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To: David L. Corliss
Subject: RE: City Budget, Special Study Session

From: m ... [mailto:mfinity1@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2011 4:13 PM
To: David L. Corliss; Cynthia Wagner; Diane Stoddard
Subject: City Budget, Special Study Session

Dear City Mayor and Commissioners:

As a resident of Lawrence I am writing you in response to the recently anounced proposals for cutting the city budget to cover the costs of:

Increase in KP&F employee retirement costs	\$ 455,000
Increase in KPERS employee retirement costs	\$ 58,000
Public Safety/Public Works Radio Equipment	\$ 250,000
Payout for Oread TIF property and sales tax increment	\$ 500,000
Increased fuel costs	\$ 142,000

Where the proposed cuts by the city manager's office include cutting social service expenditures by 50%, considering that those expenditures are less than half of one percent of the city's budget (approximately .36% of the city's budget), and involve a sector of spending that is already drastically underfunded this proposal is untenable. Rather than making decissions that effect the most vulnerable people in the community there are other options for saving money. For example, the city is scheduled to receive 3 new hybrid busses this year, the total cost of which was \$2,900,000.00. If the city were to consider only purchasing two of those busses it would save approximately \$900,000.00. This kind of budgetary decission making seems more sound than cutting social services, especially when considering that the cost of the busses eliminates any savings the city would make on fuel efficiency.

Sincerely,

Mathew Faulk

Casey Toomay

From: David L. Corliss
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 8:49 AM
To: Casey Toomay; Cynthia Wagner
Subject: Fwd: concerns about police budget

Add to correspondence on budget materials thanks

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Subject: concerns about police budget
Date: Thu, Jun 16, 2011 7:13 am

Dear City Commissioners,

I have recently heard that the police chief is requesting a seven million dollar increase to its current budget, to purchase equipment and add personnel.

I would like to raise questions about this increase. State and local governments are slashing the budget for schools and social services (including for the poor, mentally ill, disabled, and others). At a time when there is not enough to go around for services that help people and arguably help to prevent crime, I am very concerned that we not increase the police budget at this time.

To be fair, the police need to deal with budget cuts like everybody else, not a budget increase. While I do support increasing local and state taxes for public services, I would support increasing the budget for schools and social services first, then we can talk about upgrading the police.

Sincerely,
Lora Jost