



City Council Questions FY 2012-13

The list below shows the City Council's questions and requests for further information to staff about certain areas of the FY 2012-13 budget. These questions and requests are displayed to give the public more information about the budget. Some questions do not have answers available at this time, and therefore will show, "In Progress". Please check back every Monday for updates.

Department	Council Member	Date Received	Question	Date Answered
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilman Wood	February 10, 2012	Please provide the following for the new School Vehicle Maintenance Facility: (1) Governmental or private architect's estimate of cost upon which the School Board relied in budgeting for this structure. (2) The lowest three bidders on the project and the amounts of the bids, responsive and responsible bidders only. (3) Actual amount of the original contract awarded. (4) Amount and description of all approved change orders. (5) Amount of any reserve or contingency funds originally budgeted for the project. (6) Final balance of any such reserve or contingency funds upon close out of the project. (7) Any analysis, estimate or other document that breaks down the cost of LEED related items as a percentage of construction cost.	March 02, 2012
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilman Wood	February 10, 2012	Please provide the following for the new Kellam High School: (1) Governmental or private architect's estimate of cost upon which the School Board relied in budgeting for this project. (2) The lowest three bidders on the project and the amounts of the bids, responsive and responsible bidders only. (3) Actual amount of the original contract awarded (I believe there was an early site package and a building package)? (4) Amount and description of all approved change orders to date. (5) Amount of any reserve or contingency funds that are budgeted for the project. (6) Any analysis, estimate or other document that breaks down the cost of LEED related items as a percentage of	March 02, 2012

construction cost.

Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilman Wood	February 10, 2012	On average, how many smart boards does schools have deployed and where are they by high school, middle school, and elementary school. What is the average cost per board including installation costs? What is the average cost to train each user/teacher in the effective use of the technology in the classroom? Number of users/teachers trained? Please provide the total number of school smart boards and the total amount of training time associated with them. Please also include the average salary of the employees who routinely use these devices.	March 02, 2012
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilman Wood	February 10, 2012	How much non-instructional time is programmed into each teaching day at the high school, middle school, and elementary school levels on average, by teacher?	March 02, 2012
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilman Wood	February 10, 2012	How much more does the LEED certification cost per school? What is the anticipated return on this investment in both dollars per year and number of years?	March 02, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Wood	February 10, 2012	How many smart boards does the City own?	March 02, 2012
Management Services	Councilman DeSteph	February 23, 2012	What would be the total we reverted back to the schools over the last five years?	March 02, 2012
Human Services	Councilman DeSteph	February 23, 2012	Please provide the total number of unduplicated households receiving SNAP benefits by fiscal year, and the percent increase from the previous fiscal year. Please also provide the total amount of benefit dollars paid to the SNAP program participants by fiscal year, and the percent increase from the previous fiscal year.	March 02, 2012
Management Services	Councilman DeSteph	March 28, 2012	We used to have 512 taxes and fees. With the current budget, how many more have we added? How many do we have now?	April 06, 2012
Fire	Councilman DeSteph	March 28, 2012	Can you please tell me if we were to do what is recommended below how much would the City save? Who is driving our Battalion Chief around? (1) Eliminate the Fire Marshal's office and move it under the building inspector. This way you only maintain one certification allowing the inspections to work twice if not three times longer because they do not have to maintain three certifications i.e. annual firefighter, EMT and	April 06, 2012

fire marshal. You could cut the position by half and reduce the salary by half as they need not be certified firefighters. (2) Move the fire investigations under the police department this way they would not have to maintain numerous certifications such as annual EMT, firefighter, fire marshal, etc. you could reduce the staff by half and still maintain the case load, plus increase effectiveness. (3) Eliminate drivers for Battalion Chiefs; this would save 12 positions.

