

CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010

2010 ADMISSION FEE/TAX

WE RECEIVED CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,216.30 FROM THE READING PHILLIES FOR MARCH'S ADMISSION FEES/TAXES. THE SOVEREIGN CENTER & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER EVENT FEES TOTALLED \$45,730.63 FOR MARCH SALES. EVENTS INCLUDED IN THESE RECEIPTS ARE FROM PERFORMANCES BY CELTIC WOMEN, CARRIE UNDERWOOD, READING EXPRESS ARENA FOOTBALL, "THE WEDDING SINGER", GEORGE THOROGOOD, GABRIEL IGLESIAS AND THE READING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, JUST TO NAME A FEW. ALSO THIS MONTH, WE RECEIVED \$4,983.88 FROM THE READING ROYALS HOCKEY CLUB FOR MARCH'S SALES.

THE 2010 BUDGETED REVENUE IS \$450,000. THE YEAR TO DATE REVENUE THROUGH MARCH IS \$152,135.35.

THE FOLLOWING CHARTS LIST ANNUALLY (2006-2010) THE ADMISSION FEES BY SPORT/VENUE:

ADMISSION FEE/TAX	2006	2007	2008	2009	MARCH 2010
READING PHILS -1 ST ENERGY STADIUM	\$103,055.23	\$97,078.39	\$85,828.62	\$94,788.30	\$16,225.72
READING ROYALS - SOVEREIGN CENTER	\$141,145.36	\$91,274.98	\$100,129.25	\$55,054.89	\$15,650.39
OTHER- SOVEREIGN CENTER	\$190,392.71	\$213,868.85	\$236,337.38	\$232,589.23	\$101,782.49
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER	\$147,755.40	\$133,717.69	\$132,528.70	\$99,602.64	\$18,476.75
TOTAL REVENUE	\$582,348.70	\$535,939.91	\$554,823.95	\$482,035.06	\$152,135.35
BUDGETED REVENUE	\$625,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$550,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$450,000.00
OVER/UNDER BUDGET	-\$42,651.30	-\$64,060.09	\$4,823.95	-\$117,964.94	

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX – 1/1/2006 TO 03/31/2010

THIS IS AN UPDATE ON THE REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX RECEIPTS SINCE I LAST REPORTED IN MY MARCH 22, 2010 REPORT. THIS TAX WAS 1% ('02), 1.5% ('03), 2% ('04-'05), AND 3.5% FOR ('06-'10).

THE FOLLOWING CHART ILLUSTRATES ACTUAL DATA FROM 01/2006 - 03/2010. IN MARCH 2010 THERE WERE 212 REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TRANSACTIONS, OF WHICH 145 WERE TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS. THE CITY'S PROCEEDS IN MARCH TOTALLED \$229,645.70. THE 2010 BUDGET PROJECTS REVENUE FROM THIS SOURCE AS \$2,500,000.

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
January	159,017.30	148,961.51	652,118.37	571,588.55	565,766.25
February	106,687.67	142,169.66	228,471.03	490,135.40	495,734.21
March	229,645.70	185,351.64	249,460.68	436,044.99	655,032.94
April	????????	258,946.66	546,640.28	535,330.62	650,388.98
May	????????	242,328.73	392,206.10	855,745.40	684,972.83
June	????????	204,198.52	352,496.09	641,669.28	530,414.38
July	????????	182,852.57	267,767.04	663,865.08	578,620.09
August	????????	189,488.42	371,358.83	808,641.08	726,966.54
September	????????	301,455.52	279,643.32	399,709.39	717,483.85
October	????????	273,838.88	236,179.13	484,759.56	690,448.00
November	????????	214,016.65	268,455.35	539,733.18	542,137.78
December	????????	232,908.94	158,499.81	288,401.49	610,938.94
JAN-MAR	495,350.67	476,482.81	1,130,050.08	1,497,768.94	1,716,533.40
Entire Year	????????	2,576,517.70	4,003,296.03	6,715,624.02	7,448,904.79
Budget	2,500,000.00	5,000,000.00	7,215,868.00	7,215,868.00	4,760,000.00
Over Budget	????????	<2,423,482.30 >	<3,212,571.97 >	<500,243.98>	2,688,904.79

THE FOLLOWING CHARTS LISTS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MONTHLY REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TRANSACTION MINUS NON-TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS TO ARRIVE AT TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN JANUARY 2010 THERE WERE 145 TRANSACTIONS MINUS 54 NON-TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS, WHICH LEAVES 91 TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS.

