

City Council Questions FY 2013-14

The list below shows the City Council's questions and requests for further information to staff about certain areas of the FY 2013–2014 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
Various	Councilman DeSteph	March 26, 2013	Can you please provide the revenue generated for each of the proposed fee and tax adjustments on page 66 to 69 of the Executive Summary? Additionally, can you please describe the intended uses of this revenue?	April 05, 2013
Public Works	Councilman DeSteph	March 26, 2013	How much revenue will the pleasure boat tax generate?	April 05, 2013
Public Works	Councilman DeSteph	March 26, 2013	Navigational channel dredging is provided by the Federal government. How much does the Federal government fund now for dredging and when does the City believe they will stop funding this activity?	April 05, 2013
Various	Councilman DeSteph	March 26, 2013	What is the total number of taxes and fees the City has with the Proposed FY 2013–14 budget?	April 05, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Davis	March 28, 2013	Is there a cap on the boat tax?	April 05, 2013
Public Works	Councilman Davis	March 28, 2013	How much is the net increase of the boat/recreational vehicle tax annually? What are the estimated dredging costs year by year during the duration of the dredging projects including all multiple dredges? What amount of this cost is expected to be covered by homeowners via the SSD?	April 05, 2013
Consolidated Benefits Office	Councilman Wood	March 29, 2013	Please provide the changes in the amount paid by employees for health care coverage for the last ten years. Please provide the amount for: Employee Only; Double Employee; Employee Plus Spouse; and Employee Plus	April 05, 2013

Family.

Human Resources	Councilman Wood	March 29, 2013	Please provide the percentage salary increases, if any, for the last ten years. This would include only increases across the entire organization.	April 05, 2013
Commissioner of the Revenue	Councilman DeSteph	March 29, 2013	What is the cost to collect the boat tax? What is the process to collect the tax? What is the estimated loss of boats and businesses if we implement a boat tax?	April 05, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	On page 1–9 of the FY 2013–14 Proposed Operating Budget, the following statement is made, "The City uses a modified, zero base budget approach...". Does this mean you prioritized the outcomes within each budget unit/department with associated budget resources (the essence of zero-based budget)? If yes, please provide that prioritization structure. If no, how then is what we do difference from current services budgeting?	April 05, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	On pages 1–13 through 1–32 of the FY 2013–14 Proposed Operating Budget please provide in excel format the provided information to include the insertion of columns to show the delta in numerical and percentage formats of FY 2012–13 Adjusted Budget to FY 2011–12 actual and FY 2013–14 Total Proposed to FY 2012–13 Adjusted Budget.	April 05, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	Please provide an executive summary of the additions and subtractions for City (and then within City breakout of unrestricted general fund and other) that makes visible how we addressed direct labor and benefit increases and infusion of revenues from fee increases that are in the end net only an overall budget increase (see page 5 of the Proposed Executive Summary of the Resource Management Plan FY 2013–14).	April 26, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	Please provide a copy of ordinance you reference on page 5 of the Proposed Executive Summary of the Resource Management Plan FY 2013–14. Please share the methodology you relied upon in your "modified zero	April 05, 2013

base budget approach” to establish a \$1 million as the appropriate amount to proposed to address vertical salary compression. Please identify the amount set aside in the current budget and how it is been used to date?

As a matter of reference when I was then RADM Harvey’s Deputy on the OPNAV staff a number of civilians with longer years of total service made more money than I. A coach on a basketball team or any sports team is not the highest paid person. I look forward to reviewing the policy. Hopefully it has more dimensions than you were able to address on page 5.

Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	Could please address where we have achieved labor productivity. Against a base of almost 7,000 employees less public safety which should establish an adjusted baseline of 5,000 plus positions for every one percent labor productivity are 50 positions. Why is that are managerial leadership cannot deliver two percent labor productivity less public safety next year? I applaud the reduction of 29, but not the addition of 41 for a net increase of 12. I really believe that engaged leadership could deliver not only a net zero change but a net reduction in number of budgeted positions. There certainly is room for process improvement in our “hybrid zero–base budget approach.” When we have current employees that we cannot appropriately compensate for their service, why are adding net new positions? (Rhetorical question to make a point).	April 05, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	Error previously brought to your, City Manager, attention but may not escape notice of City Council as a whole and the public. On slide 8 of the PowerPoint presentation entitled “FY 2013–14 Operating Budget and Six–Year Capital Improvement Program” made to City Council on March 26, 2013 it states (last bullet on slide 8) “Transfer the two cents real estate increase City Council approved	April 05, 2013

last year, from the operating budget to the CIP to support transportation funding.”

On page 7 of your letter to the City Council in the Resource Management Plan Executive Summary (proposed) FY 2013–14 under the Capital Projects section you stated, “As Virginia Beach enters middle age–happy 50th birthday! – we find more and more things to patch and build afresh. This is especially true of our roads. It’s why City Council increased the real estate tax rate 2 cents laws year and dedicated these funds to road construction and maintenance.” Which statement is correct? If you statement is correct, which is my assessment has the presentation been corrected? Please identify the projects to which the revenue coming from the 2–cents on the real estate rate funded in the current FY 2012–13 budget.

Commissioner of the Revenue	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	How many boats that would be subject to the proposed boat tax on page 7 of the Resource Management Plan Executive Summary (proposed) FY 2013–14 are currently registered at Virginia Beach residences? Please share the number of boats and assessed valuation that was used to determine the budgetary contribution of the proposed boat tax? Please breakout the boat valuation as follows or like breakout you may already have: Over \$500,000, \$250,000 to \$499,999, \$100,000 to \$249,999, \$50,000 to \$99,999, \$20,000 to \$49,000, and \$10,000 to \$19,988.	April 05, 2013
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Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	No tax or fee increase is without friction. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget and other professional organizations employ dynamic scoring techniques to capture that when you increase taxes and fees and on an individual, household, or business they have less money	April 05, 2013
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to spend on other transactions that generated tax revenue. Please identify estimated lost tax revenue from other sources as a consequence of the aggregate effect of the taxes and fees proposed to be imposed by this budget so the net gain can be understood? Also your budget message makes no mention of the additional estimated minimum \$300 per family impact of the Transportation bill should its constitutionality be upheld? How did you take into account additional lost sales (and they will be lost sales) due to the additional seven-tenth of a cent additional sales tax of our region except for food? Did the City do any assessment on the cumulative impact on the discretionary impact on the median family income in nominal or constant dollar terms?

