



Balancing the Budget

The following is a summary of Mayor Abramson's plan to cut government spending to balance a projected \$20 million shortfall in revenues, a result of the national economic recession.

Closing government for four days and placing non-essential employees on unpaid furloughs	\$2.9 million
Service reductions (libraries, parks, etc.) and grant cuts	\$3.4 million
Hiring freeze	\$2 million
Restricting travel, office, training expenses	\$1.9 million
10 percent pay cuts for mayor, directors	\$205,000
3 percent GF reductions for elected officials, agencies	\$585,000
Reducing overtime	\$2.4 million
Training class changes (Merge two police classes into one; delay fire, corrections by six weeks)	\$1.2 million
Operating savings (contracts, telephone services, studies, etc.)	\$1.3 million
Revising take-home car program (Increase monthly charge to \$100 for take-home only, \$.160 for second-job use)	\$500,000
Delaying capital projects	\$3.6 million
TOTAL	\$20 million