

Town Hall Meeting at: Pellegrini Field House

Date: 02/28/10

of Attendees: 31

of Groups: 4

Keep:

- 2 – School system- level of education
- Maintain school budget
- 2 – Libraries- no more closings
- 2 – Open spaces- public parks
- Support food services at schools
- Preserve our police
- Preserve our fire department
- Current method of trash collection
- Farmers market
- Senior services- bus rides

Reduce costs/Increase Revenue:

- By analyzing the education bureaucracy and eliminating duplication starting with 100 Walnut Street
- By analyzing "PERQ's" e.g. cars for city employees
- By analyzing the salary structure for faculty
- By asking city employees to consider paying a higher share of health care premium
- By offering more options for health care
- By outsourcing services e.g. DPW
- By asking nonprofits to pay a higher contribution to general funds.
- By seeing a zero based budget/ budget transparency
- By investing in Green Tech
- By investing in capital infrastructure
- By cutting clothing allowance in half for workers
- By restructuring unproductive employees throughout our schools
- By reducing sick time for employees throughout our schools
- By changing elementary food structure (distribute to schools from the high schools so the food quality will be improved)
- By reducing school administration

- By reducing size of work force: public workers, etc.
- By cutting / reducing salaries for alderman
- By stopping insurance after retirement
- By renegotiating all employee contracts
- By selling/ leasing surplus buildings (old Nonantum library)
- By increasing regional purchasing
- By receiving revenue from towns where we teach their children- special needs, METCO, etc.
- By increasing the cost of health care and increasing pension contribution for all new hires
- By having parking fees for commuter rail/ lots
- By encouraging/ seeking new business development (permitting)