Public Works	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	What are the number of billing accounts to which the additional \$3.00 a month trash fee is applied to?	April 05, 2013
Public Works	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	Please develop a table with the following information for FY 2012-13, FY 2013-14, and the delta between the two with regard to the Waste Management. The number of billable accounts, General Fund revenue, and trash fee revenue.	April 05, 2013
Public Works	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	Please identify at the line item level the cost increases in Waste Management forecasted over 2012-13 and how and why they were allocated between General Fund Revenue and Trash Fee Revenue.	April 05, 2013
Public Works	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	What is the real estate tax reduction that would be required to make the fee revenue neutral in the budget without taking tax deductibility of real estate taxes into account?	April 05, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	On page 1-12 of the Resource Management Plan Operating Budget (proposed) FY 2013-14 the following statement is made: "Where possible, the City will develop, authorize, and issue revenue, special fee, or other self-	April 12, 2013

supporting debt instruments instead of General Obligation Bonds. On Page 1–13 of the same document referenced of above under 002 General Fund appropriation unit “Debt Service” it shows a reduction in debt service expense in 2013–14 over the current budget. Please for FY 2012–13 and for the proposed FY 2013–14 develop a table below with notes to explain how the delta was achieved and into which accounts in the FY 2013–14 budget if any the delta was allocated or if the reduction was used as an offset to preclude top line growth. Where the category special fee or other self-supporting debt is used please provide additional explanations by way of a note.

Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	Referencing Page 6 of the City Manager’s transmittal letter in the Resource Management Plan Executive Summary (proposed) FY 2013–14, please the cost of buying back the instructional positions eliminated by increasing class sizes. Please breakout the total number of instructional positions deleted by elementary, middle schools, high schools, and special instructional facilities (if this school category is used).	April 12, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	Referencing Page 7 of the City Manager’s transmittal letter in the Resource Management Plan Executive Summary (proposed) FY 2013–14, in addition to the dynamic scoring requested in an earlier question, please provide the business case analysis that was presented during the City’s “hybrid zero-based management approach” that validated the return on the investment and then justified that return based on universe of smokers? Did anyone conducted research to assess the economic distribution of smokers today (remember smoking is not an illegal activity) to assess the aggressive nature of this tax. I am thinking two packs a week for an	April 05, 2013

additional tax of \$5.20 a year, but the incremental amount does not explain why this group is being targeted. Why cannot we just self-finance out all of the development that is being brought in? What is the current cash balance available to the Economic Development Department? I noticed the space we paid the Virginian Pilot \$300,000 for renovation and moving expense in the Town Center is now up for lease? Can you please confirm the amount and terms they received, when they moved in and when they moved out, and what is the adjusted return?

Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	What is not sustainable is a City Council majority and supporting City Manager's desire to spend given the current nominal and real growth in the incomes of Beach's residents. No section of the City Manager's transmittal letter (page 8) in the Resource Management Plan Executive Summary (Proposed) FY 2013-14 better demonstrates the predatory logic driven by an unwillingness to live within your means capture in Revenues section under the subheading "One more tax issues that deserves you special attention". Rather than reducing spending the City Manager is proposing lowering the income exemption standard for real estate taxes from \$47,100 a year to \$42,100 a year. Per his transmittal letter he forecast that the \$5,000 dollar reduction in qualifying income will generate an additional \$1.1 million. Please provide the details on how you get to the \$1.1 million in revenues? Please align the current properties in the program with Proposed Real Estate Tax Relief table on page 27 of the Management Plan Executive Summary (Proposed) FY 2013-14 further broken out by: Homes million and over; 500,00 to 999,999; 350,00 to 499,999; 250,000 to 349,999;	April 05, 2013
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and 249,999 or less. Please provide at least three other offsets not in public safety accounts to preclude the need for transferring the hard earned wealth from taxpayers to public purse. The City's budget has not come even close to being lean enough to justify what you have recommended. Policy proposals based on wealth envy coupled with the "ends justify means" philosophy subtract from government's credibility and further erode public trust. We can tax people to preserve farmers, but this document claims help to our seniors is not sustainable. May I suggest the priorities in this document are misplaced?

Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	Please provide the number of self-selection respondents and frequency count per service area for the table on page 12 of the Resource Management Plan Executive Summary (Proposed) FY 2013-14. Need for a disclaimer in the final document. Even the Virginian Pilot in its on-line poll makes a public disclosure that the results are not scientific and they document the number of respondents. Observation, the volume of print space and narrative devoted infers a validity that the manner of collection does not support.	April 05, 2013
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Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	Is there a need for correction on page 19 first paragraph of the Resource Management Plan Executive Summary? The paragraph opens with "While real estate taxes for most homeowner will be declining this year..." When the Real Estate Assessor briefed City Council he said that 50 percent of existing assessment in the current year remained the same and a double percentage (in the teens - I cannot remember the exact number) went up. How did staff derive the adjective most out of the statistics reported by the City Real Estate Assessor?	April 05, 2013
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Communications & Information Technology	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	Reference to page 23 of the Resource Management Plan Executive Summary (Proposed) FY 2013–14, please provides the business case analysis that supported organic sourcing of “Software development in Communications and Information Technology to begin developing mobile applications....” What private benchmarks were used? What private sources were considered? Could we issue a RFP? Did we consider a public–public partnership with TCC–ODU–Advance Technology Center to develop mobile applications? Recently it was in the news how a 17 year old developed an application to summarize news articles and sold it to Yahoo for \$30 million. I realize there are more details behind the story. We talk about innovation, but we appear stuck on the tried and tired answer of add more staff and increase fixed expense – not very impressive.	April 12, 2013
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Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	With reference to page 22 of the Resource Management Plan Executive Summary (Proposed) FY 2013–14 under the section entitled Personnel and Fringe Benefits could you please provide a breakout between the City and Schools of the number of FTE's, direct salaries, employer VRS, employer health care, employer other benefits, and total employer costs for FY 2012–13 and 2013–14 and the incremental increase of the proposed 1.34% salary increase?	April 26, 2013
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Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	What is the impact if the City adopted the same policy adopted by the Governor and approved by the General Assembly to not let part–time workers work more than twenty–nine hours per week to stay below the thresholds of the federal Affordable Care Act? By department the	April 12, 2013
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number of part-time positions by some functional categorization that are budgeted at 30 or more hours a week?

Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	With reference to page 25 of the Resource Management Plan Executive Summary (Proposed) FY 2013-14 [second full paragraph] that reads, "Coupled with these cost increases, there were also some savings achieved. The Schools reduced operating budget expenditures by over \$2 million through across the board reduction of 5%. Part of this reduction is related to the Schools projected decline in enrollment of 452 students."What part of the \$2 million reduction was attributed by the School Board to the decline in enrollment of 452 students? Generally a reduction in funding associated with a decline in enrollment would be characterized as a vertical versus an across the board cut. Was the quoted narrative School Board approved or city staff inference? What would a like application of a five percent across the board reduction on the City side yield in terms of cost reduction/risk taking? Why is a risk taking strategy that is appropriate for the City Council's number one priority after Public Safety inappropriate for much lower priorities on the City side? Is an additional engineer for the Strategic Growth office more important than a school teacher to prevent increasing class size? I am certain the answer is no. We did not ask the public that question in a survey. Anecdotally I have, and guess what everyone says keep the teacher.	May 03, 2013
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Housing & Neighborhood Preservation	Councilman Moss	March 31, 2013	With reference to page 21 last three paragraphs of the Resource Management Plan Executive Summary (Proposed) FY 2013-14: Are we mandate under Federal Law to expand our Section 8 housing program	April 12, 2013
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participation? If yes, can you please provide the organic enabling federal statute and federal regulation that establish that mandate? How many unit months have we increased since 2000 and since 2008? How many unit months have Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Chesapeake respectively added since 2000 and since 2008? Now that HR933 has become law what is the federal fiscal year 2013 new baseline of funded unit months for Virginia Beach, how many of our new baseline have we already executed, and what is strategy for the way ahead? Do we know how many of unit months that are consumed by households with children? Do we know how many of unit months are consumed by households on SNAP? Given the growth rates documented in three paragraphs on page 21, what does that translate into the City senior managerial leadership's assessment on the fiscal health of Beach families?