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
J	145-54=91	123-55=68	213-67=146	318-59=259	397-48=349
F	103-37=66	137-44=93	190-51=139	242-50=192	457-79=378
M	212-67=145	167-47=120	174-47=127	285-56=229	445-78=367
A		163-54=109	282-62=220	340-68=272	367-66=301
M		169-40=129	225-46=179	282-50=232	421-81=340
J		171-60=111	213-56=157	307-52=255	371-66=305
J		161-62=99	201-48=153	273-70=203	318-57=261
A		141-48=93	195-53=142	277-62=215	319-79=240
S		137-39=98	183-50=133	247-45=202	259-59=200
O		219-67=152	184-64=120	268-46=222	336-58=278
N		175-65=110	156-55=101	211-45=166	326-65=261
D		163-44=119	134-39=95	213-51=162	276-55=221
T		1926- 625=1301	2350- 638=1712	3263- 654=2609	4292- 791=3501

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM 4/19/10 FINANCE MEETING

AT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 4/19/10, VARIOUS QUESTIONS WERE ASKED BY COUNCIL REGARDING CERTAIN EXPENDITURES DURING A QUICK REVIEW OF THE 3/31/10 FINANCIAL REPORTS. THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF RESPONSE TO SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS.

POLICE-SALARY CIVILIAN HAD A SURPLUS IN 2008 & 2009 THAT MORE THAN COVERED THEIR OVERAGE IN POLICE-OT-CIVILIAN. LIKewise, FIRE-SALARY HAD A SURPLUS IN 2008 & 2009 TO COVER THEIR SHORTFALL IN OVERTIME FOR BOTH YEARS.

HOWEVER IN EMS, THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH, IF ANY, SURPLUS IN EMS-SALARIES TO COVER THEIR VARIANCES IN EMS-OVERTIME IN 2008 & 2009. ALSO OF NOTE: OVERTIME IN FIRE AND EMS IS ON PACE TO EXCEED THEIR BUDGETED AMOUNTS FOR 2010. PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THAT DURING LAST YEARS' BUDGET DELIBERATIONS THERE WERE ATTEMPTS TO GREATLY REDUCE MANPOWER IN BOTH FIRE AND EMS, NEITHER OF WHICH OCCURRED. THIS RESULTED IN REDUCTIONS TO NOT ONLY OTHER DEPARTMENTS BUDGETS, BUT ALSO OVERTIME ALLOCATIONS FOR FIRE AND EMS WERE REDUCED TO PERHAPS UNREALISTICALLY LOWER AMOUNTS THAN EXPECTED DUE TO CURRENT CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS FOR 2010.

Police - salary civilian	Budget	Actual	Variance
2008	993,039	917,484	75,555
2009	1,005,956	905,036	100,920
2010 (thru 4/15/10)	968,877	269,955	698,922
Police -OT -civilian	Budget	Actual	Variance
2008	185,360	242,038	<56,678>
2009	185,360	233,016	<47,656>
2010 (thru 4/15/10)	150,000	64,999	85,001

Fire - salary	Budget	Actual	Variance
2008	6,121,625	5,831,165	290,460
2009	6,141,501	5,926,549	214,952
2010 (thru 4/15/10)	6,291,622	1,779,293	4,512,329
Fire- OT	Budget	Actual	Variance
2008	500,000	662,006	<162,006>
2009	700,000	755,189	<55,189>
2010 (thru 4/15/10)	389,000	250,254	138,746

EMS - salary	Budget	Actual	Variance
2008	1,403,640	1,403,547	93
2009	1,451,818	1,462,855	<11,037>
2010 (thru 4/15/10)	1,501,154	452,577	1,048,577
EMS- OT	Budget	Actual	Variance
2008	600,000	769,635	<169,635>
2009	700,000	807,145	<107,145>
2010 (thru 4/15/10)	389,000	211,850	177,150