

Written Testimony Sheet

Subject: 2016 Budget	Date: 12/9/2015
Minneapolis City Council Adjourned Meeting	Time: 6:05 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber, Room 317, City Hall	

Printed Name	Address	Organization	Email/Phone No.
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Nothing is inflicting as much harm on our community's unity as the Minneapolis Police Department's practices. The racial injustices caused by racially targeted policing erodes trust and causes poverty.

The MPD, and the racially disparate criminal prosecutions that result from MPD charging, must be reined in. Cut the budgets of the MPD. Re-prioritize the funding for the City Attorney's office to spend more on litigating against the police union, and spend less on prosecuting low-level crimes.

Hold MPD accountable. Cut their budget.

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DOWNTOWN EAST COMMONS

From: **Arlene Fried** (friedarlene@hotmail.com)

Sent: Wed 12/09/15 4:34 PM

To: Arlene Fried (friedarlene@hotmail.com)

DOWNTOWN EAST COMMONS

December 9, 2015

Council Members:

I believe that the Downtown East Commons Use Agreement that gave away the public interest should be renegotiated. Why should the public and the private sector be responsible for the financing of this expensive amenity? A condition for acquisition of the Super Bowl was the **exclusive availability** of the parkland that the Downtown East Commons will occupy. And there will be other events that the public will be excluded from. The Vikings and the MFSA will pay no rent whenever they use the park and they will keep every penny of **all** the concessions whenever they use it. The billionaires benefit at taxpayers' expense.

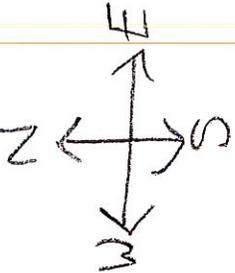
The renegotiation of the Downtown East Commons Use Agreement needs to be placed back on the Community Development and Regulatory Services Committee agenda. City Council File Number 15-01045 states "**Staff is directed to Explore the desirability and feasibility of reopening the Park Use Agreement between the city and MFSA.**" It also says regarding this item, "**Staff shall report back to the Community Development and Regulatory Services Committee**" at the next Community Development and Regulatory Services Committee.

However, at the next Committee meeting, on December 1, I was looking for, but did not see, the item on the agenda. It is my understanding that if staff is unprepared to present a mandated report, it is still placed on the agenda as postponed. By failing to comply with a directive, staff is abrogating its mandated responsibility.

Please place this item back on the Committee agenda where it belongs.

Thank you.

Arlene Fried
1109 Xerxes Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405



Hiawatha Ave.

LRT Station

Driveway

3757 HOUSE

BAR

House

Bar Parking

29th Ave S.

29th Ave S.

HOUSE

BBQ

AUTO REPAIR

House

House

Tillie's
BEAR

28th Ave S.

28th Ave S.

East 38th St.

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Franklin
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Dear Minneapolis City Council Members,

BOMA Greater Minneapolis is a 111 year old trade organization with nearly 700 members representing over 60 million square feet of office space in the region. Our members own, manage or provide services to the vast majority of commercial office buildings in Minneapolis.

BOMA Greater Minneapolis recognizes the need to improve public realm in the downtown area. Enhanced landscaping and greenery, an improved pedestrian experience and the acknowledgement that more commuters are opting to ride bicycles to and from work are all welcomed.

However, virtually all of our members who operate buildings along 3rd Avenue have expressed concerns regarding the proposed 3rd Avenue Project, most notably:

- Traffic congestion will most certainly increase dramatically
- Loss of a critical left turn lane from 3rd onto 5th
- The elimination of many drop off locations for employees
- Economic harm to parking ramp owners as customers find alternative locations due to heightened traffic congestion and their inability to get in and out of the ramps

Our members must look out for the interests of their tenants and the thousands of employees who work in their buildings. It is important to remind everyone the massive Nicollet Mall and Washington Avenue street projects will be in full construction mode and will most certainly exacerbate the situation. Up until just a few weeks ago, there was virtually no engagement with property owners along 3rd Avenue, so many of these fundamental issues were not identified and proactively discussed.

