

Public Hearings of the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, held in Room 307 of #1 Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, thereof on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman  
BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman  
JAY FISETTE, Member  
MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member  
CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member

ALSO PRESENT: RON CARLEE, County Manager  
STEPHEN A. MacISAAC, County Attorney  
MARIA VOULTSIDES, Clerk

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2008 TAX RATES.**

The Board held a duly advertised public hearing from 7:00 p.m. to 9:02 p.m. at which 21 persons spoke on the proposed CY 2008 real estate tax rate of \$0.838 per \$100 of assessed valuation; proposed CY 2008 personal property tax rate of \$5.00 per \$100 of assessed valuation on taxable tangible personal property, machinery, and tools, and a purposed tax rate of \$0.838 per \$100 of assessed valuation on all manufactured homes and on certain tangible personal property of public service corporations; proposed CY 2008 Chain Bridge Road Service District tax levy of \$0.056 per \$100 of assessed valuation; proposed CY 2008 2<sup>nd</sup> Road North Service District tax levy of \$0.144 per \$100 of assessed valuation; proposed CY 2008 Rosslyn Business Improvement Service District tax levy of \$0.082 per \$100 of assessed valuation; proposed CY 2008 Crystal City Business Improvement Service District tax levy of \$0.043 per \$100 of assessed valuation; and proposed FY 2009 ordinances and fees including Real Estate Assessments Tax, Household Solid Waste Rate, Water and Sewer Rates, Water Service Connection Charges, Zoning Fees, Fire Inspection Fees, Taxicab Fees, False Fire Alarm Fees, Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Transport Fees, Arlington Transit Passenger Fares, Right-of-Way Fees, Construction and Permit Fees, Sanitary District Tax, Fire Prevention Inspection Fees, and Parks, Recreational and Cultural Resources Programs and Fees.

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**TWO MINUTE SPEAKERS:**

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**1. LIZ BIRNBAUM**

Supports investment in storm water management.

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**2. ROBERT BAYER, INTERFAITH COUNCIL**

Supports setting the tax rate at a level sufficient to maintain current levels of services to neediest population.

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**3. NEAL SIGMON**

Supports proposal for the sanitary district tax.

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**4. JOE COREY**

Believes 12.5 cent tax should be dropped to a level comparable to surrounding jurisdictions for commercial properties.

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5. [BILL GLEICH](#)

Concerned about rise in taxes.

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6. [MOSE LEWIS](#)

Concerned about increased property taxes.

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7. [ANGELA DESROCHES](#)

Concerned about County spending increases.

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8. [JOHN SNEDDEN](#)

Concerned about real estate and property taxes.

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[THREE-MINUTE SPEAKERS:](#)

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1. [PHILIP KEATING](#)

Concerned about increases in real estate and commercial real estate taxes.

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2. [BRIAN GORDON](#)

Concerned about increased taxes and overburdening small businesses.

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3. [GREGORY LONG](#)

Asks the Board to consider tax credits for the sanitary district tax.

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4. [ROBERT ATKINS](#)

Asks that one County Board member recuse himself from the storm water management tax and asks that the Board be honest when they tax.

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5. [JOHN ANTONELLI](#)

Supports no increase in taxes.

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6. [SHARON JOLLY](#)

Supports storm water fund but has concerns about how the fund should be used.

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7. [JIM HURYSZ](#)

Believes tax rate could be reduced by 10% if means testing was put into place for wealthy developers and VIP corporations.

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8. [BURT BOSTWICK](#)

Concerned about OPEB and storm water tax increases. Suggests instituting an independent task force.

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9. [WAYNE KUBICKI](#)

Concerned about increase in real estate and storm water taxes.

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10. [JOSEPH WARREN](#)

Concerned about increased real estate taxes.

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11. [TIM WISE](#)

Concerned about storm water tax.

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12. [RICH PETGES](#)

Concerned about increased real estate taxes.

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13. [WILLIAM BARKER](#)

Concerned about increased taxes forcing him to relocate out of Arlington.

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**CLOSED MEETING; CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING DISCUSSIONS.**

On motion by J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman, seconded by BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman - Aye, BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman - Aye, JAY FISETTE, Member - Aye, MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member - Aye, CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member - Aye, the Board met in a closed meeting from 8:02 p.m. to 9:02 p.m., as authorized by §§2.2-3711.A.1 of the Virginia Code, for the purposes of discussing one personnel matter.

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On motion by Mr. Tejada, seconded by Ms. Favola and carried by a vote of 5 to 0 by roll call, the voting recorded as follows:

**Member & Vote**

- Mr. Tejada - Aye
- Ms. Favola - Aye
- Mr. Fisetete - Aye
- Ms. Hynes - Aye
- Mr. Zimmerman - Aye

the Board certified that to the best of each member's knowledge that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Chapter 37, Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman

ATTEST:

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MARIA VOULTSIDES, Clerk  
Approved: April 19, 2008