



City of Manassas, Virginia  
City Council Meeting

**ACTION AGENDA**  
May 1, 2019

ROLL CALL: 5:31 P.M.  
ABSENT: ELSTON

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Call to Order

Roll Call

**1. FY 2020 Budget Work Session**

**1.1 Discussion of April 29, 2019 Public Hearing**

In response to comments made by a citizen at the April 29, 2019, public hearing, Council Member Sebesky requested a presentation on Tax Relief for the Elderly. Council Member Lovejoy requested clarification on how trailers are taxed in the City.

Chief Keen gave a brief explanation of issues surrounding the enforcement of residency requirements for vehicles in Virginia.

**1.2 Address Outstanding Questions of City Council**

Council Member Lovejoy discussed possible options for keeping the tax rate flat. He suggested four things to remove two pennies on the tax rate:

1. Defer the South Grant Beautification project and reallocate the money to other CIP projects
2. Defer the Museum expansion and reallocate the money to other CIP projects.
3. Use Gateway sales proceeds to buy down additional debt.
4. Utilize \$300,000 in supplemental paving funds.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Approved a motion to direct staff to prepare a budget without a tax rate increase (5/0)

There was discussion as to the intent of the previously approved motion.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Approved a motion to reconsider the previously approved motion. (3/2)

Mr. Pate, City Manager, clarified what he understood to be the direction provided by the motion to be reconsidered.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Reconsidered motion fails. (2/3)

There was Council consensus to hold an additional budget work session on Monday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m. to receive further information regarding the proposal keep a flat tax rate.

**Adjourned: 6:47 p.m.**