We respectfully ask the Minneapolis City Council to delay this project and begin constructive dialogue with City of Minneapolis staff and all property owners to address the noted issues and come to a mutually agreeable solution. Perhaps there is a more logical location for these improvements. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Kevin Lewis
Executive Director

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3012 Pleasant Ave S2
MPLS MN 55408.
Property ID. No. 03-028-24-0604

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Melody Hoffmann	2515 Clinton Ave	MPLS Bike Coalition/myself!	414-699-8170

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you won't read this until after you vote
but I oppose the new 4th Precinct
budget line item.

Thank you Lisa Bend^{ler} for being my
awesome council person!

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To allocate \$600,000 to "fortifying" the 4th Precinct, and not toward social and educational programs that would work against the disgusting racial and economic inequality in this city, is scary and Orwellian. I am so sad to live in a city where the City Council and Mayor would even consider this.

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I come to oppose your 7.9% increase in property taxes for next year (2016).
 my for sale.

I'll make it short & sweet,
 In 1 ~~month~~ month from today I'll be 65 years old.
 My tiny savings at the Credit Union earns less than 1%
 My 401k earns 2.5% if that.
 For next year ^{my} Social Security will have a zero \$, zip, nada
 cost of living increase.
 In my 32 years of working I was lucky to get a 2% raise
 if that - but only in some years.
 Yet you ask for a 7.9% raise for the city's portion of my taxes.
 I am not in the half of city homeowners seeing a tax reduction
 And overall, my 2016 property taxes are going up 9.3%.
 In October I spent the last of my savings to pay my 2015
 property taxes.
 I don't know where I'll get the money to pay the 2016 taxes
 of over \$3700.
 In your budget process I understand you have to balance
 income & needs & wants.
 Funding for City Services & improvements must be balanced

with the citizens ability to pay. Not all of us are
benefitting from this "economic recovery".

thus I urge you - I ask you to consider our ability to
pay. Especially for us Senior Citizens & Those
on fixed income.

Thank you for your time & for giving me an opportunity
to voice my concerns.

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I vehemently oppose the proposal to allocate \$600 thousand to fortify the 4th precinct building. Literally, this is a proposal to make a fortress of a police station. This is a building that is supposed to be a resource for the community and citizenry. Not only am I deeply disappointed that my city's council idea of a "solution" is to raise a wall ~~to~~ between the people and one of their tax-funded services, I also feel that ~~that~~ those dollars can clearly be used for education, infrastructure and community services. Plainly put, I'm disappointed in this truly dumb and violent proposal. Make a better choice. Make a choice that truly represents what so many people are yelling for.

Kasper, Irene M.

From: Peter Roos <plroos@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 8:42 AM
To: Kasper, Irene M.
Subject: Budget Hearing - 3rd Avenue Redesign/Bike lanes

Good Evening - My name is Peter L. Roos and I wish to speak on the proposed redesign of 3rd Avenue South to accommodate protected bike lanes. I am representing the NRG Minneapolis Energy Center at 324 9th Street South.

NRG was recently surprised to learn about the 3rd Avenue bike lanes when a City engineer met with our on-site plant manager with what appeared to be a final design for the reconstruction. NRG operates its main plant on the site along with a parking ramp that exits onto 3rd and serves the general public. Prior to that initial meeting there had been absolutely no contact from the City. A subsequent meeting with City staff was requested by NRG in mid-November and, while the current design was characterized as not finalized, it was made clear that the project was going forward and that there was in fact, nothing that individual property owners could do about it save for tweaking the design right in front of their individual properties. To our knowledge, there has been no attempt by the City to engage the property owners along 3rd in a collective fashion to both discuss the policy that led to this budget decision and the potential impact that the proposed design will have on vehicular traffic and building access.

We have met with BOMA and the DT Council along with other 3rd Ave property owners to express our concerns regarding the fact that there doesn't seem to be any balance in terms of the overall transit vision for downtown. While we support downtown planning efforts aimed at providing safe transit options, including bikes, the process has to be more transparent and inclusive. It's as if the goal is to redesign every street in the core to accommodate bicycles without any concerns regarding the impact on the overall transit picture. At minimum, there needs to be more discussion with property owners and the business community to arrive at a comprehensive strategy that includes all forms of transportation – my clients feel that the current process is simply destroying the ability for most people to get around downtown.