Emergency Councilman April 01, 2013 In the budget presentation, the slide titled "FY 2013-14 [April 05, 2013](#)
Medical ServicesWood Trends & Highlights" shows that we are averaging 12 ambulances staffed at any given time, with 96% of the staffing volunteer. If there are two people assigned to an ambulance (excluding students, observers and other non-working personnel), then you are averaging 23 out of 24 positions staffed by volunteers, or put another way, 1 career person on an ambulance at any given time. Given these numbers, please answer the following:
Why are "6 medics to complete ambulance staffing at Town Center" listed as a critical service not funded?; Is there an expectation that volunteer participation will decline?; How many active volunteers are providing pre-hospital patient care (please show these totals annually from 2007 to 2012)?; How many new volunteers are successfully completing training on an annual basis?; What

is the turnover rate for volunteers (please show these totals annually from 2007 to 2012)?; What specific strategies are employed to recruit volunteers?; What specific strategies are employed to retain volunteers?

Fire Department Councilman April 01, 2013 Also listed as “critical unfunded” are two CIP projects for [April 19, 2013](#)
Wood

To the best of my recollection, these facilities have not been identified as critical needs during the various studies of space needs led by DCM Hansen. Why are these new facilities mission-critical? Please identify each station that is stand-alone EMS, each station that is stand-alone Fire and each station that is joint-use. How many ambulances are routinely stored outside? Please break this down by station or location. Given the sensitive equipment aboard, is this a best practice? How many pieces of fire apparatus are routinely stored outside? Please break this down by station or location. Given the sensitive equipment aboard, is this a best practice?

Budget & Councilman March 31, 2013 What methodology did you apply to assess the impact of [April 12, 2013](#)
Management Moss
Services

the boat tax on reduction in the number of boats addressed to Virginia Beach and the lost income to City Marinas? How did you assess the impact on the competitiveness of ship charters out of Virginia Beach? How did you assess that commercial charter boats had the pricing power to pass on the added cost of the boat tax?

Emergency Councilman April 01, 2013 What is the average on-hold time for a caller on 9-1-1? [April 05, 2013](#)
Communications Wood
& Citizen
Services

Please provide this information from 2010 to 2012.

Emergency Councilman April 01, 2013 What is the average on-hold time for a caller on a non- [April 05, 2013](#)
Communications Wood

emergency call for service? Please provide this

& Citizen Services information from 2010 to 2012.

Emergency Communications & Citizen Services	Councilman Wood	April 01, 2013	What is the plan to reduce on-hold times using existing resources within the Emergency Communications and Citizen Services budget?	April 05, 2013
Emergency Communications & Citizen Services	Councilman Wood	April 01, 2013	What does the \$12,158 increase in the Emergency Communications and Citizen Services Director's Office line item represent?	April 05, 2013
Emergency Communications & Citizen Services	Councilman Wood	April 01, 2013	Emergency Communications and Citizen Services has two supervisors and three entry level positions allocated in the new budget. Do supervisors answer calls? How do supervisors manage call volume?	April 05, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 28, 2013	Please provide an organizational chart for each department with the number of vacant positions in the Department.	May 03, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 28, 2013	Please provide an organizational chart for the City showing which departments report to what deputy, who reports to the City Manager, etc.?	April 12, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	March 28, 2013	Please provide, by budget unit and department, the number of positions for FY 2012-13 and the number proposed for FY 2013-14 and the difference.	April 05, 2013
Fire Department	Councilman Moss	March 28, 2013	Please provide a "health of their workforce" summary for the Police Department and Fire Department. This should include retirements, experience level, ability to advance, when they are leaving where they are going, vacancies, and any other related workforce information.	April 05, 2013
Convention & Visitor's Bureau	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	What are the reserves in the Convention and Visitor's Bureau budget for?	April 12, 2013
Convention & Visitor's Bureau	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	What percentage of visitors do we expect via light rail?	April 12, 2013
Convention & Visitor's Bureau	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	Visitors expect light rail, what do citizens expect?	April 12, 2013

Visitor's Bureau DeSteph

Convention & Visitor's Bureau DeSteph	Councilman	April 02, 2013	Please quantify/qualify the comments made during the budget presentation on the arena.	April 12, 2013
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Convention & Visitor's Bureau DeSteph	Councilman	April 02, 2013	What percent increase in sports marketing are we expecting? What is the projected tax revenue we are projecting? What specifically is this based on?	April 12, 2013
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Convention & Visitor's Bureau DeSteph	Councilman	April 02, 2013	How many of our competitors have a marine aquarium that takes 600,000 to 700,000 visitors per year?	April 12, 2013
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Convention & Visitor's Bureau DeSteph	Councilman	April 02, 2013	How many organization meetings or conventions have we lost to our competition due to lack of a headquarter hotel?	April 12, 2013
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Convention & Visitor's Bureau DeSteph	Councilman	April 02, 2013	On the matrix showing the conferences that we lost recently, where did they go and why?	April 12, 2013
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Convention & Visitor's Bureau DeSteph	Councilman	April 02, 2013	How much are the competitors Convention Center Hotels making? Revenue versus debt plus operations?	April 12, 2013
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Convention & Visitor's Bureau DeSteph	Councilman	April 02, 2013	The term "international visitors spend 5 times more than domestic visitors" is this 5 times more on hotels? 5 times more on food? 5 times more on activities? Please quantify?	April 12, 2013
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Convention & Visitor's Bureau DeSteph	Councilman	April 02, 2013	American Mathematical Society was lost due to lack of a headquarter hotel. Where did they go? How many rooms were around the convention center where they went? If the conference was three days you are talking 4,000+ hotel room nights. Even if we had a convention center hotel with 400 to 500 rooms would this have helped us win this conference - do we have enough rooms in other hotels to accommodate the group?	April 12, 2013
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Convention & Visitor's Bureau DeSteph	Councilman	April 02, 2013	How will we compete with Norfolk when/if they get their new conference center hotel?	April 12, 2013
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Convention & Visitor's Bureau Moss	Councilman	April 02, 2013	Please provide the depreciation of the Convention Center.	April 12, 2013
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Agriculture	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	Is there an increase in demand for high density development in the area south of the green line?	April 12, 2013
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Agriculture	Councilman Davis	April 02, 2013	Please provide some of the opportunities for the agriculture industry and farming in Virginia Beach.	April 12, 2013
Agriculture	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	In terms of the overall impact of agriculture on the Virginia Beach economy, what is the percentage and dollar breakdown for equine? Crops? Fruits? Vegetables?	April 12, 2013
Agriculture	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	What is the \$257,127 reserve in the Agriculture budget for?	April 12, 2013
Agriculture	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	What was the attendance at the last Pungo strawberry festival?	April 12, 2013
Economic Development	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	How much are we paying for our consultants in DC and Munich Germany? What are they working on?	April 12, 2013
Economic Development	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	Please provide data to support the need for the business incubator.	April 12, 2013
Economic Development	Councilman Wood	April 02, 2013	How does the business incubator program in Des Moines Iowa work?	April 12, 2013
Economic Development	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	What are the top 5 markets we have restructured for?	April 12, 2013
Economic Development	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	What are the top 10 leads we are following?	April 12, 2013
Economic Development	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	During the budget briefing it was stated that in sports and entertainment fields we are well versed, who and what are the qualifications? Please quantify and qualify.	April 12, 2013
Economic Development	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	For the slide referencing critical services not funded, what is the \$50,000 for programs? What is the expected ROI?	April 12, 2013
Economic Development	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	For the Business incubator/innovation center, what is the expected ROI if we provided the \$200k?	April 12, 2013
Economic Development	Councilman Moss	April 02, 2013	What is the disconnect between job growth and the increase in people qualifying for social assistance programs like section 8?	April 19, 2013
Economic Development	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	What are the 8 or 9 target industry areas?	April 12, 2013
Housing & Neighborhood	Councilman Moss	April 02, 2013	How do we measure success in terms of the homeless?	April 05, 2013

