

ATTACHMENT B

Written Public Testimony FY 2013 Operating and CIP Budgets

Testimony Received from January 23 to April 25, 2012 (up to noon)

Exhibit	Name	Resident or Organization	Main Topic
#1	Phyllis Marcuccio	Mayor, City of Rockville	FY13 Operating & CIP Budget Notes
#2, 10 & 17	Kevin (and Laura) Roth	Resident	Support of the I-270 Sound Wall project
#3	Frank Sullivan	Resident	Supports 1% Cost of Living Adjustment for Staff and Would like additional information on the Green Building Tax Credit
#5	Bob Bryer	Resident	\$100 Homeowners Tax Credit
#6	Jim Coyle	President, Rose Hill Falls Homeowners Association	Request an I-270 Sound Wall project for W. Montgomery Ave. to Falls Rd.
#7	David Rowland	City of Rockville Retiree	Cost of Living Adjustments for Retirees
#8	Rober Vanzant	City of Rockville Retiree	Cost of Living Adjustments for Retirees
#9 & 11	Andrea Jolly	Executive Director, Rockville Chamber of Commerce	Buy Rockville Campaign
#12	Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember, City of Rockville	FY13 Operating Budget Questions
#13	Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember, City of Rockville	FY13 Operating Budget Questions
#14	John Moser	Chair, Cultural Arts Commission	Restore \$1 per capita for the Art in Public Places Program, Provide guidance on the Post Office and Gude Drive Maintenance Building art projects, provide permission and input on updating the City ordinances as they pertain to public art, request a worksession with the Mayor and Council
#15 & 20	Jeremy Martin	Resident	Support of the I-270 Sound Wall project
#16	Dennis Cain	Resident	Support of the I-270 Sound Wall project
#18	Jon Inglefield	Resident	Support of the I-270 Sound Wall project
#19	Corey Mackison	Resident	Support of the I-270 Sound Wall project
#21	Ed and Joan Fitzgerald	Resident	Support of the I-270 Sound Wall project
#22	John Moser	President, Rockville Scholarship Foundation	Thanks the Mayor and Council for including \$3,000 for scholarships, and requests it be increased to \$6,500 (matches FY12 amount) or to the full \$10,000 requested for FY13.
#23	Ann Z. Fels	Resident	Support of the Positive Aging Program at the Rockville Senior Center
#24	Jennifer L. Fullmer - Gilmore	General Manager, King Farm Citizens Assembly	Consider projects in and around the King Farm community, suggested the entrance areas and stamped asphalt maintenance
#25	Michael and Suzann Lewis	Resident	\$100 Property Tax Credit

Notes on the 2013 Budget (Marcuccio) 1/23/12

EXPENDITURES (See Staff Report)

#1 Staff raises: An “annual leave incentive” which was put in place when the M&C chose not to give across the board raises to the staff, was never adopted as policy by the M&C. While it may have been incorporated into the budget when it was prepared, the incentive package was not clarified for the M&C so that adoption was understood. Is there a line item or somewhere an acceptance of this change in the personnel policy being accepted?

#2 If the staff can find the \$350,000 to support the raises, I can support the 1 percent. The M&C must rely on staff to offer places where these monies are recoverable.

#3 Disagree with a raise for the M&C. Why are enterprise funds flat? What is a “shoes” allowance? Does “car” listed here include the \$5400 for the contract employees as well? Need a clearer understanding of the savings projected in the “Retirement section.” Anticipated reduction in costs achieved for the benefits plan are heartening. Will the Gasby debt be reduced as a result?

#4 When did the M&C agree to a policy of 1 percent for care giver funding? Now this figure is being used for REDI funding?

Where is the reference to the cost of moving the Police Department and the resulting adjustments to City Hall crowding? The estimated budget for REDI indicates that of the \$546,000 at the least \$100,000 goes for rent, utilities and telephone. Has consideration been given to moving REDI into the City Hall and save this money? If not this move, what about the other City offices that are already paying high rents elsewhere? There must be considerable room being vacated by the 90+ staff.

#5 No interest in bonds issuances. Before determining that support for CIP projects up to \$4,000,000, the list of CIP items needs more review.

#6 Need more clarity—is this money carried over or the activity cost being carried over to the next budget or are new items being added as unfinished?

Possible expenditures to consider: Agree with need for addressing all items offered by Council Members listed in the staff report. The projection for TC Rooftop enhancement is especially important as it may generate funds.

Additional Expenditures: Want a priority list and amounts. The M&C should discuss the appropriateness of eliminating of Art in Public Places fund. Until the parking fee benefits from FRIT for their leases go away for all their renters in Town Center, the city should continue to support free parking for the library, the Rooftop, and visArts. The County should be approached again for the ability to use funds the city generates for the County. RWBS is not in TC is it? Do County employees who work in the Arts and Innovation Building pay for parking? All outside groups should be treated equally.



Why is the "deal" with Duball mentioned and not the one with Choice Hotels? Have we other ongoing "tax incentives" in progress from past years?

The incentive to businesses to improve their environmental footprint and/or encourage initiatives when doing redevelopment needs M&C discussion. We have not established that we agree to this practice or how it will operate. The proposal was only presented to the M&C for consideration. No recommendations or adoption resulted. We must have a proper design before us before considering costs to taxpayers. We must have clarity on how it will be operated and criteria for participation.

REVENUES (?) See Staff List

#9 Maintain the current tax rates.

#10 An increase the Homeowners tax credit program as previously agreed to by the M&C. Why is this listed as a revenue?

#11 The \$100 rebate is a poor practice. The increase in the Homeowners tax credit program is meant to reach out to the financially strapped citizen who found the loss of the rebate last year a burden. Why would we offer both the tax credit and the rebate? Costly. A revenue?

