

Community Budget Workshop #4, 11-30-09

Recommendation Results Rank-Ordered

27	8	Establish a formula for staff cuts that must take place if all other budget reductions fail; i.e., 9% of existing staff. - no property tax increase
	12	Personnel costs related to people (e.g. examine all positions, hours)
	7	Reduce operations of Civic Center to a four-day week
18	4	Privatize garbage collection
	3	Close recycling center
	6	Switch recycling from private to public; switch refuse collection from public to private
	2	Yard waste stickers
	1	Charge for yard waste
	2	Privatize waste collection
		Privatize all refuse
15	11	Close Township office, move into Civic Center - make Civic Center more efficient
	4	Move Township offices to Civic Center
11	7	Sell water to other communities
	4	Sell water to more communities
10	6	Close branch libraries (put some \$\$ into outreach; put sale of North Branch into fund to support library)
	4	Cut branch library
		Close North Branch Library
8	4	Parking passes for Downtown: employees on higher levels of garages/parking on street in Downtown reserved for customers
	4	Sell parking garages
7	7	Close one Fire Station
5	5	Long-term budget recommendation: Fine Arts Development District on the lakefront, city owned (with or without marina)
5	2	Increase employee contributions to benefits
	2	Personnel costs related to benefits (e.g. defined contribution)
	1	Employee contributions increase by 10%
4	4	10% cut in management across the board
4	4	Refinance current debt
4	4	Share/contract regional municipal services
4	4	Encourage business/commercial development over residential development
	3	Defer merit increases
	3	Reduce boards and commissions
	3	Consolidate <u>all</u> city offices to Civic Center
	3	Rent Lakefront Arts Center - review lease
	2	Reduce Community Development Department to reflect activity
	2	Consolidate social service agency /reduce redundancies
	2	5-year plan/10-year plan
	2	Reduce fleet size
	2	Implement selected staff suggestions

	1	Eliminate street sweeping in the summer
	1	Reduce Planning/Traffic/Engineering Department staff
	1	Eliminate Township and Ridgeville Park District
	1	Make all services revenue neutral (consolidate common operations)
	1	"Demand" more contribution from Northwestern University or stop issuing building permits --\$5.6 billion Endowment --\$1.75 million President --only paid Evanston \$5.1 million in 2009
	1	Use free software
	1	Fight for pension reform
	1	Hiring freeze; new Community Development Director hire?
	1	Stop inoculating Elms
	1	Rent out empty space in Civic Center
	1	Sell or lease city assets
		Sell dental services to surrounding communities
		Reduce benefits to Council
		Reduce county/city redundancies
		Review branch libraries efficiency
		Stop paying to publish public notices
		Fight against pension fund guarantee
		Increase aldermanic contribution to health care
		Volunteerism; no need for consultants
		Privatize tree trimming
		Enforce laws already on books
		Bill for fire trucks
		Charge for private use of fire and police
		Pursue grant opportunities that are currently unexplored
		Increase taxes