

City Council School Board Subcommittee Meeting Notes

November 28, 2022

Attending:

Justin Wilson, Mayor
 John T. Chapman, Councilman
 Amy Jackson, Vice Mayor (Alternate)
 Meagan Alderton, Chair, Alexandria City School Board
 Jacinta Greene, Vice Chair, Alexandria City School Board

Kate Garvey, DCHS
 Morgan Routt, OMB
 Joanna Anderson, City Attorney (Virtual)
 Dr. Wendy Gonzalez, ACPS (Virtual)
 Azjargal Bartlett, ACPS (Virtual)
 Laura Durham, RPCA

Erika Gulick, ACPS (Virtual)
 Sermaine McLean, CMO
 Kendel Taylor, Finance/CMO
 Jeremy McPike, GS
 Jack Browand, RPCA

James F. Parajon, City Manager
 Emily A. Baker, Deputy City Manager
 Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Interim Superintendent (Virtual)

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Discussion/Follow Up/Action	Responsible Party(ies)
I.	Approval of Meeting Summary 10.17.2022	Approved.	
II.	Major Projects:		
	a. High School Project	The project is on schedule and steel has started going up. The second crane is expected to arrive this week and the work will pick up on the site.	Azjargal Bartlett
	b. Facility Assessment/CIP Planning	<p>The School CIP has been prepared and provided to staff. Additional documentation has been requested in order to evaluate it a little bit more.</p> <p>The 10-year CIP is lower than last years, but ACPS did include escalation across the board in every year. The main reason it is lower than last years CIP is due to the funding of \$150M for the high school project in in FY23. This year it is \$23.9M more. ACPS had a work session on November 14 to go through the FY24 budget and the changes that occurred with that budget. There are \$14M in just escalation, looking at the inflation as it is now, this is what was estimated. There is \$9M to \$10M of new in FY24 which</p>	James F. Parajon Erika Gulick Emily A. Baker

		<p>includes roughly half went to renovation of the 5th and 6th floor of Ferdinand T. Day, and other projects that were deemed necessary.</p> <p>The City Schools Capital Council has been meeting and has created a subcommittee to work on the follow-up on what the City Council and School Board asked for at the joint work session.</p>	
	c. Budget Update	<p>We are currently in the budget process. We have received information from all departments. Staff for both City and Schools have been reviewing the proposed operating budget. On the CIP, we do need some additional information that needs to be submitted so that it can be reviewed. Staff will continue to work together to come up with an understanding of what has been adopted and/or proposed by ACPS. Mr. Parajon will take all this into consideration for the proposed budget that he will present to City Council.</p> <p>City Council did adopt both the budget guidance and process resolutions for this budget.</p>	James F. Parajon
	d. Shared Services	<p>We are working on a scope of work to look at Shared Services relating to the Witter-Wheeler space, particularly with transportation, fleet, maintenance, and vehicle storage.</p> <p>The City's fuel island replacement is coming up and we also have to do a truck/vehicle wash facility for joint use so that all organizations are in compliance.</p> <p>Mayor Wilson requested that the Shared Services Matrix be refreshed for future use and regular staff review.</p> <p>ACPS is moving forward on a P3 opportunity. They have done a really nice job with that.</p>	Emily A. Baker Jeremy McPike James F. Parajon

	e. Amazon/VA Tech	ACPS' had their professional development, which was hosted by Amazon. ACPS is working closely with VA Tech to incorporate computer science standards throughout various grade levels. They are also working to get students exposure to the future engineer program via Amazon.	Dr. Wendy Gonzalez
	f. Safety and Security	There is no update since the last meeting. Staff is continuing to work through the process.	Erika Gulick
III.	Other Discussion Items		
	a. Collective Bargaining	<p>Like the City, ACPS is also going in the direction of collective bargaining. Whichever school system that gets this done first will be the first one in Virginia to do this in about 50 years. The last time it was done in Virginia there were appointed school boards, and this will be the first time with an elected one.</p> <p>The City just went through and completed the process last week with the Police. It is a complicated process that requires constant check-in with the governing body. ACPS will be negotiating a collective bargaining agreement for about 80% of costs. Some structure is needed to be doing this without coordination with the entity that is going to be paying the bills. We need to figure out a process where we can do all of this together.</p> <p>Mr. Parajon offered some suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The level of complication – the bargaining process is energy intensive. There is a lot of time, not just on the big issues, but the small as well. Make sure staff is ready to go and have a basic knowledge of what is on and off the table. 	<p>Mayor Justin Wilson James F. Parajon Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt</p>

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| | | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. At strategic points the body or bodies have to make the final decisions, that discussion has to take place. Not all once, but in pieces along the way.3. Make sure that the City and Schools speak with the same voice. This has some political element to it and can be challenging. | |
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ACPS will continue to collaborate with Mr. Parajon on what that looks like, and will keep the City informed.

A request has been made to make this a standing item.

	<p>b. Community Use of Playing Fields</p>	<p>City has been operating under the current MOU for many years and we review it every 2 to 3 years. The last review was delayed due to COVID. We hope to have a draft ready for review in early 2023 and will include a policy section to provide the ability to update and add new facilities and spaces.</p> <p>We will be posting a phone number so that in the evening hours, if there is any question of usage, there will be a designated staff person any night of the week who will be able to respond to concerns of is a permitted use or not. Most of all the parks in the City are open for general use, unless otherwise permitted.</p> <p>There has been overlapping security by both ACPS and the City, with the understanding that during the school day that sites are monitored and managed by the schools. Signs are posted at the schools and other parks with the operating hours. Indoors spaces are managed by the schools. If the spaces are not in use by the City or ACPS, then they are open for general use.</p> <p>ACPS have two individuals who do campus/site patrolling throughout the City. They will share a list of what activities are taking place with them. If they need additional assistance, they will reach out to the City and let them know.</p>	<p>Jack Browand Kate Garvey</p>
	<p>c. Hispanic Youth Attendance/Truancy Efforts</p>	<p>Would it be possible to get an update on this at the meeting in January?</p>	<p>Councilman John T. Chapman</p>

Next meeting: Monday, January 23, 2023