While it appears that the votes are here tonight for approving the budget to redesign 3rd Ave, we are requesting that the Council formally direct staff to engage the property owners and businesses along the street to arrive at a design that provides safe passage for bicycles and doesn't completely hamper vehicular traffic. If the City is truly interested in arriving at a comprehensive strategy for moving people through this important corridor, it should reset the design process and include everyone in the discussion.

Thank You

Peter L Roos

Peter L. Roos
ROOS AND ASSOCIATES

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Please find attached my written comments. Prior commitments precluded me from staying for public testimony as I was #37 on the speaking list.

I have attached 14 copies for Mayor Hodges and Council Members and one additional for the public record.

Thank you,

Paul Ostrow

Budget Hearing Public Testimony December 9, 2015

I am appearing tonight to express my concerns regarding the budget process you complete tonight. In my judgment the process fails to meet the high standards of transparency and public process necessary for a healthy civic dialogue. As a result, spending for favored projects including streetcars, the Commons and other downtown parks, and additional enhancements to Target Center and the new Vikings Stadium evade the budget process entirely. Entire categories of revenues are not submitted to the budget process at all.

Below are estimates of discretionary dollars that are not addressed in your proposed 2016 budget:

- 1. Diversion of property taxes for streetcars:** Based upon city estimates by 2016 over **\$15 million** of property taxes will have been diverted from basic City and County services for the proposed Nicollet-Hennepin Streetcar line. This annual cost has never been discussed as a part of any budget process and the streetcar line was never submitted to the Capital Long Range Improvement Committee to be matched against other city priorities. The City Council and County Board should de-certify this district and re-direct these funds to a City/County/Park Board partnership to fully develop the Upper Harbor terminal. This is the right priorities for our time and would provide critical jobs, housing and amenities to the north side of Minneapolis. **I am attaching my letter to the previous Council on this issue dated June 16, 2013.**
- 2. Inclusion of discretionary sales tax and hospitality tax revenues in annual city budget process:** As a result of legislation passed in 2011 and re-affirmed in the stadium legislation the City now has broad discretion in the use of sales and hospitality taxes for economic development, housing, cultural activities and other city priorities. These revenues totaled **\$77 million in 2015**. While a significant majority of these discretionary dollars have been committed to the Vikings Stadium and Target Center, these revenue sources are growing and will expand significantly upon repayment of the Convention Center Expansion bonds. A public process to determine the best use of these funds should be incorporated into the 2017 budget and beyond.
- 3. The Common Project:** In 2009 a majority of the Council supported state legislation extending the Common Project. Half of the proceeds of the Common Project were directed to neighborhoods and the remainder to the Target Center. Bonds were issued for Target Center improvements and maintenance in the amount of \$50 million. Those bonds will soon be paid off freeing up **a minimum of five million dollars per year** for other city needs in the near future. Since the city is now using sales tax dollars for the Target Center renovation these dollars should no longer be needed for Target Center.

4. **Proposed Parking Fee:** I have attached **Senate File 2098**, establishing a “parking facility fee”. This legislation was introduced last year despite its absence from any approved legislative agenda. I am unable to determine the anticipated revenues but it would appear that even a minimal fee could raise between **five and ten million dollars per year**. The proposed legislation unwisely would direct all of the proceeds to the Commons and other downtown parks. That is not the right priority for any “user fee” for downtown visitors. Any such fee should be directed to basic city services required in the downtown core such as policing, fire protection and infrastructure needs. In any event you have a fiduciary duty to determine the City’s highest priorities for the use of any such fee prior to the 2016 legislative session and to communicate those priorities to the legislative delegation.