Fire	Councilman DeSteph	March 28, 2012	Why are fire apparatus allowed to go to restaurants for lunch and dinner; these trucks get at best 5 miles to a gallon and each fire house has a kitchen.	April 06, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 29, 2012	For every 5% reduction in the employer's share of the health insurance premium, how much money does that equate to?	April 06, 2012
Management Services/Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilman Moss	March 29, 2012	If we defer building Alanton Elementary and ODC/Kemps Landing for one year, how much money would be freed up?	April 06, 2012
Human Resources	Councilman Moss	March 29, 2012	Excluding public safety departments, what is the number of current vacancies by department and how long have they been vacant – 30 days, 60 days or more than 90 days?	April 13, 2012
Management Services	Councilman DeSteph	March 29, 2012	How much did last years pay raise cost? What is the benefit increases based on those pay raises? Please include for both City and Schools.	April 20, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	April 02, 2012	Please update the individual project sheets in the CIP under source of funding to identify by specific year the specific source of funding for each project. If prior year appropriation please state the unobligated balance as of 27 March date forecasted balance as of 30 June 2012. Not asking to be provided obligation phasing plans for the FY 2012–13 proposed budget amounts determined from a cash flow requirements perspective?	April 06, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	Does the reference to the \$3,129,087 from the fund balance (please identify definition for the term fund balance that applies in this instance) of Major Projects funds to TIP constitute a transfer of otherwise unrestricted general funds.	April 06, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	Please provide an explanation of the expression "Bond Premium" that provides \$6.2 million in revenue.	April 06, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	What language would have to change to revert the expenditure of EDIP	April 13, 2012

funds to require a vote by City Council? Please have appropriate legal language in the appropriate format that re-establishes the requirement of City Council's approval for the obligation and expenditure of EDIP funds.

Police/Communications & Information Technology	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	What is the status of establishing E-ticket capability in all police cars?	April 13, 2012
Communications & Information Technology	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	What is the larger plan/road map that integrates Project 3-616 and 3-420? What is the added value of the new system? What is the maintenance cost of the new system versus the legacy system? What is the operational risk if deferred one-year?	April 13, 2012
ISF Funds (Finance, Public Works, ComIT)	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	Are we billing organic city labor to any CIP projects this year? If yes, please identify the FTE's and fully burdened labor cost billed by CIP project number? Does the City Manager's recommended FY 2012-13 bill organic city labor to any CIP projects? If yes, please identify the FTE's and fully burdened labor cost billed by CIP project number?	April 13, 2012
CIP 3-139 - Various Site Acquisition Phase II	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	How many acres of land did the City acquire this budget year? What was the total value of land acquisitions this budget year? What was tax assessed value of land acquired this budget year?	April 13, 2012
Parks and Recreation	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	Provide a breakdown of construction cost to identify furnishings and equipment for the Modernization of the Bow Creek Recreation Center and the Williams Farm Community Recreation Center?	April 06, 2012
Human Resources	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	Please provide an itemized list of the positions by department, title, and current direct payable salary that receive a monthly car allowance and identify the dollar amount of that allowance.	April 06, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	What is total amount budgeted for non local mileage reimburse travel to include transportation, per diem, and all other expenses in the city budget in the proposed budget and what is the annualized dollar value of current travel expenditures for the same scope?	April 20, 2012
Fire	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	Has the ladder truck for the Town Center Fire Station been ordered? If yes, when is it scheduled to be delivered? If no, when will it be ordered and when is estimated time order to delivery?	April 06, 2012

Commonwealth Attorney	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	How many positions in the Commonwealth Attorney's office are completely City funded?	April 06, 2012
Commonwealth Attorney	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	Why is the Commonwealth Attorney's Office budget going up 5% when compared to the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Commissioner of the Revenue?	April 06, 2012
City Attorney	Councilman Diezel	April 03, 2012	How can the State be more generous than the Federal government on the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)	April 13, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	What is the right balance in the Sheriff's Department between comp time and overtime?	April 27, 2012
Fire	Councilman DeSteph	April 03, 2012	How many people retired from the Fire Department in calendar year 2011?	April 13, 2012
Emergency Communications & Citizen Services	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	How many support positions support each E-911 call taker (Note it takes 5 E-911 positions for 24 hour/7 day a week coverage)?	April 20, 2012
Emergency Communications and Citizen Services	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	Please provide empirical data on response times in Emergency Communications and Citizen Services (ECCS)?	April 20, 2012
Emergency Medical Services	Councilman DeSteph	April 03, 2012	Why did lifeguard/regulation services budget increase when there is one less position?	April 13, 2012
Cultural Affairs	Councilman DeSteph	April 03, 2012	What speakers have been brought to Virginia Beach by the World Affairs Council?	April 13, 2012
Parks & Recreation	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	What is the annual cost of the five para-transit vans?	April 20, 2012
Parks & Recreation	Councilman DeSteph	April 03, 2012	What is the current balance of the open space acquisition fund? Please list the seven properties that have currently been targeted for acquisition? What would the balance be if all seven properties were acquired?	April 20, 2012
Finance	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	Please break down the supposed six million dollars in revenue attributed to the eight blocks of the core Town Center TIF by distribution to the unrestricted general fund and each other fund. In the distribution, please show by source of revenue, meals, business personal property tax. Can the Town Center without the proposed tax increase meet its debt service? Please provide five-year looking back and looking forward with projected cost with regard to 89 cents and 93 cents of revenue.	April 06, 2012