#12 We just raised all fees. No.

#13 Another 1 percent formula being initiated and nothing more. No.

Other: How are we accounting for the RedGate savings especially the CAP (around \$350,000)? Where is the estimate for increased cost of operating the new Police Station?

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Why are some departments so big? There are 27.5 FTE in the City Manager Office, 39 in Planning, 29 in Finance, 95 in Police (with only 38 officers), 90+ on Parks and Rec. Why are City Attorney's office (6) and Human Services (6) so close in costs?

CIP

With the numerous pull backs on costs we should have funds to cover a number of the CIP items: Where is the sound barrier for the area near Route 270? Wasn't this to be in the budget this year? What is the "Enterprise Resource Planning System"? Are the "Vehicles for City Use" already in the Public Works are? Why is there more allocated to the Senior Center and for what?

What is the status on the Public Works department? Where are we in costs, bond issues, calendar? What is "City Hall improvements"?

Did I miss the IT Department upgrade?

???????? Review of the Consultant line in all budgets asked of Jenny Kimball for a better understanding.



I-270 West End Noise Barrier Funding in FY2013 Budget
Kevin Roth
to:
mayorcouncil
01/29/2012 07:29 PM
Cc:
Don Kettlestrings
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History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to support the inclusion of design and construction funding for the proposed noise barrier along I-270 in the West End in the FY2013 Operating and CIP budget.

My family and I have lived in the City of Rockville for nine years and the biggest negative aspect of our time here has been the continuous roar emanating from I-270. The noise, which comes from a mix of cars, trucks (including their use of engine brakes) and emergency vehicles, never stops regardless of time, date or weather.

In March 2006, I had the honor of testifying on the behalf of my neighbors at a House of Delegates hearing in Annapolis. The topic was highway noise issues affecting neighborhoods like ours and I was joined by both then-Mayor Larry Giammo and state Delegate Luiz Simmons. My testimony noted that the State of Maryland had assumed that my neighborhood would not be adversely affected when it decided to not build a noise barrier as it expanded I-270 to 12 lanes in the 1980s.

With the benefit of hindsight, we know the State's assumption was, to say politely, incorrect. Beyond simple anecdotal evidence that I could provide (or you could experience by coming to our street), we also have empirical evidence. In 2004, the City of Rockville conducted a transportation noise study and one of the sites tested was our backyard. The study found that the "loudest-hour equivalent sound level" of our backyard was above the 66 dBA threshold considered acceptable for highway noise. For our neighbors on Nelson Street, the noise was found to be even louder. While the study data are eight years old, there is no reason to believe that the noise level has decreased in the interim.

Thanks to tireless efforts of my neighbors and other stakeholders, the State has proposed a remedy that should help many of my neighbors: the construction of a noise barrier. It is my understanding that the construction of the barrier is contingent on the City of Rockville contributing 20 percent of the design and construction costs. I hope the Mayor and Council will build upon the recent momentum to correct the State of Maryland's three decade old error by including the necessary funding in the FY2013 budget.

I appreciate your consideration to fund the proposed noise barrier. If the Mayor and/or Council have any questions in regards to this issue, please do not hesitate contacting us.

Regards,

Kevin (and Laura) Roth
9 Owens Court
Rockville, MD 20850

hm: 301/309-0747
cl: 301/651-3045



Gazette Article: Staff Raises & Green Building Tax Credit
Frank Sullivan
to:
mayorcouncil
01/30/2012 08:54 AM
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Assuming the facts in the article in the January 26 Gazette are correct, I am writing to express my support for the staff raises, and to request more information about the tax credit.

With respect to the staff raises, I have read that a number of states are doing across the board pay raises in the 1-3% range. The idea is that public employees have get a modest amount that will help a little bit in paying their bills, and that they get some modest acknowledgement of their value as employees of the public.

Mayor Marcuccio and Councilwoman Newton, I find your position at this straw poll phase to be inexplicable, and frankly a slap in the face for City employees. The staff are the people that Rockville citizens deal with all the time -- at recreation facilities, registering to vote, on the phone with questions on everything from permits, trash and recycling, trees, parks, you name it. My experience is that staff are unfailingly pleasant, responsive, and prompt. A niggardly stance on this issue is not warranted.

Councilwoman Newton, I hope your remarks as quoted are incorrect. The musing that a one percent raise "may prove insensitive" in a tough economy implies City staff are coping just fine with rising gas and food prices. Are you sure? "We're looking to be more equitable" by spreading any possible raise out differentially across pay grades? What could be more equitable that the same thing for all employees? .

With respect to the green building tax credit, I would appreciate more information on this. I would like to know more about how much this might end up costing the City in lost tax revenue, and why it is thought that Rockville needs to do this in addition to the County.

Frank Sullivan, College Gardens

Re: \$100 Homeowners Credit and Utility Bill
Tom Moore
to:
Louise Atkins
01/31/2012 03:45 PM
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ah, well, you win some, you lose some. I liked it.

On Jan 31, 2012, at 3:44 PM, "Bob Bryer" <bbryer@gmail.com> wrote:

I am very disappointed to learn that a 10% tax increase, the \$100 "offset" as you call it, was not restored:

- It was not needed last year as things turned out
- I feel it is an underhanded way to pass along a tax increase without letting people know

The sentiment that it may be included in the 2013 budget rings very hollow.

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LAtkins@rockvillemd.gov
January 31, 2012 3:00 PM

Dear Mr. Bryer:

Thank you for contacting the City of Rockville regarding increased water and sewer rates and the \$100 income tax offset credit. I am responding on behalf of the Mayor and Council, each of whom have received a copy of your email.

