

Clerk/Treasurer Budget Report – 2010/2011

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First, A little good news:

- Tax collections for the just ended tax season totaled 95.3%:
 - Of the \$44 million plus levied, \$42 million plus was collected
 - Total returned uncollected is just over \$2 million; the County will reimburse the City this money
- Real property taxes collected was at a 95.2% rate
- Personal property taxes collected were at 97.2% collected; collection process is the responsibility of the treasurer
- These rates are close to our normal and very good considering the current economic environment

City Budget Proposals for 2010/2011

- Eliminate Cashier.
 - Savings of \$46,000
 - Impact: Overall reduced personal customer service
 - Impact: Longer lines during peak tax seasons
- Eliminate Department Secretary/Election Specialist:
 - Replace with a part-time person, saving \$40,000
 - Impact: Reduced personal customer service
 - Impact: Reduced election expertise
- Implement Lock Box Service
 - Mailed utility payments will be processed by a third party
 - Impact: Reduced personal customer service
 - Impact: The cost is approximately \$11,000 per year

A 'Get Tough' Policy on Delinquent Personal Property Taxes

- Current processes include three delinquent notices from our office
- Major accounts are then referred to our contracted vendor; Collect Tek for further collection activities
- Proposed new procedures include visits to delinquent businesses warning of further enforcement actions
 - Impact:
 - Payments will increase
 - Some businesses may be forced to close their doors

Collection of Delinquent Parking Tickets:

- Propose to offer a 30 day 'window' in which parking ticket penalties will be waived, if:
 - Offenders either pay the total amount due or work out a payment plan with the treasurer
 - Stop receiving parking tickets
- Increase enforcement techniques which include:
 - Aggressive 'booting' of vehicles
 - Towing vehicles to impound lot and eventually selling vehicle to recover parking ticket fines and costs
 - Impact: Improved collections but at what cost; discouraging visitors from parking in the City

Elections:

- Two elections are scheduled during the coming budget year:
 - State Primary Election on August 3rd
 - State General Election on November 2nd
- Each election costs the City over \$10,000 which includes:
 - Cost of election workers, their meals, postage and other ancillary expenses
- The County pays for ballots, envelopes and some miscellaneous expenses
- City elections cost more because we pay all the expenses incurred