty spoke about raising the property tax rate.

Tim Wise spoke about not increasing the tax rate.

John Moroz, of the Foxcroft Heights Civic Association, spoke about increasing the tax rate as advertised.

Patricia McGrady spoke about increasing the tax rate as advertised.

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THREE MINUTE SPEAKERS:

Robert Atkins spoke about maintaining the current tax rate.

George Towner, of the Sports Commission and the Arlington Soccer Association, spoke about the player fee.

Bill Whittington, Vice-President of the Arlington Soccer Association, spoke about the user fee.

Emily Nack, of Doorways for Women and Families, spoke about raising the tax rate.

Stuart Gamerman spoke about maintaining the current tax rate.

Wayne Kubicki spoke about decreasing the tax rate.

Mark Kelly spoke about maintaining the current tax rate.

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On a motion by CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Vice Chairman, seconded by J. WALTER TEJADA, Member and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: JAY FISETTE, Chairman - Aye, CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Vice Chairman - Aye, BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Member - Aye, MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member - Aye, J. WALTER TEJADA, Member - Aye, the Board concluded the public hearings on the proposed tax rate and fees for the FY 2011 Budget and the carry over action on these issues to the April 24, 2010 Regular County Board meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

JAY FISETTE, Chairman

ATTEST:

HOPE L. HALLECK, Clerk
Approved: March 12, 2011