Preservation

Housing & Neighborhood Preservation Councilman Davis April 02, 2013 What metrics will be used to determine the success of the Housing Resource Center? [April 12, 2013](#)

Preservation

Housing & Neighborhood Preservation Councilman DeSteph April 02, 2013 What is the primary use for CDBG funds? [April 12, 2013](#)

Preservation

Housing & Neighborhood Preservation Councilman DeSteph April 02, 2013 What is the average amount provided for rental housing assistance? [April 05, 2013](#)

Preservation

Housing & Neighborhood Preservation Councilman DeSteph April 02, 2013 What is the backlog for Housing vouchers or housing services? [April 05, 2013](#)

Preservation

Housing & Neighborhood Preservation Councilman DeSteph April 02, 2013 What is our risk or exposure if HUD comes back and states that we were not allowed to use the CDBG funds for code enforcement since 1989? [April 05, 2013](#)

Preservation

Housing & Neighborhood Preservation Councilman DeSteph April 02, 2013 The CIP project 3503000 Housing Resource Center. What is the full justification for this project? Beyond what we have listed in the CIP? [April 12, 2013](#)

Preservation

Housing & Neighborhood Preservation Councilman DeSteph April 02, 2013 What nonprofits do we fund? What are the nonprofits we fund based on "specific criteria"? [April 12, 2013](#)

Preservation

Housing & Neighborhood Preservation Councilman DeSteph April 02, 2013 What are the backlogs on all of our housing assistance programs? [April 12, 2013](#)

Preservation

Housing & Neighborhood Preservation Councilman Moss April 02, 2013 How many people are served now and how many will not be served based on federal budget cuts, by the Housing Choice Voucher program? [April 12, 2013](#)

Finance

Finance Councilman Moss April 02, 2013 How much money was returned at the close of FY 2011-12 by budget unit? [April 12, 2013](#)

Strategic Growth Area Office

Strategic Growth Area Office Councilman DeSteph April 02, 2013 What specifically is the \$6 million for mass transit operations? Why does it come under SGA? Is this HRT? [April 05, 2013](#)

Strategic Growth

Strategic Growth Councilman April 02, 2013 What are the \$1,217,500 of reserves in the [April 05, 2013](#)

Area Office	DeSteph		Parking Enterprise Fund for? Please provide specifics.	
Strategic Growth Area Office	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	What is the catalyst for an 18.6% cost increase for mass transit operations?	April 12, 2013
Strategic Growth Area Office	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	What is our participation in the Shamrock, Wicked 10K, and other events at the oceanfront?	April 19, 2013
Strategic Growth Area Office	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	What is a fiscally feasible Public/Private partnership?	April 05, 2013
Strategic Growth Area Office	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	What is our role in the management of the transit extension study?	April 12, 2013
Strategic Growth Area Office	Councilman DeSteph	April 02, 2013	What is the breakdown of the \$1,141,934 in reserves used for on page 8?	April 12, 2013
Strategic Growth Area Office	Councilman Moss	April 02, 2013	How Can HRT absorb their proposed cost increases?	April 12, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Moss	April 02, 2013	Could you please share the methodology and workload that explains the fee increases in the Notice of Public Hearing. Please provide the forecasted revenue from the change and the consequence should City Council decide not to approve. Please make as granular as practical. Please share to what extent you have socialized with industry affected and what is the procedure for recovery of the fee.	April 05, 2013
Human Resources	Councilman Moss	April 02, 2013	Please provide the mean time of vacancies in days.	April 12, 2013
Human Resources	Councilman Moss	April 02, 2013	Please provide the median time of vacancies in days.	April 12, 2013
Human Resources	Councilman Moss	April 02, 2013	Please provide the standard deviation of vacancies in days.	April 12, 2013
Human Resources	Councilman Moss	April 02, 2013	Please provide the number of positions that have been vacant greater than six months. Please identify by budget unit and title.	April 12, 2013
Human Resources	Councilman Moss	April 02, 2013	Please provide the number of positions vacant greater than three months and less than six months. Please	April 12, 2013

identify by budget unit and title.

Fire Department	Councilman Wood	April 04, 2013	Please provide the project status including name of lead design builder, date of contract award, date of project commencement, original completion date, revised completion date and cost and explanation of any change orders for the Town Center (Thalia) fire station and Shore Drive Company 4 (Chicks Beach) fire station.	April 12, 2013
City Manager's Office	Councilman Moss	April 05, 2013	Request that you share the subject survey data referenced in emails below with City Council. City employees are not the only employees not receiving large wage increases. As you know, many private sector employees have not received a raise in the last three years. I would like to know what the City's managerial leadership does to educate the larger workforce that they are not alone and that many in the private sector are much worse off. My own staff has not received any pay increase in the last three years, they have to contribute seven percent towards their own retirement if they are 11 percent still on defined benefit, and everyone else long ago was shifted to defined contribution. I think there is a real need for education. You cannot build a great city on relatively low wage paying tourism jobs.	April 05, 2013
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilman Wood	April 08, 2013	Expanding on Question Number 008, please add a column to compare city and school employees. I apologize if I was not clear but when I said "across the entire organization" I meant city and schools.	April 26, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Wood	April 08, 2013	How many full-time employees do we have on the City payroll?	April 12, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Wood	April 08, 2013	What is the average base salary for all full-time City employees (excluding benefits, overtime, etc.)?	April 12, 2013