Management Services	Councilwoman Henley	April 03, 2012	What would be the amount of funds designated to the schools if we were using the old formula? What would be the amount designated to the schools if we use the proposed formula? (Please include latest amounts) What is the total amount designated to the schools using the city manager's proposal, and how would that reflect if we were using a formula? i.e. what portion is assured the schools given a tax increase? If we were still using the original formula, which required either entity to ask for a tax increase if the formula did not result in adequate funding, how much tax increase would the schools require to fully fund their budget request?	April 06, 2012
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilwoman Henley	April 03, 2012	I understand that the requested school board budget request will provide for a new IB program at Green Run. What is this cost? (If this budget only funds seed money, what is the total future cost of that program?)	April 06, 2012
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilwoman Henley	April 03, 2012	What would be the cost of full day kindergarten? How does the cost for full day kindergarten compare with costs of specialized programs in the high schools (i.e. academies, IB Program, etc.)? Has there been an analysis of which of those programs is more productive if a choice between the two must be made? Does the school system track students after graduation to evaluate the success/effects of those programs?	April 06, 2012
Parks & Recreation	Councilwoman Henley	April 03, 2012	I believe that the Parks and Recreation budget reflects the before and after school programs and the number of students presently served by that program was described as being around 4000 students. Which schools currently have those programs?	April 06, 2012
Management Services/ Benefits Office	Councilman Moss	April 03, 2012	This question builds from the response to question 12 – How does the \$6 million translate in dollars per pay period based on current number of plan participants (please provide the number of participants). My notional estimate based on 5,000 employees is \$50. Has Mercer conducted sensitivity analysis to assess the impact of increasing the co-pay for non specialist to \$30 and specialist to \$60 on premium rate structure? Is that executable in a macro? How hard is it to get that answer?	April 06, 2012

Parks & Recreation	Councilman DeSteph	April 03, 2012	Concerning the Bow Creek Recreation Center renovation, how much money is for construction versus furniture and fixtures?	April 06, 2012
Commissioner of the Revenue/Management Services	Councilman DeSteph	April 04, 2012	How much is generated in trustee taxes per year and where does the money go?	April 06, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 07, 2012	Have you or your staff been sharing any information or having discussion as to your formulation of the City Manager's recommended budget that have not been shared with all council members? If yes, please provide copies of materials provided.	April 06, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 07, 2012	What discussions have you had with members of the General Assembly, the Governor's office, or the Governor that have a material influence on the formulation of the City's budget? (Not looking for names or dates, but the substance that has material influence on our deliberations)	April 06, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 07, 2012	What communications have you received or conducted with the City's paid lobbyist that have a material influence on the formulation of the City's budget? If hard copy, please provide copy of the same.	April 06, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 07, 2012	Please identify by name, and business address and the amount paid in FY 2010-11 and the amount to be paid in FY 2011-12 for each lobbyist the City employs.	April 06, 2012
Human Resources	Councilman DeSteph	March 28, 2012	How many personnel have been hired over the last 18 months, broken down by month, and department, with pay rate.	April 13, 2012
Public Works	Councilman Davis	April 05, 2012	How much are we spending on street maintenance and street reconstruction in FY 2011-12 and what are we projecting to spend in FY 2012-13. Prior to this year, in what year did we spend the most for street maintenance and street reconstruction and what was the amount spent? For each of these years, please provide a breakdown of the amount that was funded by the State and the amount that was funded by the City. Also, please provide this breakdown for the last few years showing State and City funding for street maintenance and street reconstruction.	April 20, 2012
Human Resources	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2012	Please provide a list of vacancies, broken down by department, when	April 13, 2012

the position became available, what reason the position became available or when the position was created if it is a new position, and the salary rate.

