



Organization: Northampton Civic League

Meeting Date: March 6, 2012

in Attendance: 10 citizens

- Are there any other opportunities for revenue such as Fort Monroe? What types of things are going on there?
 - Are there still military families living at Fort Monroe?
- The poll on line was very nice. Liked the fact that there was an "I don't know" option. A suggestion was made to add a link for each item to educate the poll taker about the subject of each question.
 - On the other hand, when encouraged to complete the survey, some have said, "Why fill out the poll because City will not listen".
- Why doesn't the City use more solar energy? City can sell excess energy.
 - Why is the City looking to out of state contractors to study energy savings for schools- isn't there someone local or City Staff who can do it?
- How much is the City of Hampton in debt?
 - \$260-280 million in debt becomes a problem when the economy sinks lower and you have a lot of debt.
- Harbor Square deal bothers him. The paper stated one of the reasons it was purchased was because it was a high crime area. Isn't the Police Department right next door?
- Wasn't the Mayor an owner of Harbor Square?
- The City paid way too much money for the Harbor Square property.
- You (the City Manager) explained the Harbor Square situation well. Would it be easier for the Mayor to step forward and explain the Harbor Square property so the public can understand rather than have the papers explain it?
- Problem ranking the survey, Didn't have criteria to measure the service cost- just had to use our general impression in decision making.
- What is the City doing to get the word out about the survey and polls? Can the city use billboards?