
Sull-E Newsletter



A message from Kathy Smith

Below you will find information from the Board of Supervisors' meeting that took place on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. The full [meeting agenda and board package](#) are available online. You can also watch a [video](#) of the meeting online on the county's website.

Sincerely,

Kathy

FY 2018 Third Quarter Review

Board Decision on the County's and School's FY 2018 Third Quarter Review

Supervisor McKay made a motion to approve the County's and School's *FY 2018 Third Quarter Review*. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The [*FY 2018 Third Quarter Review*](#), as advertised, included a balance of \$495,793 for additional one-time requirements during FY 2018. The Third Quarter proposal is amended to provide support for several Board priorities. These include funding to support the Arts Council of Fairfax County, support for the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, funding to address a budget shortfall in the Office of Elections, and support for the Fairfax Symphony youth initiative. The package also includes the Supplemental Appropriation Resolutions AS 18190 and Amendment to the Fiscal Planning Resolution AS 18901, and the Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 17298 which reflects final FY 2017 audit adjustments.

FY 2019 Advertised Budget Plan & FY 2019 Add-On Package

Board Markup of the County Executive's FY 2019 Advertised Budget Plan and the FY 2019 Add-On Package

Supervisor McKay made a motion to approve the FY 2019 Budget Plan and the FY 2019 Add-On Package as amended. The motion carried by a vote of eight to two. With Supervisor Herrity and Supervisor Cook voting "NAY."

Supervisor Smyth made a motion to vote separately on the Tysons Service District tax rate. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Supervisor McKay made a motion to maintain the Tysons Service District tax rate at \$0.05 per \$100 of assessed value. The motion carried by a vote of eight to two. With Supervisor Smyth and Supervisor Herrity voting "NAY."

The Board of Supervisors marked up the County Executive's [FY 2019 Advertised Budget Plan](#) and the [FY 2019 Add-On Package](#). **Please note that the Board will not adopt the FY 2019 Budget Plan until the Board meeting on May 1.**

The marked up budget includes a 2 cent increase in the real estate tax rate, which would result in an average tax bill increase of \$241 for homeowners. The real estate tax rate would increase from the current rate of \$1.13 to \$1.15 per \$100 of assessed value.

In addition, the marked up FY 2019 Budget includes these tax and fee adjustments:

- Refuse collection fee increase per household to \$350 from the current rate of \$345.
- Refuse disposal fee increase per ton to \$66 from the current rate of \$64.
- Sewer service charges fee increase to \$7 per 1,000 gallons from the current charge of \$6.75 per 1,000 gallons.
- An increase in sewer service charges to \$7 per 1,000 gallons. This is an increase from the current FY 2018 service charge of \$6.75 per 1,000 gallons.
- Sewer service base charge increase from \$27.62 per quarter to \$30.38 per quarter.

- Stormwater services district tax rate increase from \$0.0300 to \$0.0325 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Phase I Dulles Rail Transportation Improvement District tax rate decrease from \$0.15 to \$0.13 per \$100 of assessed value per the recommendation from the Phase I District Commission.

The package will fully fund the FCPS FY 2019 Advertised Budget which includes \$53 million for teacher salary scale increases. It also includes funding for Fairfax First, Gang Prevention, the expansion of Diversion First and Opportunity Neighborhoods, Early Childhood programs, and funding to address the Opioid Crisis.

The Advertised Budget Plan is the annual budget proposed by the County Executive to the Board of Supervisors for the upcoming fiscal year, which runs from July 1 through June 30. The Advertised Budget Plan is based on estimates of projected expenditures for county programs and it provides the means for paying for these expenditures through estimated revenues.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Board Decision on the Fairfax County Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2019 - 2023 (With Future Fiscal Years to 2028)

Supervisor McKay made a motion to:

- Support the Planning Commission motions as approved on April 5, 2018
- Make all necessary adjustments to reflect actions taken during the Board's decision on the FY 2018 Third Quarter Review and the FY 2019 Adopted Budget Plan that impact the CIP.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The [FY 2019 - 2023 Advertised Capital Improvement Program](#) includes a recommendation to increase the annual bond sale limit from \$275 million per year to \$300 million per year and provides the Fairfax County Public Schools with an additional \$25 million per year in bond sales.

The CIP is the County's five-year roadmap for creating, maintaining, and funding present and future capital infrastructure requirements. The CIP serves as a planning instrument to identify needed capital projects and coordinate the financing and time of improvements. The CIP provides the framework for the County Executive and the County Board of Supervisors with respect to managing bond sales, investment planning, and project planning. It includes not only a five-year plan but a future outlook that includes a glance at the potential long term requirements beyond the current five-year period.

Caussin Appointed Interim Chief of Fire and Rescue



Fairfax County Assistant Fire Chief John Caussin has been named interim chief of the Fire and Rescue Department, effective April 30. Caussin will replace Fire Chief Richard Bowers Jr., who retires at the end of this month.

Caussin began his career with the department in 1985. He was appointed to assistant fire chief for personnel services in 2006, then served as assistant fire chief for emergency operations from 2010 to 2015, and is currently the assistant fire chief of business services. He previously served as deputy chief of support services and field operations battalion chief.

Fairfax County's Department of Human Resources has contracted with Polihire to manage the recruitment process for the next fire chief. The position closes at the

end of May and it is anticipated that the hiring process will be completed by early summer.

Caussin is a certified paramedic and a sworn assistant fire marshal. He is a member of numerous professional organizations including the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Fire Fighters, the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, and the National Fire Protection Association, where he serves on the Technical Committee on Fire and Emergency Service Organization and Deployment. Caussin holds a bachelor's degree in communications from James Madison University, an associate degree in fire administration from Northern Virginia Community College and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program.