Planning	Councilman DeSteph	April 10, 2012	Can you please provide information on the new HRT routes including any documented demand for these routes?	April 20, 2012
Planning	Councilman DeSteph	April 10, 2012	What is driving the cost increases in planning and inspections, the Environmental Sustainability Office, and Zoning Administration?	April 20, 2012
Planning	Councilman Moss	April 10, 2012	What routes could be eliminated to offset the cost of the proposed HRT routes?	April 20, 2012
Planning	Councilman Moss	April 10, 2012	Please provide a breakdown from HRT showing that the City of Virginia Beach is not paying increased costs to HRT for Light Rail service in the City of Norfolk.	April 20, 2012
Planning	Councilman Moss	April 10, 2012	Please provide the itemized costs for the three Planning Department position currently working in the Strategic Growth Area Office.	April 20, 2012
Public Utilities	Councilman DeSteph	April 10, 2012	Please provide a breakdown of the travel and training budget for the Public Utilities Department.	April 20, 2012
Public Utilities	Councilman DeSteph	April 10, 2012	How often are the traps of fat, oil and grease traps at Town Center emptied and what does it cost to perform this service?	April 27, 2012
Public Utilities	Councilman Moss	April 10, 2012	What year do DEQ and the EPA use as the baseline for median household income in determining the significance of cost increases related to the sewer consent decree?	April 20, 2012
Public Works	Councilman DeSteph	April 10, 2012	Please provide a list with the corresponding mileage of the 26.4 miles of bikeways in the City.	April 27, 2012
Public Works	Councilman DeSteph	April 10, 2012	What is the \$561,849 increased cost in the stormwater utility's construction and engineering section as shown on page 4-20 of the operating budget.	April 20, 2012
Public Works	Councilman DeSteph	April 10, 2012	Please provide a breakdown of Public Works Department's travel budget.	April 27, 2012
Public Works	Councilmen Davis & Moss	April 10, 2012	Please provide an analysis of the return on investment of moving from contractual manpower to full-time employees.	April 27, 2012
Public Works	Councilman Moss	April 10, 2012	What opportunities will the City have over the next few year's to get out of leases and move into municipally owned buildings?	April 20, 2012
Virginia Beach City	Councilwoman Wilson	April 10, 2012	I would like to know how much money has been spent on IPADS, how	April 20, 2012

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many purchased, cost of support, and what grade levels they are used in, as well as for staff/administration.

Management Services	Mayor Sessoms	April 10, 2012	Please explain why personal property taxes are increasing (as shown on the Comparison of Annual Tax Impact for Virginia Beach – Executive Summary Page 16) when there is no proposed change to the personal property tax rate?	April 20, 2012
Public Works	Councilman Moss	April 10, 2012	How much would we save if we switched to natural gas instead of regular fuel?	May 04, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	April 17, 2012	Does the City have to pay VRS benefits for a salary bonus?	April 20, 2012
Finance/Public Works	Councilman Moss	April 17, 2012	Please provide audit documents for the Lesner Bridge showing State and Federal funding and the years in which that funding was appropriated.	April 27, 2012
Public Works	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	In FY 2012–13 of the Roadways CIP, what is the \$3,996,450 in Federal funding and the \$400,000 in sale of property revenue?	April 27, 2012
Public Works	Councilman Moss	April 17, 2012	What projects are the \$5.4 million in public facility revenue bonds funding?	April 27, 2012
Public Works	Councilman Moss	April 17, 2012	Please provide an analysis that shows that it is less expensive to build new facilities as opposed to maintaining the facilities that currently exist.	April 27, 2012
Public Works	Councilman Moss	April 17, 2012	What are the cost drivers that will be occurring in FY 2013–14 that will cause the storm water operating budget to increase and the capital budget to remain flat despite a previously approved rate increase?	May 04, 2012
Economic Vitality CIP	Councilman DeSteph	April 14, 2012	On page 2–10 of the Economic Vitality operating budget, what is the \$4,326,391 shown as transfers to other funds?	April 27, 2012
Convention & Visitor's Bureau	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	What is the difference in the support that the City provides for the Rock and Roll Marathon/Half-Marathon versus what we provide for the Wicked 10K and other running events?	April 27, 2012
Convention and Visitor's Bureau	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	If the convention center hotel were constructed, how many additional conferences could we book at the convention center annually?	April 27, 2012
Real Estate Assessor & Management Services	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	How does Smith Travel's data on hotel room nights compare to the data from the Commissioner of the Revenue?	April 27, 2012
Convention & Visitor's Bureau	Councilman Moss	April 17, 2012	Please provide an analysis showing the correlation between hotel room nights and property assessments for the hotels in the City.	May 04, 2012

