



City of Saint Paul 2010 Budget Review Process

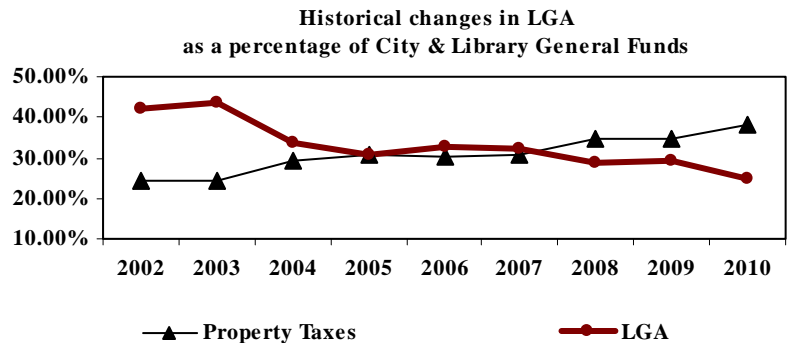


The Saint Paul City Council is reviewing Mayor Chris Coleman's proposed 2010 operating budget, including the budgets for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), capital improvement plan (CIB), and the Saint Paul Public Library.

This is your opportunity to be informed and to participate in the review process.

The Challenge

Nationwide, we are in one of the toughest economic environments in a generation, and Saint Paul is feeling the effects. Each year since 2003, cuts in Local Government Aid (LGA) from the State of Minnesota have forced the City to shift more of the cost of providing services to its taxpayers.



Difficult Choices

- Mayor Coleman has proposed the smallest levy increase in four years, but this will compensate for only half of the unallotted LGA.
- The City has been awarded Federal Stimulus dollars to help pay for the cost of police and fire services which take the pressure off other parts of the budget.
- Still, Mayor Coleman and the City Council must make tough decisions to keep delivering quality services.

Where Does Your Property Tax Dollar Go?

Your property tax dollars help to fund many things. In 2009, the City received about 26¢ of each property tax dollar with the remainder going to Ramsey County, the Saint Paul School District, and special taxing districts.

Get Involved

A public hearing has been added mid-way through the budget review on October 28 to receive your comments and concerns before final decisions are made.

Aug 11	Sep 9	Oct 7	Oct 28 – NEW	Nov 4	Dec 2	Dec 16
Mayor Coleman proposed 2010 budget	Maximum tax levy set by Council	Public Hearing on adopting the 2009 Right-of-Way (ROW) fees	Public Hearing on City budget	Public Hearing on proposed 2010 ROW program & fees	Public Hearing on City Budget	Final budget adoption
		5:30 pm Council Chambers	5:30 pm Council Chambers	5:30 pm Council Chambers	6:00 pm Council Chambers	3:30 pm Council Chambers

Stay Informed

Links to budget documents, the Mayor's budget address, and meeting videos: www.stpaul.gov/taxes
Public hearings are carried live on Saint Paul Channel 18.