I am so sorry that you did not receive a reply to the email you sent a month ago. In my position as Council Support Specialist, I track all emails received to the Mayor and Council email address, and I have not been able to locate this email. We did receive a copy of the email you sent to Councilmember Hall on December 1, 2011 regarding the \$100 income tax offset credit, and he responded directly to you.

For the FY2012 budget, the Mayor and Council approved an increase of 24.5% for water rates and 13% for sewer rates, and the utility bill you recently received reflects these rate increases. The increase in the water and sewer rates support the water main and sewer rehabilitation projects, to upgrade the City's aging water system. While we appreciate that these increases are high, the cost of not doing this work would be much higher in the long term.

The Mayor and Council did not include the one-time \$100 income tax offset credit in the adopted FY 2012 budget. The Mayor and Council have the opportunity of including the credit in FY 2013 (which begins July 1, 2012) if they so choose. Your comments will be marked as an exhibit, placed into the official record and considered by the Mayor and Council as they work their way through the budget adoption process. The FY2013 budget process is currently underway, and we invite you to attend the public hearings and share your support for this credit with the Mayor and Council. I am attaching a link to the website with the schedule for the budget process.

<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget/>

To provide relief to residents who are on fixed or limited incomes for FY2013, the Mayor and Council have expanded the qualifying parameters for the State Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program by increasing the maximum gross income from \$85,000 to \$91,000 and the maximum assessment from \$400,000 to \$495,000. These values are consistent with the City's median household income and median assessed value of owner-occupied housing units, according to the latest data published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

I asked Utility Billing to check your billing due to the amount of the increase you mentioned. On December 15, 2010, the records show that you used 21,000 gallons of water and the bill was \$300.18. For December 15, 2011 the bill is \$345.72, and you used an additional 1,000 gallons for 22,000 gallons of water. The most recent bill reflects the new rates in effect for FY2012. The June 15, 2011 bill was \$222.82, reflecting 13,000 gallons of water.

We appreciate your sharing your thoughts and concerns regarding these issues with the Mayor and Council, and look forward to your input as the budget process continues.

Sincerely,

Louise Atkins
Council Support Specialist
City Manager's Office



\$100 Homeowners Credit and Utility Bill

Bob Bryer

to:

.pmarcuccio, jhall, tmoore, bnewton, mpierzchala

01/30/2012 06:03 PM

Cc:

mayorcouncil

Please respond to bbryer

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Dear Mayor and Council

I sent this a month ago and never did receive a single reply. However I did get my increased water, sewer and refuse bill today.

What is the status on the \$100 home owner credit. By all fairness we should get a \$100 refund or credit for last year since that 10% property tax was not needed.

Perhaps citizens like me need to start a petition drive ala California Prop 13 that both limits the property tax and requires a 2/3 vote to pass any future increase. The \$100 increase last year was unconscionable.

I would appreciate a reply from each of you about your help making Rockville affordable for seniors.

Dear Mayor and Council

I just opened my Rockville Utility bill which is \$100 more than last year, a \$400 annual increase for me. On top of that \$400 increase last year the Mayor and Council voted to increase my Rockville property tax by roughly 10% by eliminating the \$100 homeowner's property tax deduction.

All told these changes increased my Rockville payments by \$500 this year. I am retired on a fixed income and these actions are a hardship, a real hardship.

From what I understand the increased utility bill is due to past failures to collect money to improve the water system and now we're in crisis mode. While I am upset about past poor planning and budgeting and find this increase very hard, I understand the need.

However the action last year to raise my Rockville property taxes about 10% by eliminating the \$100 homeowner deduction is reprehensible. Doubly so considering the money wasn't even needed and only collected in desperation due to poor forecasting.

During the various forums I heard a lot of double speak about getting the \$100 put back in place. Councilwomen Newton even suggested a convoluted tie in to the MD homeowner reduction program, what a mess trying to get something like that done.

My question is simple:

What has been done to reinstate the \$100 deduction?

Since the funds last year were not really needed to balance the budget, what are your plans to return this money to the homeowners of Rockville?

Sincerely
Bob Bryer
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Rockville, MD 20854
301-340-1215



Interstate 270 Sound Barrier

Jim Coyle

to:

Mayor & Council

02/06/2012 08:31 PM

Cc:

Aileen Klein, Anthony Young, Nadia Azumi, Patrick Faricy, Sam Elowitch, Scarpinato,

Glenn Loveland

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Dear Mayor and Council,

It has come to the Rose Hill Falls (RHF) Board of Director's attention that the City is considering a request from the West End Citizen's Association (WECA) to the State of Maryland for the installation of a new sound barrier along Nelson Street and Interstate 270.

Rose Hill Falls, who is a WECA member, would like consideration of a sound barrier from W. Montgomery Ave. to Falls Road. Our neighborhood, which is assaulted daily by the 270 noise, was not built at the time the sound barriers were installed during the 270 widening. The benefits of a sound barrier along our portion of Interstate 270 would also benefit several Rockville neighborhoods as well as Julius West School.

If the City moves forward with planning and/or a request to the State of Maryland for new sound barriers, RHF strongly request to be part of that consideration.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Jim Coyle, President
Rose Hill Falls HOA



Retiree Pension COLA for 2012 was 0%
Dave Rowland
to:
mayorcouncil, pmaruccio, jhall, tmoore, bnewton, mpierzchala, <GCohen, <amccombs, <kfrance, <cpeck, <CVargas, jkimball
02/26/2012 10:51 AM
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City of Rockville Mayor and Council and the Retirement Board,

Please find attached my communication to you dated November 17, 2011 regarding the City of Rockville's pension plan. As I stated then, I felt that the City's new actuary (Hay Group) had a more favorable calculation of the unfunded liability compared to the prior firm, that retirees should be entitled to a COLA for calendar year 2012, and that a one-time COLA adjustment should also be made to make up for the previous oversights (there have been no cost-of-living increases since January 1, 2008). However, I have since learned that based upon the January 23, 2012 Mayor and Council Meeting, the savings will be applied towards OPEB and not to fund the pension nor give a COLA to retirees (read below results from that meeting).