5. **The Commons:** This project, outside of the City’s authority under the Charter, continues to bypass any budget process. There has been no report to the Council as required on the current gap in fundraising. The Council has no legal or moral obligation to further fund the Commons. The Council has already paid for the land and contributed two million dollars to planning costs. You should exercise your authority tonight to require that any spending for the Commons be submitted to the 2017 budget process. Finally I am attaching to these written comments a Memorandum submitted to the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority in August of 2014 by its director Ted Mondale. **The implication in that memorandum is that over the next 30 years the public will be dedicating in excess of \$200 million in additional funds for stadium improvements and maintenance.** If more public money should be spent on the Commons the funds should come from these revenues rather than from scarce city resources needed for other priorities. In the alternative these operational revenues should at least in part reimburse the City for its ongoing \$6.0 million annual contribution to operating expenses and \$1.5 million annual contribution to ongoing maintenance.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these thoughts. It is no longer my responsibility or authority to balance the many needs of the City. I only ask that as you do this important work the tough choices you make are transparent and that all city priorities are on the same footing and subject to the same budgetary rules.

June 16, 2013

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Re: Proposed Establishment of Project Area and Value Capture District for Streetcar Funding

Due to work obligations I am not able to attend Tuesday's public hearing. I am submitting this letter to you to urge you to reject the misguided proposal to establish a "Value Capture District" to fund the costs of one or more streetcar lines in Minneapolis.

I personally have grave reservations regarding the priority of a streetcar lines in our City when we have much more pressing needs. I am unconvinced that the streetcar lines will ever reach the areas of our City most in need of investment. I am also unconvinced that the streetcar lines will be of any value to our citizens who are most in need. A streetcar will not put our people to work and certainly will not get our people to the living wage jobs they need. I hear a lot of talk about Minneapolis being a progressive City. Using scarce property tax dollars to fund an amenity when basic needs are not being met is not progressive.

You are rightly proud of the steps that have been taken over the past decade to pay down debt and establish a more responsible long term budget process in our City. It has not always been easy to stick to these principles. Financial gimmicks and borrowing from the future can be appealing when the alternative is to make tough choices.

I would admit that reasonable minds might disagree as to the value of a streetcar line in our City. I would argue, however, that there is no reasonable justification for the irresponsible and frankly bizarre proposal to fund the streetcar line.

TIF is intended to capture property tax revenue that would never be generated "but for" the public expenditure. Our City has a long and controversial history with TIF financing. At its best, TIF has allowed us to redevelop brownfields and to maintain our architectural heritage. We have debated TIF but we have always required that the "but for" test be met.

This proposal makes a mockery of TIF. It is not property tax increment but property tax diversion. The property tax growth is already going to happen without a streetcar line. You are making a choice right now for the 2018 City Council and City Councils for several decades on how these essential property tax resources will be used. Starting in 2018, the City will have five million dollars less for police officers, firefighters and street repair. Alternatively the City could enact a five million dollar HRA levy or could partner with the County on a five million dollar early childhood levy with the same cost to property taxpayers.

This proposal fails the most basic standards of good financial policy. It bypasses the budget process by committing resources to streetcars outside of the budget process. It pretends to be "budget neutral" for the 2014 budget but has very significant budget consequences for future years. By using a little understood diversion of tax revenues rather than taxes raised through the general property tax levy, the proposal misleads and confuses the Minneapolis property taxpayer. It is simply bad public policy for a City that has long advocated transparency and accountability.

The proposal would set a very dangerous precedent. One of the best ways to preserve the City's quality of life without raising property taxes is to encourage growth in the property tax base. If this proposal is adopted, what is to prevent future Mayors and Councils from resorting to the same mechanism to dedicate property tax growth to the next pet project. Meanwhile property taxes will continue to rise and citizens will be left to wonder how and why it happened.

Lets not return to the irresponsible financial policies that landed our City in the financial mess we faced in the late 1990's. Please reaffirm the sound financial principles that have served us well over the last decade and vote this misguided proposal down.

