

Proposed Budget Reduces Spending, Raises Real Estate Tax Rate

Falls Church City Manager Wyatt Shields proposed a \$64.2 million fiscal year 2011 budget to City Council on Monday, March 8. The budget reduces expenditures by 4.5 percent from the current fiscal year. The reductions come from an employee pay freeze for the second straight year, outsourcing solid waste collection, defunding 16 positions (8% of the City workforce) and operating reductions in every general government department. However, to continue service delivery to residents, Shields' budget recommends a 20-cent real estate tax increase from \$1.07 to \$1.27 per \$100 of assessed value.

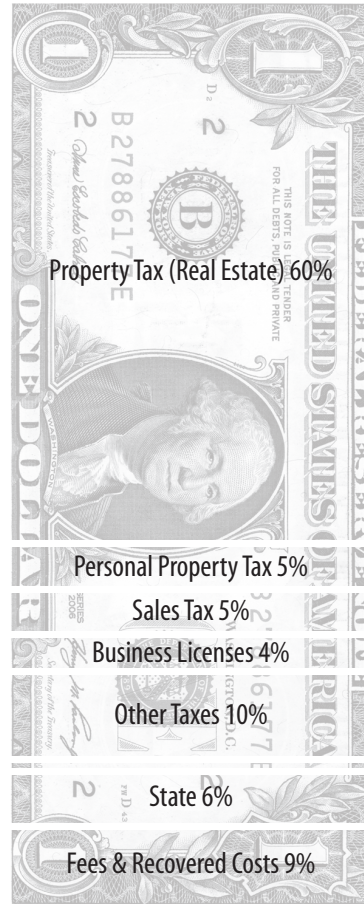
The FY11 proposed budget fully funds the \$28.2 million transfer request by the Falls Church Public School Board. The School Board's request is 4.5 percent below the prior year.

The 2011 fiscal year runs from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Copies of the proposed budget and CIP are available at www.fallschurchva.gov and at the Mary Riley Styles Public Library (120 N. Virginia Ave.).

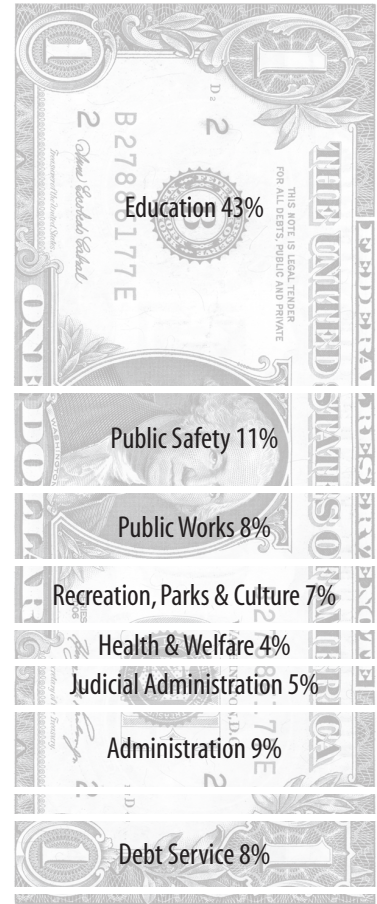
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For every dollar the City gets...



...this is what it's spent on.



Budget Schedule

- March 20: Budget Town Hall, 10 a.m. Community Center
- March 22: 1st Public Hearing
- April 10: Budget Town Hall, 10 a.m. Community Center
- April 12: 2nd Public Hearing
- April 26: 3rd Public Hearing and FY 11 Budget Adoption

View the complete schedule, including work sessions and meeting locations and times, at www.fallschurchva.gov.

Real Estate Tax Increase Effect on Median Home

- 2009 median home value \$605,950
- Tax: \$1.07 per 100 = \$6,483
- 2010 median home value \$587,300
- Proposed tax: \$1.27 per \$100 = \$7,459
- Increase of \$976 or 15%
- FY07-FY10 average tax bill declined slightly

Budget At-A-Glance

- FY11 Budget: \$64,238,590
- General government expenditures down 7.12%
- School Board transfer down 4.51%
- Real Estate tax rate increase from \$1.07 to \$1.27
- No change in water and sewer rates
- Pay freeze for all employees
- 16 positions eliminated (through early retirement and unfilled vacancies)
- Capital Improvement Programs from federal/state matched funds
- Closes library on Sundays, reduces hours during the week
- Reduces Community Center hours of operation
- Cancels 2011 July 4th fireworks
- Defunds City contribution to Watch Night
- Funds GEORGE bus system with reduced service and increased fare

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- 11** Aurora House Citizens Advisory Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 13** Board of Zoning Appeals, 7:30 p.m.
- 15** Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.-noon and Special Collections City Council Work Session, 7:30 p.m.
- 16** Historical Commission, 7:45 p.m.
- 17** General Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Senior Citizens Commission, 4 p.m.
- Library Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
- Tree Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Questions or Comments?

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