***Retirement:**

Staff anticipates a decrease of about 10 percent or \$423,600 across all funds (approximately \$336,300 in the General Fund) in the cost of the City's defined benefit retirement for FY 2013. The FY 2013 all funds pension contribution will total approximately \$3.8 million. The savings over what was previously projected is based on the new actuarial valuation report received in November 2011 from the City's actuary. A new report is anticipated at the end of January 2012 that will provide the actual FY 2013 contribution thereby aligning the valuation report with the City's budget process.

Staff will utilize the savings in the City's retirement contribution to allow us to fully fund the City's contribution to the Retiree Benefit Trust (RBT), which funds retiree healthcare benefits. The City's policy was to increase contributions over time to get to 100 percent, which it is now able to accomplish. The FY 2013 RBT contribution based on the most current actuarial valuation report is approximately \$780,000 across all funds (\$638,100 General Fund)*

Also, during that same meeting, active employees were set to once again receive a 1% COLA for FY13 (read below) while retirees have not received a COLA since January 1, 2008. Other local governments in the Washington area have resumed COLAs and Social Security even gave a 3.6% COLA this year, as well.

For FY 2013, the five-year forecast assumes the 1 percent across the board adjustment, with no merit increases. The 1 percent increase is forecasted to apply to all regular City employees in FY 2013, and totals approximately \$350,000 for all funds, with \$300,000 coming from the General Fund.

I would like to express my extreme disappointment regarding the retirement board's decision not to grant a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for the 2012 calendar year. I have been retired from the City of Rockville for the past seven years, but the last COLA of 1.0% was approved for calendar year 2008. I know governments are facing tough economic times, but retirees should be given the same consideration as active employees, and since the costs of gas and food are also rising for everyone, it is only fair to help retirees keep a level playing field against inflation. I worked for the City for 16.5 years as the Controller and enjoyed my work experience during my tenure. Please honor all dedicated retirees for our past services to the City and provide us a 1% retroactive COLA for this calendar year, which would have an overall impact to the plan of only \$268,046 paid over a multi-year period. Ultimately, the same City revenue is the source of funds for the COLA for both current employees and for retirees and should be evaluated for affordability on the same basis.

Thank you,

David B. Rowland (retired in 2005)
Rockville, Maryland

From: LAtkins@rockvillemd.gov [<mailto:LAtkins@rockvillemd.gov>]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 2:24 PM
To: Rowland, David
Subject: Re: FW: City of Rockville—New (April 1, 2011) Pension Actuarial Valuation Report on the City's website

Thank you.

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Phone: 240-314-8106
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www.rockvillemd.gov



"Rowland, David" ---11/18/2011 01:59:39 PM---Louise, I hope you can see these attachments below otherwise please see page 6 (April 1, 2011 valuation)

From: "Rowland, David"
To: lathkins@rockvillemd.gov; lathkins@rockvillemd.gov
Date: 11/18/2011 01:59 PM
Subject: FW: City of Rockville—New (April 1, 2011) Pension Actuarial Valuation Report on the City's website

Louise,

I hope you can see these attachments below otherwise please see page 6 (April 1, 2011 valuation) and page 12 (April 1, 2010 valuation).

Dave Rowland

Actuarial Valuation Reports
Pension Plan: [April 1, 2008](#) | [April 1, 2009](#) | [April 1, 2010](#) | [April 1, 2011](#)

From: LAtkins@rockvillemd.gov
Date: Fri, 18 Nov 2011 13:33:23 -0500
To: Dave Rowland <davidbrowland@aol.com>
Cc: <GCohen@rockvillemd.gov>; <SUllery@rockvillemd.gov>; <amccombs@rockvillemd.gov>; <kfrance@rockvillemd.gov>; <cpeck@rockvillemd.gov>; <mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>; <CVargas@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Re: City of Rockville—New (April 1, 2011) Pension Actuarial Valuation Report on the City's website

Dear Mr. Rowland:

Thank you for contacting the City of Rockville regarding the Pension Actuarial Valuation Reports. I am responding on behalf of the Mayor and Council each of whom have received a copy of your email.

I have forwarded your email to the responsible staff and we will get back to you as soon as they have had the opportunity to look into this matter. I was unable to open the attachments you referred to in your email.

Thank you for contacting the City of Rockville.

Sincerely,

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—Original Message—

From: Dave Rowland <davidbrowland@aol.com>

To: "cvargas" <cvargas@rockvillemd.gov>; GCohen <GCohen@rockvillemd.gov>; SULLery <SULLery@rockvillemd.gov>; amccombs <amccombs@rockvillemd.gov>; kfrance <kfrance@rockvillemd.gov>; cpeck <cpeck@rockvillemd.gov>; mayorandcouncil <mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>

Sent: Thu, Nov 17, 2011 6:25 pm

Subject: City of Rockville—New (April 1, 2011) Pension Actuarial Valuation Report on the City's website

City of Rockville Mayor and Council and the Retirement Board,

After looking at the published Pension Actuarial Valuation Reports, I would like to bring to your attention a major variance between the prior valuation (second page, below) and the most recent valuation (first page, below) of the City's obligations. As you can see when you compare the FY 2012 number of \$19,433,125 (page 6 of the valuation) for the unfunded liability vs. last year's projection (page 12 of the valuation) of \$26,240,000, it provides you with a variance of \$6.8 million. This is \$6.8 million that the City will NOT have to contribute to someday make this pension plan achieve a 100% funded ratio (liability = assets). When you compare FY 2013 numbers, you have a variance of \$9.0 million. The City has a new actuary this year (Hay Group) and they have a more favorable calculation of the unfunded liability compared to the prior firm. Also, the Hay Group has the City's funded ratio going up to 89.1% by FY 2017, whereas the previous actuary had the funded ratio going down.