Sincerely,

Paul Ostrow

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to taxation; authorizing the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul to impose
1.3 a parking facility fee.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **CITY PARKING FACILITY FEE.**

1.6 **Subdivision 1. Definition. "Parking facility" means a parking area or structure**
1.7 **having parking spaces at which motor vehicles are permitted to park for a fee, whether**
1.8 **publicly or privately owned, but does not include parking spaces on a public street, the use**
1.9 **of which is regulated by parking meters.**

1.10 **Subd. 2. Authorization to impose the fee. (a) The city of Minneapolis may**
1.11 **impose by ordinance a fee to be paid by the owner of each parking space located in a**
1.12 **parking facility within an area in the city of Minneapolis described as follows: west of the**
1.13 **Mississippi River, west of Interstate Highway 35W, north or east of Interstate Highway**
1.14 **94, and south of Plymouth Avenue.**

1.15 **(b) The city of St. Paul may impose by ordinance a fee to be paid by the owner of each**
1.16 **parking space located in a parking facility within an area in the city of St. Paul described**
1.17 **as follows: north of the Mississippi River, west of the Lafayette bridge parking lots, south**
1.18 **of Interstate Highway 35E and Interstate Highway 94, and east of Chestnut Street.**

1.19 **Subd. 3. Amount of fee. The amount of the fee may be uniform throughout the**
1.20 **district, or it may vary depending upon the nature and structure of the parking facility,**
1.21 **zoning, location, or other reasonable factors determined by the city.**

1.22 **Subd. 4. Administration of fee. A city imposing a parking fee on a parking facility**
1.23 **under this section shall administer the fee locally. A city may provide by ordinance that**

2.4 landscaping, benches, lighting, trash receptacles, signage, wayfinding, and informational
2.5 kiosks;

2.6 (2) public plazas, including, but not limited to, improvements, operations,
2.7 maintenance, and programming, to include recreational and entertainment activities
2.8 designed to promote enjoyment of the city for Minnesotans and tourists of all ages. The
2.9 city of Minneapolis may designate proceeds for this purpose for downtown, or specifically
2.10 for Nicollet Mall, Peavey Plaza, or Downtown East Commons, or other similar locations.
2.11 The city of St. Paul may designate proceeds for this purpose for downtown, or specifically
2.12 for Rice Park, Mears Park, Wacouta Commons, Kellogg Park, Pedro Park, Central Station
2.13 Plaza, Cleveland Circle, or other similar locations; and

2.14 (3) transit and bicycle facilities, including, but not limited to:

2.15 (i) planning, design, engineering, property acquisition, and construction of the
2.16 downtown portion of a transit line or bicycle facility;

2.17 (ii) maintaining and acquiring equipment, transit vehicles, and related facilities, such
2.18 as maintenance facilities, that need not be located in the parking facilities fee area;

2.19 (iii) acquiring, improving, or constructing transit stations; and

2.20 (iv) acquiring or improving public space, including the construction and installation
2.21 of improvements to streets and sidewalks, decorative lighting and surfaces, and plantings
2.22 related to the downtown portion of a transit line or bicycle facility.

2.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Under Minnesota Statutes, section 645.023, subdivision 1,
2.24 this section is effective on without the requirement of local approval.



August 22, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: MSFA Commissioners

FROM: Ted Mondale

SUBJECT: Authorize Award and Execution of the Pre-Opening, Management, Operating and Marketing Services Agreement

The Authority issued a request to submit a proposal of qualifications in March 2014 for the pre-opening, management, operating and marketing services for the new multi-purpose stadium. Four responses were received and three were deemed qualified and invited to submit proposals. Three proposals were received by the deadline of April 30, 2014. The firms responding were:

- AEG
- Global Spectrum
- SMG

The Authority and the Minnesota Vikings held multiple interviews with each of the proposers. As authorized under the Stadium Act, closed meetings were held with each of the proposers and the Authority board. Based upon the submittals and subsequent interviews, the Vikings and the Authority representatives unanimously recommend the selection of SMG.

The proposed contract term with SMG begins immediately and extends ten years from the opening of the stadium, plus a five year extension at the option of the Authority. Some of the key contract provisions include:

- SMG will immediately assist with pre-opening activities and marketing of the stadium, with no management fee charged for such services.
- SMG will provide \$2,750,000 to the Authority prior to opening of the stadium. These funds will primarily be used to establish an event-marketing fund and cover costs of the Authority during the pre-opening period, which will be important to a successful opening of the stadium.
- Upon opening of the stadium, SMG will guarantee to the Authority annual income of \$6,750,000, increasing by two percent annually. This guaranteed payment is a key feature of the SMG agreement. These funds will provide a stable source of funds to the Authority and will allow the Authority to reinvest in the stadium, allowing the stadium to be maintained in a first-class manner for years to come.