Budget & Management Services	Councilman Wood	April 08, 2013	How many full-time employees are in the general pay plan? What is the average base salary for these employees?	April 12, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Wood	April 08, 2013	How many full-time employees are in the administrative pay plan? What is the average base salary for these employees?	April 12, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Wood	April 08, 2013	How much does a 1% salary increase for all full-time city employees cost? How much does a 1% salary increase for all full-time employees in the general pay plan cost? How much does a 1% salary increase for all full-time employees in the administrative pay plan cost?	April 12, 2013
Emergency Medical Services	Councilman Wood	April 08, 2013	Expanding on Question Number 33, please provide a detailed breakdown/explanation of each of the retention incentives for EMS volunteers (city sticker discounts, meal discounts, special events, etc.) and city costs associated with any of these from 2007 through 2012. Please provide a breakdown of volunteer pre-hospital patient care providers by certification (i.e., EMT-B, EMT-E, EMT-I, EMT-P). From 2007 through 2012 (by year), how many volunteers improved their certification level? How many reduced their certification level? How many volunteers are currently improving their certification level? What incentives, if any, does the city provide for this?	April 12, 2013
Strategic Growth Area Office	Councilwoman Henley	April 09, 2013	How do we get more aggressive with recovering more costs from special events?	April 19, 2013
Finance	Councilwoman Henley	April 09, 2013	Does the Town Center TIF have any surplus?	April 12, 2013
Sheriff & Corrections	Councilwoman Henley	April 09, 2013	What is the issue with the FY 2008-09 salary increase for the Sheriff's Department which is causing the need for an additional \$360,073 in the proposed budget?	April 12, 2013
Emergency Communications & Citizen	Councilman Wood	April 09, 2013	What percentage of calls to the 9-1-1 center are non-emergency? How does staff go about educating callers on the appropriate number to call for non-emergencies?	April 26, 2013

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Emergency Communications & Citizen Services	Councilman DeSteph	April 09, 2013	What is the average queue time for calls?	April 26, 2013
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Emergency Communications & Citizen Services	Councilman DeSteph	April 09, 2013	Please provide any studies that show the pro's and con's of 12 hour shifts for personnel working in the City's Emergency Communication Center.	April 26, 2013
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Sheriff & Corrections	Councilman Moss	April 09, 2013	Are we legally required to provide the 3% pay increase that the state is providing to the Sheriff's Department? When is the salary increase effective?	April 19, 2013
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Police Department	Councilman Wood	April 09, 2013	Please provide the starting salary of Police Officers for all the cities in Hampton Roads.	April 12, 2013
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Human Resources	Councilman DeSteph	April 09, 2013	What is the cost of salary compression? What is the cost of implementing a separate public safety pay plan?	May 03, 2013
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Museums	Councilman DeSteph	April 10, 2013	How much revenue does the department of Museums and Historic Resources generate per year? What is meant by the term "earned revenue"? Please provide a further breakdown of earned revenue (how much the shop generates, how much the IMAX Theater generates, and how much is generated from admissions). How would attendance be impacted at the aquarium if it were closed at 5:00 pm?	April 12, 2013
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Museums	Councilman DeSteph	April 10, 2013	What will happen to the two FTEs that are currently working at the IMAX Theater?	April 12, 2013
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Museums	Councilman Moss	April 10, 2013	In your presentation to City Council, you have a pie chart showing the Department's revenue by source. Could you please for slice of your revenue pie chart show the revenue sources within that expenditure splice? For the growth in revenue/expenditure FY 14 over FY 13 can you decompose that at the revenue source level. Looking to see is the growth in generated revenue, general fund	April 19, 2013
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contribution, etc and in what proportion?

Economic Vitality CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	Please rebuild CIP page 2-5 through 2-6 to reflect capital expenditure requirements to reflect the year in which funding will actually be obligated. For example (and this condition is replicated across the EV section), on page 2-11, It shows 415,000 obligated appropriated to date (What has been expended to date?) it then proposes 660,000 (What is the methodology behind the cost estimate? Please provide.) In the schedule of activities it identifies during the next fiscal year of only \$450,900 (again can you please provide the methodology and cost estimate behind this number). The FY13-14 requirement is only \$450,900 but the request is for \$660,000? It infers that the balance is site acquisition, but my experience tells me we could easily defer the balance till the next fiscal year as site acquisition is FY 14-17 for \$1.6 million with less \$200 available in FY 14. So we are tying up cash flow for next year, when we are increasing the trash fee to reallocate real estate tax revenues else where in the budget.	April 26, 2013
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Economic Vitality CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	Please decompose the Schedule of Activities block on CIP pages 2-12 and 2-13 to show site acquisition through FY12-13 to show appropriated from 10/89 through FY 12-13, obligated to date, and still available Show FY 13-14 proposed activity (funding).	April 26, 2013
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Economic Vitality CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	Reconstruct on CIP pages 2-5 the list of projects and funding profile to reflect the following possible adjustments to the "Means of Financing" table in FY13-14 on pages 2-5 and 2-6 (include a Means of Financing Table in your reply). Do not apply the rule set in question FY 14 119 above. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cigarette Tax increase is not approved (if any of the	May 03, 2013
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increase is being applied in this section)

- Pay-as-you-go general fund revenue is removed
- Fund Balance - General Fund

Economic Vitality CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	CIP Page 2-14 (Oceanfront Capital Projects Reinvestment) apply the same guidance provided in question FY 14 120, and provide a list of the “high impact capital projects” being proposed for \$600,000 to include the methodology that defines what “high impact is” how the projects selected qualified, and what is the risk and why that risk is unacceptable if push to the right one year?	April 26, 2013
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Economic Vitality CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	CIP Page 2-16 (Parliament – Greenwich Connector) No dollars are programmed to be appropriated in FY 14 and it appears that no activity took place in FY 13 though \$420,000 was appropriated. Is that correct? If expenditures took place in the current year, please itemize the obligations in the current year? The activity shown for the next budget year, FY-14 is \$225,750 which is significantly less than \$420,000 appropriated to date? The funding profile and the schedule of activities has no logical correlation and does not reflect in my judgment optimizing cash flow across the spectrum of government activities for the benefit of the taxpayers.	April 26, 2013
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Economic Vitality CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	CIP Page 2-20 (Sandbridge Market Restrooms) shows a contingency fund of 27.5% [\$75,825 on a \$275,675 project]. Can you please provide the methodology and experience rate that justifies a contingency fund of \$75,825. In contrast on page 2-19 on a project that totals ~\$1.4 million the contingency is \$24,542.	April 26, 2013
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Economic Vitality CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	What is cost of every one percent of contingency cost that is budgeted in FY -14? Of the amount appropriated to	April 26, 2013
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date how represents an allocation to contingencies? What is the average percentage across the Economic Vitality section that is being proposed for contingencies by the fiscal year?