I believe after talking to people at the City of Rockville and to retirees that the Retirement Board used this page of the pension valuation as a reason for not providing retirees their COLAs. I also believe that the April 1, 2011 pension valuation sheds a new light on the viability of the City of Rockville's pension plan and that retirees are entitled to a COLA for calendar year 2012 and that a one-time COLA adjustment should also be made to make up for the previous errors (there have been no cost-of-living increases since January 1, 2008).

Thank you,

David B. Rowland (retired in 2005)
Rockville, Maryland

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Any deviation in assumption, census demographics, or asset performance approximations.

	Fiscal 2012 April 1, 2011	FY 2013 (\$ in millions)	FY 2014 (\$ in millions)	FY 2015 (\$ in millions)
Interest Rate	7.75 %	7.75 %	7.75 %	7.75 %
Return on Market Assets		7.75 %	7.75 %	7.75 %
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$79,794,044	\$83.91	\$88.34	\$94.12
Actuarial Value of Assets	60,360,919	63.00	71.71	80.77
Unfunded Liability	19,433,125	20.91	16.63	13.35
Funded Ratio	75.6 %	75.1 %	81.2 %	85.8 %
Amortization of Unfunded	1,802,902	1.94	1.54	1.24
Employer Normal Cost	1,503,923	1.56	1.62	1.73
Interest	256,279	0.27	0.24	0.23
ARC	\$ 3,563,104	\$ 3.77	\$ 3.40	\$ 3.20

Done

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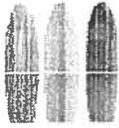
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	Fiscal 2011 April 1, 2010	Fiscal 2012 April 1, 2011 (est.)
Interest Rate	7.75%	7.75%
Return on Market Value of Assets		7.75%
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 79,275,687	\$ 84,690,000
Actuarial Value of Assets	59,550,874	58,450,000
Unfunded Liability	19,724,813	26,240,000
Funded Ratio	75.1%	69.0%
Amortization of Unfunded	1,829,964	2,430,000
Employer Normal Cost	1,398,103	1,510,000
Interest	250,175	310,000
Annual Required Contribution	\$ 3,478,242	\$ 4,250,000

Employer Thrift Plan Matching Contribution Projection

For both Union and Administrative Personnel enrolled in the Thrift Plan, employ

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To:
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Fw: Retire employees COLA

----- Forwarded by Louise Atkins/RKV on 02/27/2012 11:27 AM -----

From: "R Vanzant" <rvanzant2@frontier.com>
To: <latkins@rockvillemd.gov>, <tmoore@rockvillemd.gov>, <davidbrowland@aol.com>
Date: 02/27/2012 11:14 AM
Subject: Retire employees COLA

Councilman of the City of Rockville;

My name is Bob Vanzant, retired in June 2000 with 30 years of service. During the time of my retirement, I have received two COLA's. February 2006 of 1.5% (letter dated 01-13-2006), and again in January 2008 of 1% (letter dated 12-21-2007).

I do not receive any health care benefits from the City. In June of 2000, I was paying \$300.00 per month at \$1000.00 deductible. Now I am paying at a cost of \$815.00 per month with a deductible of \$5000.00.

I do understand that local governments are facing some economic troubles. However, I feel that retirees should be given the same consideration as active employees, since both parties, (retires and active employees) have the same everyday expenses of gas and food, etc., which have risen for everyone.

I feel it is only fair to help retirees maintain a standard of living against inflation costs.

Sincerely,
Bob V



Other Gavin Cohen
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Mary Sue Mart
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March 5, 2012

Mayor Marcuccio and Members of the Rockville City Council
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mayor Marcuccio and Members of the Council,

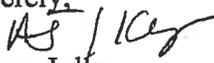
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Sincerely,

Andrea Jolly
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I-270 West End Noise Barrier Funding in FY2013 Budget

Kevin Roth

to:

mayorcouncil

01/29/2012 07:29 PM

Cc:

Don Kettlestrings

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03/11/2012 05:30 PM

March 11, 2012

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Mark Pierzchala to: Mark Pierzchala
Cc: Jenny Kimball, mayor and council, Mary Sue Martin, Erica Tompkins

03/11/2012 06:45 PM

March 11, 2012

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Routed To: Mayor

29 January 2012

 Council City Attorney City Clerk Council Support Specialist City Manager Other Gavin CohenJ. KimballMary Sue MartinErica TompkinsBurt HallMayor and Council
City of Rockville
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mayor Marcuccio and Members of the Council:

The Cultural Arts Commission, at its most recent meeting, realized that we need guidance in order to more adequately fulfill our role as your advisors on the Arts and Humanities for the City of Rockville. We are already on record in requesting that the \$1 per capita for the Art in Public Places Program be restored to the proposed FY 2013 Budget, and are most delighted that it was included in the FY 2013 Budget Preview.

