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The four stages of Vanguardians "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win." Mahatma Gandhi describing the stages of establishment resistance to a winning strategy of nonviolent advocacy



**IF YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR CITY – READ THIS**  
This special edition of Vanguard is the result of suggestions received from concerned stakeholders who we have met in coffee shops and homes. The City provided the facts...we are just disseminating them.

The budget is [item 8B](#) is on the Council agenda for Tuesday evening. There are some issues or distractions, of which you should be aware.

For instance many of the General Fund (GF) expenditures have been transferred to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) including payroll and benefits which had been only in the GF.

The Council and Management will be touting a reduction in the General Fund between the current fiscal year of 2008/09 and the coming fiscal year of 2009/2010 in the amount of \$3,157,220 taken from \$167,985,691 (P 7/10). A further review of the staff report shows (P 2/10) that the Original adopted 2008/2009 General Fund budget was \$170,685,691 making a reduction of \$5,857,220. The Budget is compared with the 2008-09 **ESTIMATED** Budget...not the actual

Total City Budget Appropriations Fiscal Year 2009-10 p2/10

Fund	Original Adopted 2008-09	Proposed 2009-10	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
General Fund	\$ 170,685,691	\$ 164,828,471	\$ (5,857,220)	(3.4%)
Special Revenue	103,660,076	91,776,607	(11,883,469)	(11.5%)
Debt Service	13,799,090	16,525,176	2,726,086	19.8%
Capital Improvement	23,286,062	31,338,952	8,052,890	34.6%
Enterprise	418,394,625	446,951,677	28,557,052	6.8%
Internal Service	45,977,532	56,703,879	10,726,347	23.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 775,803,076</b>	<b>\$ 808,124,762</b>	<b>\$ 32,321,686</b>	<b>4.2%</b>

**We need to consider that the Total Budget Appropriations increased \$32,321,686 (P 2/10) not just the General Fund.**

Of course fees have been increased and services decreased. You will see those on the link provided above.

The GPD will be vacating one sworn management position at a savings of \$349,000. If that is Chief Adams, how will the new chief be compensated?

Then the hoopla about the firemen giving up their COLA at \$600,000 a year for two years is being taken all at one time for \$1.2M.

The GFD has given up no programs yet the GPD that has been running mean and lean is required to give up programs. You will find all this information on Exhibit C on the above cited.

You need to review the codification and increases of some fees (See exhibit A and p. 14). The library for instance increased fees for non-profits and decreased fees for commercial enterprises.

As you review the documents you will note there has been no attempt at cutting wages or benefits including pension payments.

Please take your time and read the carefully selected words in the City Finance Budget Report. This is about your City. Take responsibility for its financial health and show up to speak, ask questions and be involved in Glendale.