Convention & Visitor's Bureau	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	What should we be doing to get more athletic events hosted in the City?	April 27, 2012
Convention & Visitor's Bureau	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	Please provide a list of the running events held in the City and how they have grown over the past few years?	April 27, 2012
Economic Development	Mayor Sessoms & Councilman Wood	April 17, 2012	Please provide the list of "Critical Issues Not Funded" from the Economic Development budget presentation in priority order. What would the return on investment be for each of these items if they were funded?	April 27, 2012
Economic Development	Councilman Wood	April 17, 2012	Please provide expenditure per capita data and return on investment for economic development for other jurisdictions of a similar size in Virginia.	April 27, 2012
Economic Development	Councilman Wood	April 17, 2012	How much do we contribute annually to the regional economic development authority and what do we receive for that contribution? Could we redirect some of those funds to our Economic Development Department?	April 27, 2012
Economic Development	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	What is the balance of the four Town Center parking garage projects?	April 27, 2012
Economic Development	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	What return on investment was achieved between the FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 budgets for economic development?	April 27, 2012
Economic Development	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	What are you doing to work with universities to enhance our efforts in the biomedical/health care areas?	April 27, 2012
Economic Development	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	What is the available balance in the EDIP project/program?	April 27, 2012
Economic Development	Councilman Moss	April 17, 2012	For the EDIP project, why does revenue decline 13% between FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 and then drop 3% for the subsequent years of the CIP when the rate is not changing?	April 27, 2012
Housing & Neighborhood Preservation	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	Why are costs increasing by a more significant amount than decrease in FTEs would warrant in several of the Department's programs.	April 27, 2012
Housing and Neighborhood Preservation	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	On page 2-17 of the operating budget, why do calls at the centralized call center increase from 1,236 in FY 2010-11 to 12,000 in FY 2011-12?	April 27, 2012
Management Services	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	Please provide a list of all Reserve for Contingencies accounts included in the budget.	April 27, 2012
Management Services	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	On page 2-17 of the Economic Vitality section of the CIP, what is the	April 20, 2012

site acquisition listed?

Strategic Growth Area	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	How much have we spent for land acquisition and how much land have we acquired for the Burton Station Phase I project? What is the current balance of the project?	April 27, 2012
Human Services	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	How much does someone who is eligible for TANF benefits receive in benefits?	April 27, 2012
Human Services	Councilman Moss	April 17, 2012	What is the biggest driver forcing people to come to Human Services and apply for various assistance programs?	April 27, 2012
Finance	Councilman Dyer	April 17, 2012	How much does the City spend on consultants?	April 27, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	April 17, 2012	Please have the City's Health Care consultant look at deductible changes that would reduce the employer cost increase by 50%. Please also provide deductible levels that would further reduce the employer contribution at \$1M increments.	April 20, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	April 18, 2012	This question is a follow-up to question 099. Please provide projections of the additional savings the City might accrue should the co-pay for general practitioners increase from the current \$20 to \$30 and the co-pay for specialists increase from the current \$40 to \$50.	April 27, 2012
Finance	Councilman DeSteph	April 18, 2012	Please provide a schedule of outstanding debt and debt service for FY 2010-11, and projected FY 2011-12, and FY 2012-13.	April 20, 2012
Consolidated Benefits Office	Councilman Wood	April 23, 2012	What were the major cost drivers in the increase in health care costs? know much of this is protected by privacy issues, but do our covered employees suffer higher rates of expensive illnesses and chronic disease? It would seem to me that we should be able to pull a report that shows our expenses over the last year by category and expenses while protecting the identity of the employees.	April 27, 2012
Consolidated Benefits Office	Councilman Wood	April 23, 2012	It would seem to me that the elimination of the double-employee plan could be perceived as unfair treatment. For example, the City allocates approximately \$4,500 per employee for health care costs. Elimination of the double-employee coverage appears to favor one employee over another. One employee receives \$4,500 annual benefit and the other does not. I am struggling to see how this is fair or if it even legal, as it would appear that not all employees are receiving the same benefits package.	April 27, 2012