Economic Vitality CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	I noticed that some projects have contingencies identified and others do not, please update for each project (to narrow down the workload, like on CIP page 2-21, update the CIP pages in the Economic Vitality section that show in schedule of activities construction to complete in FY 14). Additionally, please share the business rules that were applied that determine when contingencies are and are not shown as a funded project activity in the Schedule of Activities section of each CIP project page documentation.	April 26, 2013
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Economic Vitality CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	CIP Page 2-23 (Strategic Growth Area Projects). The approach of applying overly broad scope and running narrative but rolled up schedule of activities block precludes easy assessment of what is going on in each SGA. Please provide an SGA by SGA breakout of funding profile and schedule of activities.	May 03, 2013
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Economic Vitality CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	CIP Page 2-23 (Strategic Growth Area Projects) please apply the context of the guidance in question 2 of this item. When a contingency amount is programmed, like in the case \$730,000, how is it allocated to the amount appropriated to date?	April 26, 2013
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Economic Vitality CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	CIP Page 2-24 (Town Center Garage and Plaza Capital Maintenance). Since the Means of Funding section nor the narrative on the project documentation for Town Center Garage does not identify the specific source of funding, what is the specific sources of funding? Is it TIF generated Revenues, SSD revenues, or the unrestricted general fund revenues? I believe I know the answer, but it is important to get it on the record. Again, the city should return to the practice in the Means of Financing Section not only to	April 26, 2013
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show "local funding," but the specific type of local funding. The current practice is a far cry from transparency.

Economic Vitality CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	CIP Page 2–25 (Virginia Beach Amphitheater Capital Maintenance) what is the specific source of funding? Since we charge taxes that go into trustee accounts are those trustee accounts being used to finance the proposed expenditure? We are collecting a ten percent tax on each ticket sold; hopefully, we are not asking the unrestricted general fund to cover this expense. Is the reference agreement, not with the City but with the Development Authority, subject to annual appropriation by City Council?	May 03, 2013
Economic Vitality CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	CIP Page 2–26 (Winston–Salem Avenue Improvements). This project is carrying a reserve for contingency in excess of 11 percent how much of that contingency amount of \$378,830 for the total project less contingency of \$3,205,646 is being appropriated for the scheduled activity for FY 14? Please itemize by design and site acquisition, which are the only two activities scheduled for FY14?	April 26, 2013
Quality Physical Environment CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	Page 4–12 (Centerville Turnpike – Phase II), the funding requirement for schedule of activities is exclusively executed at the conclusion of FY 14 is \$8,625,000 (design [\$1,550,000] and site acquisition [\$7,055,000]). If you add in activity that commences in FY 14 but does not conclude until FY15 (private utility adjustments [\$1,575,000] the total comes to \$10,200,000. Since \$11,369,000 is appropriated to date against a requirement of \$10,200,000 through FY 15 with no FY 16 schedule activities, why is additional \$1,499,747 required in FY 14? I appreciated the precision of the appropriate request for FY 14 given that all the	April 19, 2013

scheduled activities amounts end in zeros; can you please provide the details and methodology for the estimate? The delta between the appropriated to date amount and the requirement to date is \$1,169,000 which provides a reserve for contingencies in excess of ten percent for the scheduled activity.

Quality Physical Councilman April 15, 2013
Environment CIP Moss

CIP Page 4-15 (Damn Neck Road – Phase I), what specific activity is going take place in FY 14? It looks like you are spreading the design for 1.2 miles of road over a five year period. They built the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel in 42 months and that was two tunnels, a high bridge, and three section of bridge work over a total of 17 miles. This funding profile does not appear logical, that is roughly \$300 a foot to design? Can you share with me the industry benchmark for the cost for designing 1.2 miles of road at grade?

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Quality Physical Councilman April 15, 2013
Environment CIP Moss

CIP Page 4-17 (Elbow Road Extended – Phase II). Of the scheduled activity: Of the Design activity that started in 07/96 to conclude in 07/17 what percent is complete? and what percent of the allocated amount \$4,494,686 has been expended? Of the site acquisition activity that started in 10/06 to conclude in 08/14? What percent of the land requirement has been accomplished and percentage of the allotment expended? How much property remains to be acquired (number of property owners and acreage or square footage as appropriate) and the estimated funding requirement to complete site acquisition). The total programmed funding (\$27,144,963) less reserved for Contingencies (\$9,165,182) provides a net programmed funding for the project at \$17,979,781. This means that contingencies are budget at approximately 51 percent of the estimated project cost. I think an explanation is order. Of the appropriations to date what is the split

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between local, federal, and state? Of the appropriation being requested for FY 14 what is the split between local, federal, and state? The scheduled activity to be completed exclusively by the end of FY 14 is \$12 million by the end of FY 17 (with no appropriations in FY 15 through FY 17) another \$4,494,686 (for activity that started in 07/96) for a total of \$16,494,686. Since \$16,480,873 has been appropriated to date (leaving a funding delta of only \$13,813, why then do then is there a requirement for an appropriation of \$3,637,873? Again the precision of the budget request is appreciated, and I look forward to reviewing the methodology that the timing requirement that generated it.

Quality Physical Councilman April 15, 2013 Please construct a table that shows the Total Cost of Each [April 19, 2013](#)
Environment CIPMoss Road Project, Reserve for Contingency Amount, the Project less Reserve, and Contingency percentage of the Project Less Reserve, and an explanation for percentages in excess of ten percent.

Quality Physical Councilman April 15, 2013 CIP Page 4-19 (First Colonial Rd/Virginia Beach Blvd [April 26, 2013](#)
Environment CIPMoss Intersection Improvements). Please apply the same line of questioning in the question above.

Quality Physical Councilman April 15, 2013 CIP Page 4-25 (Indian River Rd/Providence Rd [April 26, 2013](#)
Environment CIPMoss Intersection Improvements). If all the money is appropriated or programmed by FY 15, why does it take until FY 19 to start construction?

Quality Physical Councilman April 15, 2013 CIP Page 4-21 (Holland Road – Phase VI). What is the [April 26, 2013](#)
Environment CIPMoss logic of holding the appropriation to date of \$3,748,984 against a Total Funding requirement of \$48,677,984 [there is an inconsistency between the Total Budgetary estimated of \$49,357,799 under the block entitled Schedule of Activities and the \$48,677,984 documented in the block titled Mean of Financing (the delta cannot be contingencies as that is listed as an even \$1 million)] with

no appropriation in FY 14 proposed and no programmed funding FY 15 through FY 19? It would appear that the opportunity cost would give favor to the reallocation of a project that we could accelerate and free-up a like amount in an out year when a programmed funding profile was fully executable. Recognize, this in the Governor's Transportation Plan, but no details of it what year the Governor's Plan becomes a funding reality. If not in FY 14 we have an opportunity to more effectively invest appropriations to date. Is our share capped at the amount appropriated to date? Is the contingency noted on page 4-21, the City's share of the contingency? If yes, what percentage of the total contingency does it represent? If it is the total contingency, which is how it is represented, why is it only approximately 2.1 percent when many projects are well over 10 percent?