Some other issues requiring resolution are:

- a. Two Art Projects are presently pending—the Post Office proposal as well the recommended piece for the Maintenance Building on Gude Drive. You have rejected proposals for the Post Office Art work and you did not make a decision as to what to do about our proposal for the Gude Drive project. The CAC cannot continue with either project unless we receive your decision on whether to prepare another RFP (the Post Office) and or either accept and/or reject the Gude project and move forward. Both projects need to be resolved—all applicants for the Post Office know about not being selected—the artist for the Gude piece is in limbo and has been for in this position for just about 5 months. It is not fair to the artist and could potentially impact adversely on ~~commissioning of future art work by the City.~~
- b. The CAC would like to move on both projects and would like to put this on our agenda. Can we do so? Your decision would be most helpful.
- c. We are currently studying the City ordinances as they pertain to Public Art. They are in need of updating to deal with the needs of the 21st century. Before we move forward on this important project we need your permission to do so as well as your valuable input on what should and could be accomplished. Do we have

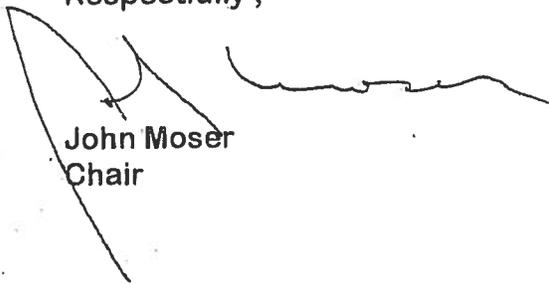
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- d. Finally, we request a work session with the Mayor and Council before you become more immersed in the FY13 budget. The Mayor and Council and the Cultural Arts Commission have not met in more than 2 years. We unanimously feel that it would be extremely beneficial to both bodies to communicate, if for no other reason that AIPP issue will, in all probability, be in the forthcoming Budget proposal. Further we earnestly hope and recommend that the work session concept will once again be reinstated in your planning schedule in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests.

For the Cultural Arts Commission,

Respectfully ,



John Moser
Chair



Sound Wall on 270
Jeremy Martin
to:
mayorandcouncil
03/14/2012 05:10 PM
Please respond to jmartin
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Dear Rockville Mayor and Council,

I was very pleased to see that the sound wall on 270 is in the proposed budget. This will make a big difference to the quality of life in my neighborhood. I hope it will be finalized.

Regards,

Jeremy

Jeremy Martin
738 Beall Ave
240 403 7201



Re: Missing sound wall on I-270 
Mark Pierzchala to: Dennis Cain
Cc: Mayor and Council

03/15/2012 03:40 PM

March 15, 2012

Dear Mr. Cain,

Thank you for your informative email.

The promise to fund the wall was made \$4M ago. At the time of the candidate forums, the projected property tax revenue was forecast to hold even, but that didn't happen.

To be more precise, we are experiencing a \$2M decline in property tax revenue this year from last, and expect another \$2M decline in property tax revenue next year. There is great reluctance on this body to increase the property tax rate and reluctance by some to engage in further bonding. There has historically been great reluctance by this body to cut programs or services. Other sources of revenue, once predictable, have become volatile. For example, we experienced a decline in tax duplication payments from the County last year, but they have gone up this year. At the same time, the County Executive has explicitly said that this year's proposed increase cannot be counted on next year. Also, the budget must now go through the County Council.

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Nevertheless, you make very good points below. We will work to find a way to fund the wall, but it cannot be guaranteed at this point. Perhaps you saw the article in the Gazette on the state of funding Rockville CIP even for maintenance of existing facilities. Thus in deciding whether to fund the wall, we will have to weigh priorities like never before, and the case made for funding this wall ahead of other City priorities.

Yours,

Mark Pierzchala
Rockville Councilmember

-----Dennis Cain <dennis.cain@verizon.net> wrote: -----

To: Mayor and Council <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
From: Dennis Cain <dennis.cain@verizon.net>
Date: 03/15/2012 03:18PM
Subject: Missing sound wall on I-270

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during the construction of the section of I-270 adjacent to the West End community. As the traffic volume increased, the neighborhood was bombarded with traffic noise to the extent that most neighbors were not able to enjoy their own yards and kept the windows of their homes closed year around to reduce the impact of the noise on their lives. Don Kettlestrings, on behalf of his neighbors and the West End Citizens Association, proceeded to study the highway regulations and corresponded with State Highway Administration and over the years, has tenaciously sought a resolution to the deficiency in the sound wall. This often required reiteration of the entire effort as the project was reassigned to different state employees. Eventually, the State acknowledged that the neighborhood was entitled to the protection of the sound barrier which had not been installed at the time of the highway widening. Over the years, he has pursued this matter with the State and the County and has succeeded in achieving a commitment from the State to fund the construction of the missing sound wall. The final missing piece of the financial support of the project is the City of Rockville which will be required by current regulations to cover 20% of the costs of the project (a fund commitment which, if applied by the State at the time of construction, would have fully funded the sound wall). Each of the candidates for Mayor and Council in the course of the last election committed themselves to supporting this worthy project and the citizens of the City of Rockville are now looking for the support which they avowed while running for office. In addition, we all owe a debt of gratitude and recognition to Don Kettlestrings for his tenacity and his outstanding contribution to our community as a citizen activist.

Dennis Cain

Regards,
Kevin

On Mon, Jan 30, 2012 at 9:58 AM, <BBean@rockvillemd.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Roth,

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, each of whom have seen your email, thank you for your comments related to the proposed FY 2013 budget. Your comments will be marked as an exhibit, placed into the official record and considered by the Mayor and Council as they work their way through the budget adoption process. The Mayor and Council of Rockville will conduct a public hearing on the proposed FY13 budget this evening at 7:00 pm as well as series of worksessions and additional public hearings before the FY2013 Budget is adopted in late May. For a complete schedule of the budget timeline, please go to: <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget/index.html>. Also, all meetings are broadcast live and can be viewed on Rockville Channel 11 should you wish to tune in from home.