Consolidated Benefits Office	Councilman Wood	April 23, 2012	You provided some good information on neighboring cities' plans and rates, but I would like that comparison expanded to like sized localities within Virginia (Fairfax County, Henrico County, Prince William County, Richmond, etc.). I also would like to know the possibility of teaming up with other cities in our region to provide a larger and more diverse group that may allow us to drive the costs down.	April 27, 2012
Consolidated Benefits Office	Councilman Wood	April 23, 2012	I have concerns about the plan management. Do we have an employee or third-party vendor who verifies the claims? I am not talking about an audit per se, but someone who looks at the claims, verifies that the coding is appropriate and that the procedures or visits are correctly logged and paid? Again, my concern is that we need a third party who is not affiliated with the insurance provider.	April 27, 2012
Consolidated Benefits Office	Councilman Wood	April 23, 2012	Several years ago we established an employee health care task force. Is that still in existence? What recommendations have they made with respect to the current changes in health benefits? If it is no longer in existence, what is the process to re-establish it?	April 27, 2012
Consolidated Benefits Office	Councilman Wood	April 23, 2012	It would appear that staff has proceeded with the plan changes without a formal vote. I assume we have to conduct such a vote. Is that part of the budget or is it done seperately?	April 27, 2012
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilman DeSteph	April 24, 2012	Please explain how the School textbook fund works.	April 27, 2012
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilwoman Henley	April 24, 2012	Please explain how the \$28 million decrease in Federal funding is made up in the FY 2012-13 School Operating Budget.	May 04, 2012
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilwoman Henley	April 24, 2012	Please provide information on how the first year teachers who have been informed that their contracts will not be renewed will be reconciled with the adoption of the School budget.	May 04, 2012
City Treasurer	Councilman DeSteph	April 24, 2012	Please provide the travel budget for the City Treasurer's Office.	May 04, 2012
Management Services	Councilman DeSteph	April 24, 2012	Please explain the use of fund balance and reserve for contingencies in Communications and Information Technology and throughout the operating budget.	May 04, 2012
Communications & Information Technology	Councilman DeSteph	April 24, 2012	How many employees work on the City's web site content?	April 27, 2012
Management Services	Mayor Sessoms	April 24, 2012	Excluding public safety departments, what is the percentage of	April 27, 2012

positions that have been lost in the City?

Management Services	Councilman Moss	April 24, 2012	Please explain the use of public facility revenue bonds in the budget. Do we have unexercised charter debt capacity to finance the FY13 proposed Public Facility Bond? How much unexercised charter debt is there in FY13?	April 27, 2012
Finance	Councilman DeSteph	April 24, 2012	What is the trend in expenditures for Worker's Compensation?	May 04, 2012
Finance	Councilman Moss	April 24, 2012	What is the business case analysis for using a lease purchase arrangement?	May 04, 2012
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilman DeSteph	April 24, 2012	Please provide a list of vacancies for the School system, broken down by department, when the position became available, what reason the position became available or when the position was created if it is a new position, and the salary rate.	April 27, 2012
Management Services	Councilwoman Henley	April 25, 2012	If the City and Schools were to phase in the VRS increase at 1% in FY 2012-13, how much money would the City and Schools save?	April 27, 2012
Consolidated Benefits Office	Councilman DeSteph	April 25, 2012	Please provide the City/School healthcare enrollment for February 1, 2010, February 1, 2011, and February 1, 2012.	April 27, 2012
Consolidated Benefits Office	Councilman DeSteph	April 25, 2012	What were the total expenses paid by the Virginia Beach City/School Health plan from January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009 (Plan year 2009), January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010 (Plan year 2010), January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011 (Plan year 2011) and itemized by total expenditures, salaries and benefits, health care claims, administrative fees, consultant expenses, legal fees, excess premiums, HRA, and health reimbursement expenses.	April 27, 2012
Consolidated Benefits Office	Councilman DeSteph	April 25, 2012	Please provide the annual City/Schools Optima health care claims report for plan years 2009, 2010, and 2011.	April 27, 2012
Councilman DeSteph	Consolidated Benefits Office	April 25, 2012	Please explain in detail how individual claims are paid using the Health Care Funds (615 & 617 accounts). Please include in your explanation the exact process including how and to whom the claims are submitted and how each claim is paid. Also, please list all City/School employees responsible for overseeing this process as well as how these transactions are documented.	April 27, 2012
Consolidated Benefits Office	Councilman DeSteph	April 25, 2012	Please provide a copy of the most recent GASB 45 health care liability valuation.	April 27, 2012
Consolidated Benefits	Councilman DeSteph	April 25, 2012	Please explain the reasoning for replacing the HMO option with the	April 27, 2012