Quality Physical Councilman April 15, 2013 CIP Page 4-32 (Lynnhaven Parkway/International Parkway [April 26, 2013](#)
Environment CIPMoss Intersection Improvements). Why when the schedule of activities identifies an FY 14 funding requirement of only \$157,000 why is \$2,800,153 being requested to be appropriated in FY 14?

Quality Physical Councilman April 15, 2013 CIP Page 4-36 (Pacific Avenue Improvements). Please [April 26, 2013](#)
Environment CIPMoss share the return on investment from a traffic congestion relief perspective how the \$20 million dollars for this projects ranks higher than the next highest projects not funded? What projects could we accelerated the completion of if this funding profile? What is the amount of property (in square footage terms) and number of parcels affected (partial and total taking) that drives an \$8,000,000 budget estimate for site acquisition? Please provide a map. What is the net increase in cost for underground? Are the storm water improvements coming from the storm water management account? If yes, is that amount listed in the schedule of activities? If yes, what is

the amount? If no, where is it captured in the storm water mgmt. section?

Communications & Information Technology Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	CIP page 8-5 (Bi-Weekly Payroll Implementation). Please explain why this cannot be deferred another year. What is the problem we are trying to solve? What is the current risk, if any, that we are carrying that we cannot continue to carry? Why are we using public facility bonds to finance? What governmental entity is the issuing the public facility bonds? We are issuing 20 years bonds correct? Will the proposed system go 20 years without recapitalization? Given this is debt financing, what is the real cost of debt service is included? Does the current system carry with an annual lease fee for the software? If yes, what is it? Will the proposed system carry with it an annual lease fee for the software? If yes, what is it? I can see that the page says no operating budget impact; I am just looking for follow-up validation.	April 19, 2013
Budget & Management Services Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	CIP page 8-3. Please reproduce page 8-3 to reflect Project 3648000 CIT being deleted and the 1,456,620 of public participation bonds being reapplied to release an equal amount (\$1,456,620 in Fund Balance - General Fund). Thereby reducing the both tables on page 8-3 by \$1,456,620.	April 19, 2013
Communications & Information Technology Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	CIP page 8-6 (Business Rev/Personal Property RACS Implementation). Please identify how many FTEs in the budget by CIP Section and budget unit to include the 2 FTEs in this section that are being charged to CIP appropriated funds and highlight in yellow those FTEs being funded with borrowed funds.	April 19, 2013
Communications & Information Technology Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	CIP pages 8-11 and 8-12 (eGIS Base Map Updates and eGIS Master address Repository). Under operating Budget Impacts the narrative does not say no impact. The narrative states that the annual operating cost are	April 19, 2013

included in the Operating Budget. Therefore, the question is does this project impact the operating budget? If yes, what is the impact not shown here that is captured in the operating budget? If no, why are not consistent answers applied across all project documentation with no impact?

Communications Councilman April 15, 2013 CIP page 8-13 (IT Network Infrastructure Replacement [April 19, 2013](#)
& Information Moss
Technology CIP

II). Was there a reserve for contingency for this project? If yes, what is the amount? If no, how is that we are able to cost estimate for IT modernization with greater fidelity than a rest room at Sandbridge a few low tech construction project that a 27% reserve for contingencies (yes, I realize how odd that sounds, but it is what the City Manager recommended to City Council).

Communications Councilman April 15, 2013 CIP page 8-13 (IT Network Infrastructure Replacement [April 19, 2013](#)
& Information Moss
Technology CIP

II). How much of the appropriation to date has been expended and what are the specific activity/phases that will be completed in FY 14. Specifically, when is the beta test and when does the upgrade go live? If incremental, address the increments to be tested and to go operational in FY 14?

Communications Councilman April 15, 2013 CIP page 8-15 (CIT – Telecommunications Replacement). [April 19, 2013](#)
& Information Moss
Technology

What is the balance for the Telecommunication Internal Service Fund after the \$1,280,000? Do retained earnings only accrue from overcharges to customers? Please provide an itemized list of what charges/expense elements are being recouped from users? If depreciation is being charged what categories and schedules are being used and how do they relate to industry best practices? If depreciation is not being charged, how was it determined that the opportunity cost of using the \$1,280,000 of retained earnings was acceptable (the answer to this question will provide insight as to the reason(s) for carrying such a large balance in retained earnings)? Also provide examples of what retained

earnings have been spent on in the last three years if such expenditures have taken place.

Communications & Information Technology CIP	Councilman Moss	April 15, 2013	In which CIP CIT project is e-ticket for the police department? When it is projected to be operational? E ticket represents a 15 to 20 percent minimum labor productivity for the police department. E ticket implementation is like putting another 150 plus officers on the street? What is the barrier to the early implementation of e-ticket? Is there an interim step using tablets that are scalability to what is being designed?	April 26, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman DeSteph	April 12, 2013	Can you please tell me how many times in the last 20 years we have raised the cigarette tax. Please breakdown by year, percent increase, amount of increase and specifically what the revenue generated from the taxes are used for.	April 19, 2013
Public Works	Councilman Moss	April 16, 2013	Have you considered privatizing traffic pole inspections with the inspectors being bonded for their inspection and compared to our true total life cycle cost of internal?	April 26, 2013
Public Works	Councilman Moss	April 16, 2013	How many traffic engineers (FTE's) in FY 12-13 budget are there and breakout by: Engineer I, Engineer II, Engineer III, etc.	April 26, 2013
Public Works	Councilman Moss	April 16, 2013	Of the \$2,364,881 reduced cost in the operating budget FY 14 over FY 13, what dollar value of the former stated value was returned to the General Fund (unrestricted)?	April 26, 2013
Buildings CIP	Councilman Moss	April 16, 2013	Will the new evidence room be radio frequency barcode tag operations?	April 26, 2013
Roadways CIP	Councilman Moss	April 16, 2013	What is the road maintenance standard that we are applying to establish our requirement? Against the applicable what is the annual lane miles of maintenance required by category? What have we accomplished? What is the backlog being carried? What was the backlog at the end of FY11-12 versus FY 12-13? What is the cost per lane mile by category of maintenance on average?	April 26, 2013

