

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 10, 2006

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 94 : TREND IN DEPARTMENTAL SAVINGS

This memo is in response to Councilwoman Woodson's request for information on trends in departmental savings. The attachment provides information on the extent to which departments actually spent all General Funds appropriated to them for the last four years.

	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2003</u>	<u>FY 2002</u>
\$ Saved	(\$0.4M)	(\$0.5M)	\$0.0M	\$2.8M
% of Budget	(0.1%)	(0.2%)	0.0%	1.4%

Beginning in FY 2002, with the events of September 11 and their resulting impact on the regional and City economy, City department expenditures have been reduced through various specific efforts. A one-time \$5 million reduction in FY 2002 was instituted as the City experienced a decline in tourism and related businesses. In late 2002, to cope with State budget reductions and the continuing economic downturn, most City departments FY 2003 budgets were formally reduced by another three percent. During the approval of the FY 2004 budget, departments were directed to reduce spending by \$1.5 million. In FY 2005, departments were again asked to propose for consideration savings equal to one percent of their approved FY 2004 budget. These reductions in budget authority have resulted in smaller end-of-year surpluses (and minor deficits) as City departments have had to carefully manage available resources.

This practice was continued with the FY 2006 budget process, although only approximately 0.5 percent of those savings were actually proposed in the City Manager's budget.

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 Budgetary Comparison Schedule
 General Fund

Department	Adjusted Variance from Amended Budget @6/30/05			Adjusted Variance from Amended Budget @6/30/04			Adjusted Variance from Amended Budget @6/30/03			Amended Budget @6/30/02
	Amended Budget @6/30/05	Amended Budget @6/30/05	% Change	Amended Budget @6/30/04	Amended Budget @6/30/04	% Change	Amended Budget @6/30/03	Amended Budget @6/30/03	% Change	
City Council	\$536,569	\$22,476	4.2%	\$526,001	\$10,983	2.1%	\$455,708	\$37,466	8.2%	\$450,344
City Manager	1,864,072	22,676	1.2%	1,776,372	5,132	0.3%	1,436,054	19,154	1.3%	1,667,481
Office on Women	1,168,741	27,594	2.4%	1,088,490	17,812	1.6%	1,024,492	-7,732	-0.8%	930,238
Citizen Assistance	643,181	571	0.1%	634,514	5,819	0.9%	559,648	274	0.0%	774,433
Office of Management and Budget	910,816	23,344	2.6%	839,546	54,683	6.5%	713,849	8,667	1.2%	906,525
18th Circuit Court	1,168,075	19,731	1.7%	1,107,008	1,191	0.1%	1,172,385	115,600	9.9%	1,114,539
18th General District Court	84,638	12,280	14.5%	86,858	11,258	13.0%	90,048	9,975	11.1%	95,817
Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court	33,609	1,463	4.4%	33,948	14,580	42.9%	33,948	10,680	31.5%	44,069
Commonwealth's Attorney	2,265,161	10,643	0.5%	2,120,768	-21,698	-1.0%	2,118,982	165,155	7.8%	1,926,436
Sheriff	20,420,392	95,655	0.5%	19,706,665	313	0.0%	19,162,218	-5,577	-0.0%	16,994,349
Clerk of Courts	1,512,296	31,207	2.1%	1,526,032	136,662	9.0%	1,464,800	75,475	5.2%	1,437,807
Other Correctional Activities	3,873,894	4,435	0.1%	3,718,382	267	0.0%	3,553,614	73,556	2.1%	2,987,346
Court Service Unit	784,608	58,837	7.5%	705,273	3,209	0.5%	586,841	-8,461	-1.4%	520,827
Human Rights	456,999	3,941	0.9%	444,722	18,428	4.1%	430,918	14,542	3.4%	292,649
Internal Audit	190,032	12,848	6.8%	174,169	7,471	4.3%	200,675	28,113	14.0%	189,899
Information Technology Services	6,838,734	-55,629	-0.8%	6,719,279	57,421	0.9%	6,199,525	132,909	2.1%	6,464,373
City Clerk and Clerk of Council	303,507	306	0.1%	368,332	-13,842	-3.8%	336,920	1,657	0.5%	328,151
Finance	8,165,638	16,942	0.2%	7,773,136	35	0.0%	7,557,215	26,326	0.3%	7,161,029
Real Estate Assessments	1,032,569	28,337	2.7%	973,399	7,227	0.7%	980,950	75,085	7.7%	947,458
Personnel	2,502,542	1	0.0%	2,427,007	-21,000	-0.9%	2,205,897	-58,730	-2.7%	2,002,799
Planning and Zoning	6,544,117	65,214	1.0%	5,715,141	43,514	0.8%	5,661,329	72,780	1.3%	5,216,042
City Attorney	1,506,405	20,784	1.4%	1,910,068	420	0.0%	1,902,831	55,326	2.9%	1,740,573
Registrar of Voters	1,031,789	6	0.0%	928,581	3,588	0.4%	904,969	64,462	7.1%	755,861
General Services	10,792,752	18,792	0.2%	9,941,729	-6,706	-0.1%	9,360,617	11,852	0.1%	9,089,446
Transportation and Environmental Services	22,942,974	-5,633	-0.0%	22,378,887	-403,576	-1.8%	22,293,172	366,179	1.6%	20,962,341
Transit Subsidies	4,767,801	5,744	0.1%	3,969,451	18,529	0.5%	3,688,778	301	0.0%	2,911,187
Fire	30,535,305	-68	-0.0%	29,316,653	45,659	0.2%	27,272,124	-290,273	-1.1%	25,485,132
Police	42,004,136	22,096	0.1%	39,600,271	-123,755	-0.3%	37,962,793	34,154	0.1%	35,619,737
Office of Housing	985,257	-281,574	-28.6%	902,195	11,730	1.3%	942,249	-138,163	-14.7%	890,252
MHM RSA	578,086	-59,914	-10.4%	581,571	32	0.0%	545,688	--	--	551,906
Health	6,984,880	128,199	1.8%	7,017,805	171,475	2.4%	7,169,160	236,864	3.3%	6,621,731
Human Services	9,381,838	-310,073	-3.3%	7,999,840	-34,921	-0.4%	7,242,976	-620,413	-8.6%	6,584,396
Human Service Contributions	1,155,001	1,318	0.1%	1,100,000	2,965	0.3%	875,500	5,000	0.6%	875,850
Office of Historic Alexandria	2,385,959	-12,458	-0.5%	2,286,506	-21,702	-0.9%	2,247,776	56,322	2.5%	2,070,035
Recreation and Cultural Activities	17,232,858	-4,671	-0.0%	15,725,579	-114,463	-0.7%	15,180,556	196,737	1.3%	14,294,968
Other Educational Activities	13,299	--	--	13,058	--	--	13,246	--	--	12,923
Non-Departmental	34,321,445	-291,143	-0.8%	28,155,395	-354,521	-1.3%	24,559,049	-758,295	-3.1%	23,505,058
	\$247,919,775	-\$365,723	-0.1%	\$230,292,631	-\$465,781	-0.2%	\$218,107,500	\$6,967	0.0%	\$204,424,007

Source: City of Alexandria, VA CAFR Exhibit XIII and Departmental Reappropriation Ordinance Documents.