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Kevin Roth ---01/29/2012 07:29:44 PM---Dear Mayor and Council, I am writing to support the inclusion of design and construction funding

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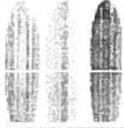
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Re: I-270 West End Noise Barrier Funding in FY2013 Budget 

Brenda Bean to: Kevin Roth

03/19/2012 09:39 AM

Cc: ETompkins, GCohen, mayorcouncil, MMartin

Dear Mr. Roth,

Unfunded projects are those that the City has identified as projects that should be funded if/when resources become available, but that are not funded in the current budget due to resource limitations. Funding for these projects will be considered by the Mayor and Council as revenues are received and new priorities are established. A summary of all unfunded projects by program area appears on page 12 of the FY13 - FY17 Proposed CIP.

I hope this helps.!

Brenda Bean

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 To: BBean@rockvillemd.gov
 Cc: mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov, GCohen@rockvillemd.gov, ETompkins@rockvillemd.gov, MMartin@rockvillemd.gov
 Date: 03/15/2012 08:41 PM
 Subject: Re: I-270 West End Noise Barrier Funding in FY2013 Budget

Ms. Bean,

Quick question: I see in the FY2013 budget, there is a page describing the West End sound wall project that notes the City contribution to the project is unfunded. What exactly does it mean that the wall is mentioned in the capital budget but not currently funded? That the staff is recommending the Mayor and Council should fund the project in the upcoming budget? That the staff is not recommending to fund the project? Something else?

Any clarification would be appreciated.

**Letter from Rockville citizen**Jon Inglefield to: mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov

03/15/2012 10:10 PM

To: Phyllis Marcuccio, Mayor of Rockville
John F. Hall, Jr., Council member
Tom Moore, Council member
Bridget Newton, Council member
and Mark Pierzchal, Council member.

From: Jon and Kathryn Inglefield

We are writing to urge your continued support of the West End Park Noise Barrier contained in the 2013 City of Rockville proposed budget.

On the front page of this week's Gazette there was raised the issue that some 20 capital improvement projects are to be cut from the proposed budget.

I wish to add my concurrence to the project as one of the households impacted by the sound from I-270.

Living at 741 Owens St, which is only 6 houses away from a location where Nelson St. closely parallels I-270 may not make our house 'officially' one of the impacted property owners that the SHA polled, but let me assure you we are indeed impacted! The noise from trucks, truck air breaks and the traffic encountered 24/7 makes it a challenge for us. New insulated windows have been tried to abate the sound, but the problem persists and is irrelevant if windows are opened. When windows are open in the daytime we at times must speak loudly to hear one another even if in the same or in adjacent rooms. And keeping open our windows at night to sleep is not really possible. As others here have similar traffic noise coming into their living spaces I urge you to approve this campaign promise so that the Rockville West End neighborhood will definitely benefit from the sound barrier.

One point to add is that our household was not previously contacted by the State Highway Administration (SHA). So, when the SHA states it has received acceptance from "at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners" (referenced in the Budget) on the barrier construction, it will surely be even higher if you were to conduct a poll that asks all near here.

Thank you for your action in this time of competing needs.

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CJ Mack

To: Phyllis Marcuccio, Mayor of Rockville John...

03/17/2012 09:41:20 AM

From: CJ Mack <mamamaa2@yahoo.com>
To: "mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov " <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Date: 03/17/2012 09:41 AM
Subject: West End Park Residents Need Noise Barrier

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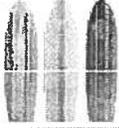
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When we were buying our home (at 748 Owens Street) 8-1/2 years ago, the seller presented us with a packet of information prepared by Don Kettlestrings (quoted in the Gazette article) about the noise issue and proposed solution with the noise barrier. We've been under the impression for nearly a decade now that it is slated for action. Meanwhile, other Rockville neighborhoods that border I-270 have sound barriers to mitigate the noise impact.

Truly, the only time it was quiet on our street was during the blizzard in February 2010, when traffic couldn't navigate I-270; otherwise, it's constant day and night.

Please follow through on funding the West End Park Noise Barrier contained in the 2013 City of Rockville proposed budget. This section of the Rockville community has been impacted for far too long, waiting for relief from the incessant traffic noise.

Sincerely,
Corey Mackison
748 Owens Street
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301-738-8470



Re: Sound Wall on 270 

Brenda Bean to: jmartin

03/15/2012 01:54 PM

Cc: mayorandcouncil, Gavin Cohen, Mary Sue Martin, Erica Tompkins

Dear Mr. Martin,

The proposed FY13 Capital Improvements Program includes a project sheet for the new sound wall. Unfortunately, given fiscal constraints the City was not able to fund that project in the proposed FY13 CIP. While it appears in the project, there is no funding associated with it at this time. The Mayor and Council will discuss this and other CIP projects at their worksessions on April 16 and April 30.

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Jeremy Martin

Dear Rockville Mayor and Council, I was very pl...

03/14/2012 05:10:02 PM

From: Jeremy Martin <jeremy.martin@gmail.com>
To: mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov
Date: 03/14/2012 05:10 PM
Subject: Sound Wall on 270

Dear Rockville Mayor and Council,

I was very pleased to see that the sound wall on 270 is in the proposed budget. This will make a big difference to the quality of life in my neighborhood. I hope it will be finalized.

Regards,

Jeremy

Jeremy Martin
738 Beall Ave
240 403 7201

"Edward Fitzgerald" | Madame Mayor Council Members Hall, Newto... | 03/22/2012 05:02:01 PM

From: "Edward Fitzgerald" <eafitz1942@earthlink.net>
To: mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov
Date: 03/22/2012 05:02 PM
Subject: I-270 sound wall

Madame Mayor

Council Members Hall, Newton, Moore, Pierzchala

As members of the West End neighborhood impacted by the proposed sound wall along I-270 (north of Rt. 28), we would urge you to do everything possible to find the necessary funds for the City's portion of this project, in accordance with the promises made during your recent election campaign.

