

Community Budget Workshop #4, 11-30-09

Recommendation Selection Results

Other Innovations	
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
	Stop paying to publish public notices
5	Long-term budget recommendation: Fine Arts Development District on the lakefront, city owned (with or without marina)
2	5-year plan/10-year plan
	Fight against pension fund guarantee
Service Level Changes	
7	Reduce operations of Civic Center to a four-day week
1	Eliminate street sweeping in the summer
4	10% cut in management across the board
2	Reduce Community Development Department to reflect activity
	Sell dental services to surrounding communities
2	Consolidate social service agency /reduce redundancies
	Reduce benefits to Council
2	Increase employee contributions to benefits
	Privatize all refuse
	Reduce county/city redundancies
1	Reduce Planning/Traffic/Engineering Department staff
1	Eliminate Township and Ridgeville Park District
	Review branch libraries efficiency
Cost Containment	
11	Close Township office, move into Civic Center - make Civic Center more efficient
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
	Increase aldermanic contribution to health care
12	Personnel costs related to people (e.g. examine all positions, hours)
2	Personnel costs related to benefits (e.g. defined contribution)
4	Refinance current debt
4	Share/contract regional municipal services
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

		Volunteerism; no need for consultants
	1	Hiring freeze; new Community Development Director hire?
	1	Employee contributions increase by 10%
	3	Defer merit increases
	4	Move Township offices to Civic Center
	2	Reduce fleet size
	1	Charge for yard waste
	2	Privatize waste collection
		Improved Efficiencies
	3	Reduce boards and commissions
	7	Close one Fire Station
		Close North Branch Library
	6	Close branch libraries (put some \$\$ into outreach; put sale of North Branch into fund to support library)
		Privatize tree trimming
	1	Stop inoculating Elms
	3	Consolidate <u>all</u> city offices to Civic Center
	1	Rent out empty space in Civic Center
		Non-Tax Revenue
	3	Rent Lakefront Arts Center - review lease
	4	Parking passes for Downtown: employees on higher levels of garages/parking on street in Downtown reserved for customers
	2	Implement selected staff suggestions
	7	Sell water to other communities
	4	Cut branch library
	4	Sell parking garages
		Enforce laws already on books
		Bill for fire trucks
		Charge for private use of fire and police
		General Revenue Strategies
	4	Sell water to more communities
		Pursue grant opportunities that are currently unexplored
	4	Encourage business/commercial development over residential development
		Increase taxes
	1	Sell or lease city assets