Roadways CIP	Councilman Moss	April 16, 2013	Can you explain why all road projects are not being managed by Public Works? What roads are being managed by Economic Development?	April 26, 2013
Roadways CIP	Councilman DeSteph	April 16, 2013	What is the primary driver for the increase in fuel when fuel has gone down in the last year?	April 26, 2013
Roadways CIP	Councilman DeSteph	April 16, 2013	How many lane miles are we planning on doing this year? How many miles were paved last year?	April 26, 2013
Public Works	Councilman DeSteph	April 16, 2013	On slide 2 of the Public Works budget presentation we show fuel cost of \$7.8 million for FY 2013-14. On Page 10 we show fuel of \$7.33 million. On page 2 FY 2012-13 fuel is \$7.00 million. Please explain the disparity?	April 26, 2013
Public Works	Councilman DeSteph	April 16, 2013	On fuel, the Public Works Director stated we do not hedge. It was stated that we buy at or on market. In the past we said we buy futures in fuel. How does this really work? When did we change our practice?	April 26, 2013
Public Works	Councilman DeSteph	April 16, 2013	How many tons of trash are being picked up today?	April 26, 2013
Public Works	Councilman Moss	April 16, 2013	Could you please provide additional information on the transportation modeling program. Could we expand the use of our partnership with ODU to reduce our reliance on consultants for this type of work?	April 26, 2013
Public Works	Councilman Moss	April 16, 2013	Will there be bike lanes on Landstown Center Way?	April 26, 2013
Buildings CIP	Councilwoman Henley	April 16, 2013	How much land is there at the Beach Maintenance Facility?	April 26, 2013
Public Works	Councilman Moss	April 16, 2013	What is our exposure at the Beach Maintenance Facility due to our past use of chemicals at the site?	April 26, 2013
Convention & Visitor's Bureau	Councilman DeSteph	April 19, 2013	How much does the city contribute to the Neptune Festival and where does the money come from (TIF, etc.)?	April 26, 2013
Human Resources	Councilman Moss	April 22, 2013	What would be the cost of paying a \$1,500 bonus to every full-time city council appointees on the city payroll on 31 December 2012 and still on the city payroll on 15	April 26, 2013

July 2013? (I am thinking in excess of \$9 million). What would be the cost for just police, fire, and emergency services personnel, first line supervisors and below only? (I am thinking in the vicinity of \$2 million) and then for everyone? \$1,500 to include employer FICA and Medicare costs to equal the true cost.

Human Resources	Councilman Moss	April 22, 2013	Please provide and populate the number of employees and the average direct payable salary for employees broken down by 0 to 5 years of service, 5 to 10 years of service, 10 to 15 years of service, 15 to 20 years of service, 20 to 25 years of service, 25 to 30 years of service, and 30+ years of service with regard to years of VRS creditable service with the city and then separate tables for Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services.	May 03, 2013
Human Resources	Councilman Moss	April 22, 2013	For the Police Department and Fire Department for deck plate fire fighters, police officers and first line supervisors (shown separately) of same, please provide a table broken down by 1 year or less of service, 1 to 2 years of service, 2 to 4 years of service, 4 to 6 years of service, 6 to 10 years of service, 10 to 15 years of service, 15 to 20 years of service, and 20+ years of service showing number of employees for each category and the average direct payable salary for employees in that category.	May 03, 2013
Public Works	Councilman DeSteph	April 22, 2013	Please provide the fuel costs, by department, for the last two years.	April 26, 2013
Public Works	Councilman DeSteph	April 23, 2013	What is the City Garage Internal Service Fund? What are the funds used for?	April 26, 2013
Public Works	Councilman DeSteph	April 23, 2013	What are the 20 bodies in "other funds" used for?	April 26, 2013
Public Utilities	Councilman DeSteph	April 23, 2013	What is the impact of the water meter lead content regulation change?	April 26, 2013
Public Utilities	Councilman DeSteph	April 23, 2013	Why are we increasing the reserve for contingencies 12%?	April 26, 2013

Public Utilities	Councilman DeSteph	April 23, 2013	Could we instead go a year without implementing a fee increase?	May 03, 2013
Parks & Recreation	Councilman DeSteph	April 23, 2013	Cost of fees or new fees – Do we look at which fees cost more to collect than what they generate?	May 03, 2013
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilman Moss	April 23, 2013	What is the unfunded CIP liability for Schools?	May 03, 2013
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilman Moss	April 23, 2013	What is the annual lapse (vacancy) rate in actual to budgeted salaries for the last five years?	May 03, 2013
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilwoman Henley	April 23, 2013	Please provide an update of the slide entitle "All One-Time Funds Used to Fund Operating Budget" assuming those funds are used to provide the 2% pay raise?	May 03, 2013
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilwoman Wilson	April 23, 2013	What percentage of pay raises will be given to adjust the salary scale for school principals and assistant principals?	May 03, 2013
Parks & Recreation	Councilman Moss	April 23, 2013	Please provide more information on energy efficiency savings related to pools.	April 26, 2013
Human Services	Councilwoman Henley	April 23, 2013	What is causing the increase in adult protective services complaints?	May 03, 2013
Human Services	Councilman Moss	April 23, 2013	Please provide a comparison of the demographics for Fairfax County and Virginia Beach.	May 03, 2013
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Councilman Moss	April 23, 2013	Please provide a copy of the regional analysis of compensation for assistant principals and principals that the Mayor and School Board reviewed per the School Board Chairman's comments on 4/23/13.	May 03, 2013
Quality Physical Environment CIP	Councilman Moss	April 23, 2013	Using the response to question 132 as representative, your answer acknowledges there is no relationship between the schedule of activities and the dollars specified and the amount proposed to be appropriated in any given year. Therefore, please share the methodology that determines the amount being requested for appropriation in FY 14. What is the quantification of the risk if only 90 percent of the	April 26, 2013

requested FY 14 appropriation was approved and was deferred one year? Two years?

Quality Physical Environment	Councilman CIPMoss	April 23, 2013	Please provide the industry benchmark to design 1.2 miles of road at grade as requested in question 133.	April 26, 2013
Communications & Information Technology	Councilman DeSteph	April 30, 2013	Please provide a breakdown of the \$1 million for computer replacement.	May 03, 2013
Communications & Information Technology	Councilman DeSteph	April 30, 2013	What is the purpose of the 1.45% reserve funding that is shown on slide 3 that totals \$439,907?	May 03, 2013
Communications & Information Technology	Councilman DeSteph	April 30, 2013	IT professional contract? What are the positions? How often is the contract rebid?	May 03, 2013
Communications & Information Technology	Councilman DeSteph	April 13, 2013	How often does the City replace computers and servers?	May 03, 2013
Communications & Information Technology	Councilman Moss	April 30, 2013	What is the difference between the \$27,113,984 on page 8-3 and the \$38 million referenced on slide nine of the Communications and Information Technology Department's budget presentation?	May 03, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Davis and Councilman Moss	April 30, 2013	What is the breakdown of debt service decreases – what types of debt are declining?	May 03, 2013
City Attorney's Office	Councilman Davis	April 30, 2013	How much revenue do we receive from processing FOIA requests?	May 03, 2013
Budget & Management Services	Councilman Davis	April 30, 2013	What did we spend the City Manager's Reserves on in the past three years?	May 03, 2013
Non-Departmental	Councilman DeSteph	April 30, 2013	Wrecked vehicles – should those not be funded out of the risk management budget?	May 03, 2013
Non-Departmental	Councilman DeSteph	April 30, 2013	How specifically will the sequestration reserve be spent?	May 03, 2013

Budget & Management Services Councilman Moss May 01, 2013 Please provide the percentage of the general sales, meal and amusement taxes that are resident.