We have read the E-mail of March 15 from Mark Pierzchala to Dr. Dennis Cain and appreciate the fiscal constraints that have been placed on the County and City in recent years. However, since this is a "quality of life" issue for those of us impacted, we hope you will give the project every consideration.

Best regards,

Ed and Joan Fitzgerald
3 Owens Court
Rockville, MD 20850

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Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.



Rockville Scholarship Foundation
John Moser to: mayorandcouncil

03/28/2012 02:35 PM

28 March 2012

Dear Mayor Marcuccio and Members of the the City Council:

For FY 2012, the Rockville Scholarship Foundation, a voluntary organization, received \$6,500 from the City. In view of the economic slowdown and general malaise, we had received more than 90 applications for scholarships from our residents---the greater percentage demonstrated academic excellence as well as monetary need---our criteria for consideration. Since 1985, the application total was by far the most that we had ever received---we had to reduce this total to ten finalists--ultimately to 4 actual recipients.

In 2011, the Rockville Chamber of Commerce withdrew from our "troika" and the Scholarship Foundation now is composed solely of Montgomery College and the City of Rockville. Therefore. I was stunned, yesterday, when I was informed that our FY 2013 funding request to the City (as shown in the City Manager budget) was reduced by 54%, to only \$3,000. As you well know, the economy although recovering somewhat, is still behind the power curve and, most reluctantly. I must admit, that I have no idea(s) on how to can continue with our activities in the future. We are already engaged in raising funds on our own, resulting only in dribs and drabs. Further, we are, and have been, constantly considering numerous fundraising activities.

On behalf of the Scholarship Foundation, I want to thank you for potentially granting us \$3,000 this fiscal year--we would earnestly and fervently request that you raise that amount to what you so graciously granted last year (\$6,500) and potentially even consider granting us the amount we requested this year (\$10,000) which we see as minimal in view of our expectations of, yet once again, being overwhelmed by highly qualified applicants for scholarship who meet the mandatory requirements of NEED and ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.

Thank you so very much for your most positive consideration of this important issue.

Respectfully yours,

John Moser (signed)

President
Rockville Scholarship Foundation

Feb. 14, 2012

Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio
And City Council
111 Maryland Ave.
Rockville, MD. 20850-2364

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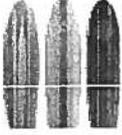
Dear Mayor Marcuccio and City Council,

I am writing to support the Positive Aging Program at The Rockville Senior Center and Barbara Wilson, the counselor, who runs it. The program includes one-one counseling, workshops on mental wellness, brain fitness and stress relief and support groups among others.

I have participated, personally, in several of these workshops and also have friends who have participated and therefore can personally attest to their effectiveness. I strongly hope that the program will continue.

Ann Z. Fels
637 Azalea Dr.
Rockville, Md.
20850

Ann Z. Fels



Fw: March 26 Mayor and Council agenda highlights

Brenda Bean to: jennifer

03/26/2012 04:24 PM

Cc: Hjarman Cordero, Rocio Snowdy, Louise Atkins, Gavin Cohen, Mary Sue Martin, Erica Tompkins

Dear Jennifer:

Thank you for your comments related to the FY2013 proposed budget and Capital Improvements Program. Your comments have been placed in the record and will be considered by the Mayor and Council as they deliberate all items related to the budget.

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Rocio Snowdy | Hi Jennifer: Ms. Atkins is the Council Support Sp... | 03/26/2012 03:41:05 PM

From: Rocio Snowdy/RKV
To: Louise Atkins/RKV@RKV
Cc: jennifer@kingfarm.org, Hjarman Cordero/RKV@RKV
Date: 03/26/2012 03:41 PM
Subject: Fw: March 26 Mayor and Council agenda highlights



— Forwarded by Rocio Snowdy/RKV on 03/26/2012 03:46 PM —

From: <jennifer@kingfarm.org>
To: <HCordero@rockvillemd.gov>
Cc: <RSnowdy@rockvillemd.gov>
Date: 03/26/2012 02:26 PM
Subject: RE: March 26 Mayor and Council agenda highlights

Good Afternoon,

King Farm Citizens Assembly (KFCA) would like to request that M & C consider projects in and around the King Farm community when drafting the 2013 budget. The entrance areas along 355 and Shady Grove are often discussed as needing attention. The stamped asphalt maint. continues to be an issue for residents. We have other projects we are gearing up for and would like to know how to best communicate our comments to M & C as they start the 2013 budget process.

Thanks!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jen' in a cursive, slightly slanted font.

Jennifer L. Fullmer- Gilmore, CMCA, AMS, PCAM
General Manager
King Farm Citizens Assembly
300 Saddle Ridge Circle
Rockville, Maryland 20850



FY 2013 Budget Concern - Property Tax Credit
Michael Lewis
to:
mayorcouncil
04/24/2012 01:28 PM
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EXHIBIT NO. 25
FY13 BUDGET

Dear Rockville Mayor and Council,

As a long-time citizen of the City of Rockville, I'm writing this e-mail urging all of you to reinstate the Property Tax Credit program that was discontinued during the FY 2012 Budget. In these difficult economic times, the tax credit program will go a long way to defraying the costs of residential property tax bills. Our property tax bill was \$868 last year without the credit. That amount is very difficult for families such as mine to take on, especially considering all of the other local and state taxes that make Rockville and Montgomery County in general uncompetitive with neighboring jurisdictions. I do not qualify for the Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program due to income restrictions that do not seem realistically aimed to provide property tax relief for the majority of homeowners in this City.

If the \$100 credit cannot be reinstated in full, I urge you to consider other options that would address the increasingly upward creep of property taxes in Rockville for FY 2013. It is obvious to me that pay increases to the city workforce and other increases to the City's budget should not be passed without the property tax credit reinstated.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Michael and Suzann Lewis
1102 Maple Avenue
Rockville, MD 20851