- SMG's compensation will be based on a revenue sharing formula that provides compensation only if SMG's performance is sufficient to produce net operating income to the Authority in excess of \$6,750,000.
- The contract also contains multiple performance standards ensuring high quality services from SMG and guarantees that the stadium will be available for a variety of community and non-profit events, as well as major attractions like Vikings football and concerts.

SMG, founded in 1977, is one of the world leaders in venue management, marketing and development. SMG currently manages over 200 facilities worldwide, including four NFL stadiums – Soldier Field in Chicago; Mercedes Benz Superdome in New Orleans; NRG Stadium in Houston; and Everbank Field in Jacksonville. SMG-managed-facilities have played host to numerous Super Bowls, World Cup soccer matches, NCAA championships, and numerous premier entertainment events.

Recommendation: *The Authority authorizes the Chair and CEO/Executive Director to finalize negotiations with, and execute, the Pre-Opening, Management, Operating and Marketing Services Agreement with SMG.*

Hanson, Jackie A.

From: Johnson, Grant E.
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 10:53 AM
To: Hanson, Jackie A.
Subject: Budget public comment

Jackie,

We had one public comment come in through Survey Monkey on Thursday, December 10, 2015 9:52:52 AM:

Q1: Your Name

Cole Hiniker

Q2: Address

3349 3rd Ave South

Q3: E-mail address

cole.hiniker@gmail.com

Q4: Comment

Given the City's focus on sustainability, waste reduction, and keeping costs down for residents, I believe the City should consider reducing garbage collection to every other week. The benefits of this would include reducing costs to residents, encouraging additional recycling and composting and thereby reducing waste that is sent to HERC, and reducing environmental impacts of the collection efforts (trucks). Many other cities across the country have shown that every other week garbage collection can work when combined with other waste reduction strategies such as those that Minneapolis has already implemented. Thank you.

2016 Budget Adoption

Budget Overview

(Reflecting Mayor's 2016 Budget Recommendation as Amended by Budget Subcommittee)



December 9, 2015

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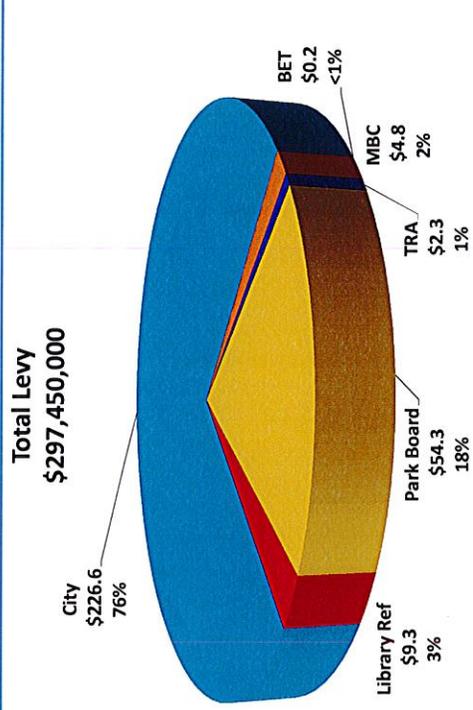
2016 Proposed Budget

Major Highlights

- Represents a *balanced budget* for 2016 that meets current obligations and contemplates future needs
- Totals \$1.24 billion, a 3.8%, or \$45.6 million increase from the 2015 adopted budget of \$1.19 billion
- Maintains current service levels from 2015, including inflationary and mandated cost increases of \$17.5 million
- Includes on-going funding for program enhancements of \$6.3 million and \$24.1 million in one-time items
- Relies on property taxes to fund 23% of budget
- Includes a 3.4% increase in the property tax levy – compared to statewide average of 5.2% for cities
- Reduces City property taxes for over half of homestead residential properties

2016 Proposed Budget

Property Tax Levies by Entity



TRA = Teachers Retirement; MBC = Municipal Building Commission; BET = Board of Estimate and Taxation

2016 Proposed Budget

What each property tax dollar buys...