Office			more expensive POS option for plan year 2013.	
Agriculture	Councilman DeSteph	April 17, 2012	How many acres are currently under consideration for inclusion in the Agricultural Reserve Program?	April 27, 2012
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilwoman Henley	April 24, 2012	How many teaching positions could be eliminated due to potential budget cuts.	May 04, 2012
Real Estate Assessor	Councilman Uhrin	May 01, 2012	Please provide the average percent change in home values for the past 10 years.	May 04, 2012
City Manager's Office	Councilman DeSteph	May 01, 2012	What is the full cost of lobbying activities paid by the City?	May 04, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Moss	May 01, 2012	What is the cost of consultants by type of work performed?	May 04, 2012
Public Works	Councilman DeSteph	May 01, 2012	What is the trend in budgeted expenditures for vehicle replacement?	May 04, 2012
Convention and Visitor's Bureau	Councilman DeSteph	May 01, 2012	How much has the City contributed to the Patriot's Festival for the last five years?	May 04, 2012
Non-Departmental	Councilman DeSteph	May 01, 2012	Please describe what the contribution to the Virginia Arts Festival, Offshore Wind Coalition, and HRPDC-MMRS are for?	May 04, 2012
Non-Departmental	Councilwoman Henley	May 01, 2012	What are the criteria for a "disability" to receive benefits in the Tax Relief for the Elderly program and what percentage of the cost does this make up?	May 04, 2012
Human Resources	Councilwoman Henley	May 01, 2012	How many employees are currently paying 5% for VRS? What is the impact of this on compression?	May 04, 2012
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilwoman Henley	May 01, 2012	Please provide a list of the projects that have been completed in the School modernization program and the cost of each project.	May 04, 2012
Police/Sheriff	Councilman DeSteph	May 01, 2012	Can you please tell me what would happen if we took the Dare officers and had them do SRO officers in the schools? I believe we would save somewhere between \$800K and \$1.2M. Please look into this with the Sheriff and Police Chief.	May 04, 2012
Human Resources	Councilman DeSteph	May 03, 2012	What is the average starting salary for the following positions: (1) Firefighter (2) ComIT Professional (3) Police Officer (4) Sheriff Deputy (5) Teacher (6) Trash Collector (7) Public Works Employee (8) Parks and Recreation Attendant/Employee.	May 04, 2012
Management Services	Councilman Davis	May 02, 2012	Please provide a list of some of the significant cuts that have been made to City programs over the last three years. If 39% of people will still pay less than last year with a 6-cent real estate tax rate increase, what percent still pay less compared to 3 years ago? Please also	May 04, 2012

provide the traditional spreadsheet comparing the tax burden for cities in Hampton Roads using the proposed 6-cent real estate tax rate increase for Virginia Beach. Please also provide the same spreadsheet using the average house value in each locality using the 6-cent increase for Virginia Beach.

Management Services Councilman DeSteph May 03, 2012

Please provide a list of the various reserve account – retained earnings [May 04, 2012](#) by department and amount. Also, please include all of the reserve for contingencies accounts to include the ones located in the CIP projects, storm water, all of the dedicated funding stream reserves, the overall general fund reserve for contingencies and any other reserve accounts I may be missing.

Finance Councilwoman Wilson May 02, 2012

Please provide any new costs associated with the Town Center Fire and Rescue Station. Please provide any ongoing costs for new employees associated with the new station. Please provide what the line of duty benefit costs are anticipated to be over the next few years. Please also provide any additional costs over a regular employee for VRS since their multiplier is higher. [May 04, 2012](#)

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