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Name of Group: Farmington Civic Association

Date: March 28, 2011

in Attendance: 26

Attendee comments:

- When you talk about the tax rate increase, and ask about raising the tax rate you are asking for tax equality. If you are talking about raising it to achieve tax equality, it needs to be made clear to citizens that you won't actually see an increase in the amount of taxes you pay. But once you start to effect people's money by asking them to pay more, there should not be any increase.
- Does the \$14 million gap include potential cuts/elimination of services?
- Would the idea of increasing the real estate tax now while assessments are down mean that when assessments increase the tax rate will go back down?
- Does the City have a rainy day fund?
- What kind of impact has the Peninsula Town Center had on revenues?
- How has the Virginia Lottery help?
- Will Council make the final decision on which approach to take to balance the City budget?
- Is there still dialogue between the Cities (Hampton/Newport News) about consolidating services? This is something that should be accelerated when looking at these types of budget shortfalls. Don't just go for the low-hanging fruit this should be a lively debate.
 - Existing:
 - Senior services
 - Hazmat
 - Medical emergency
 - Community services board
 - Probation services
- Can you speculate on the services most at risk for elimination?
- When a house catches on fire, is there a fee associated with fire protection? Is this by choice or this required by City/State code? Is it possible to charge for things that only certain people need?
- Is there a charge if police come out to a home because your alarm system goes off?
- Where is the new fire station going to be?
- How does Hampton compare to other Cities in this economy?

All questions asked were answered.

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