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Subject: We would like to see DEEP budget cuts - Kathy & Scott Fahey - 05/14/2020

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Thank you for your thoughtful email, Mr. Cullen.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to respond until this evening.

We agree the City is not cutting back the budget enough. First, the budget should never go above the tax cap let alone FIVE (5) consecutive years, so no pat on the back for getting the budget under the tax cap. And we agree the proposed budget is "business as usual", and as you stated, these are not normal times. Also, things already HAVE gone south, so adjust NOW -- not later!

We would like to see DEEP budget cuts. It is ludicrous that with the proposed budget (under the tax cap), taxes would STILL increase about \$166 to \$300.

Suggestions: end overtime pay, use it or lose it sick / vacation time, pay cuts, when a city employee retires, they retire vs. coming back as a consultant at an exorbitant rate per hour and / or start a new city career in another city and then retire at some point from that city as well, etc.

When money is spent, is someone scrutinizing EVERY CENT of taxpayer money spent? Example: When trucks go out to plow and / or sand, is someone making sure only services that are needed are being performed? Without someone keeping a keen eye on the details, hundreds of thousands of dollars can be lost -- double / triple / quadruple billing (sometimes on purpose and sometimes in error), billing for unneeded services, charging for a larger storm, charging for work never performed.

We spoke with someone at a car dealership recently who told us due to the current economic situation, they let some of the newer sales people go, and those remaining took a 20% pay cut -- and we have no doubt they are looking at any and every way to cut back -- now that's doing what you need to do.

Thank you for your time.

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