

CITY OF *Alexandria* VIRGINIA



FY 2010 Proposed Budget



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FY 2010 Proposed Budget City Manager's Message

- **FY 2010 General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$524.3 million**
- **FY 2010 operating transfer to Schools is \$164.6 million**



FY 2010 Proposed Budget City Manager's Message

- **FY 2010 General Fund Operating Budget decreases by 3.3% from FY 2009 (\$17.8 million)**
- **7.7% less than what it would cost to maintain current services (\$43.6 million)**
- **Schools transfer decreases by 2.0% from FY 2009 (\$3.4 million)**



FY 2010 Proposed Budget City Manager's Message

- **City government faces its most serious fiscal crisis in more than 30 years**
- **We are not alone**
- **Long-range focus and retain our ability to react quickly**
- **Strong financial foundation and policies**
- **Focus on long-term viability**



FY 2010 Proposed Budget City Manager's Message

- **Council Guidance in November**
 - A roadmap for budget development
 - Focus resources on Community Priorities
 - Keep the average homeowner's real estate tax burden the same
 - Up 4.2 cents to 88.7 cents per \$100 assessed value
- **No additional tax rate changes**
- **Some user fees increases**



FY 2010 Proposed Budget City Manager's Message

- **Sacrifices are broadly required and shared in the FY 2010 proposed budget**
- **35 of 42 departmental budgets will decline from current year budget amounts**
- **The budget reductions proposed are unprecedented in the last 30 years**



FY 2010 Proposed Budget City Manager's Message

- **Reduction of 121 positions or 4% of the workforce**
 - 30 of which are subject to Reduction in Force (RIF) procedures
- **Will work diligently to place qualified employees in other vacant positions**



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- **6.6% reduction in budget for seasonal employees**
- **22.5% reduction in budget for temporary services**
- **14.5% reduction in budget for professional contract services**
- **Combined, these reductions will effect service delivery**



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Employee Compensation

- No market rate adjustment or merit/step increases
- No change in benefit rates for current employees
- Reduced benefits for new employees in FY 2010 and beyond



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- An extraordinary degree of uncertainty remains about City revenue projections
- Additional \$2.0 million in reductions proposed for FY 2009 as requested
- Careful monitoring required



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- **City Staff has left no area of the budget unexamined for possible savings**
- **Capital spending primarily consists of maintenance and the new Police Facility**
- **Operating budget reductions touch nearly all Departments in varying degrees**



FY 2010 Proposed Budget City Manager's Message

- **The City has been able to conduct this budget review on a solid organizational foundation**
 - Managing for Results Initiative
 - Strategic and Business Plans
 - Economic Sustainability Plan



FY 2010 Proposed Budget City Manager's Message

- **The City's focus is not only on FY 2010, but the long range future of Alexandria**
 - Future holds promise
 - Reform how we lead and manage. Be More:
 - Purposeful and goal directed
 - Coordinated and productive through better organizational structures and policies
 - Operationally efficient through continuous improvement



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In short, we believe the challenges of today will make us not weaker, but stronger and more able to meet the challenges of the future.



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Work sessions schedule and budget
Information can be found at:
www.alexandriava.gov/budget



