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Q15 Write in any other ideas you have for making cuts in services or bringing in more city revenue. Remember that revenue has to recur every year in order to cover salaries and operating costs. One-time money can be used for reinvestment or one-time costs. In other words, one-time revenue (selling land, canceling a new building project) can help the city budget in other ways, but that money can't cover annual expenses.

Answered: 199 Skipped: 811

#	Responses	Date
1	Increase in pay for years of service for Hampton dept of social service	3/20/2017 10:20 PM
2	Restrict bulk pickup to single family homes and don't pick up rental property eviction belongings	3/20/2017 8:53 PM
3	Please remove the storm water taxed that is levied on Home Owners Association. Put it in Property taxes	3/20/2017 4:15 PM
4	SAVE BUCKROE BEACH... Do Not Sell IT Away ..	3/20/2017 3:32 PM
5	CUC and CEAR need additional funding to be successful. At least \$10,000!	3/20/2017 2:47 PM
6	Start doing something in the Kecoughtan corridor, some of the properties were acquired & demo'ed 20 years ago, think of the real estate and business tax revenue that's been lost, and one of the questions is to acquire more? Really!	3/20/2017 2:44 PM
7	I feel like we spend too much time dealing with low income housing and section 8. If we can invest in market rate housing and not the low income, I think you might see a rise in those funds. Additionally, you need to be attractiveness citizens that can afford market rate housing. Currently the consensus seems to be that people leave Hampton for outlying areas.	3/20/2017 2:22 PM
8	Increase the property values as a result city will gain revenues. Provide more grants for curb appeal to lure young working families to house in nice and safe neighborhood.	3/20/2017 1:27 PM
9	The high school career academies are a terrible idea. Please do not waste time, effort, and taxpayer money on this initiative. The more I read about it, the more certain I am that it is destined to be a complete failure.	3/20/2017 12:53 PM
10	Charging more or minimizing subsidization of commercial trash collection to business and churches. I see rows of residential refuse toters at all types of commercial operations (churches, vehicles stations, day cares, etc.). The businesses should pay private refuse contractors (like most others cities) or pay a premium of city refuse pickup. Also landlords, collect rent on properties and then when renters leave throw all the furniture and trash on curb for city pickup, in effect subsidizing the rental of homes on properties. A special bulk pickup fee should be placed on rental properties.	3/20/2017 11:49 AM
11	I believe the city should invest in the 50 Meter pool project because it has the potential to bring in millions of dollars to the area. It will cost a lot of money in the beginning, but it will bring in money if properly filled by a good aquatics director.	3/20/2017 10:40 AM
12	Offer incentives to tech companies to bring in city-wide wifi areas and connection points Start a world class farmer's market Downtown or Phoebus Invest in guerilla marketing to boost tourism Introduce tax incentives for businesses Speed cameras on Mercury Blvd More Hotels and tourism Make it easier for companies to do business here	3/20/2017 8:49 AM
13	Bulk pick up every other week. Maybe on the same schedule as recycling.	3/20/2017 12:27 AM
14	The New Aquatic Center	3/20/2017 12:19 AM
15	Hampton is a beautiful place. We should invest in more tourist spots.	3/19/2017 11:08 PM
16	Biggest thing is to attract business! Make it lucrative for businesses to come here.	3/19/2017 9:44 PM

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17	Quit picking up trash for commercial businesses. They should be paying for commercial dumpster service like other localities. Residents are subsidizing these commercial pick ups that will often overflow their tigers or have multiple towers set out. Furthermore rental properties also throw bulk out all the time from evictions that is not only unsightly but that should require a special pick up.	3/19/2017 6:31 PM
18	Low income seniors should not have to pay property tax. Adding more police is not going to make Hampton safe. That starts with the parents at home!	3/19/2017 10:09 AM
19	Sold the buckroe property for dirt cheap. Have no faith in Hampton selling land.	3/19/2017 7:59 AM
20	Your services section was all either raise taxes/fees or suspend service. A choice should be given to do stay as is. Move the money from your Tourist Sports Arena to services, take the money used to subsidize the Conference Center, Coliseum and VA Air & Space museum to fund the services. The Coliseum, Conference Center and Museum are businesses and should be run as such - without city subsidies. I didn't see in your budget the subsidy to the PAC or HRT. Reduce those. Quit buying land to build high cost housing. People in Hampton can't afford them. Where are the businesses that pay \$70K/yr so those houses can be afforded. You should be pushing for high paying industry to come to Hampton.	3/18/2017 11:29 AM
21	Cut out real estate purchases, sell what is already purchased and stop beautification. The money is there, just not used wisely.	3/17/2017 10:57 AM
22	Bring in retail stores and not storage units and old folks homes.	3/17/2017 10:23 AM
23	Evaluate city employees and the effectiveness of departments. There are a lot of employees in the Economic Development office and the Convention and Visitors Bureau with high salaries and nothing is being developed that doesn't cost underpaid residents more money. No jobs are being created yet you add to the city staff and they receive many perks. This is skewed. Hampton University supports the city more than its own employees. The convention and visitors bureau served a purpose 10 years ago but does not bring in many new events to the area. The same old events are what is coming to town.	3/17/2017 9:49 AM
24	Make more use of the water around you. Be more effective in recruiting water related services and attractions. Sailing schools, waterway nature tours, shoreline fishing competitions inside Hampton River, kayak, paddleboard races. Paddleboard, kayak rentals, boat rentals, more watersedge dining, invest in Fort Monroe and Mill Creek boating, sailing, paddleboarding rentals...ensure beaches are clean and inviting...just some ideas...	3/17/2017 9:11 AM
25	Make it easier for commercial investment to come to Hampton.	3/17/2017 8:28 AM
26	why are 25% of the homes not taxed? Churches and universities, of which HU has alot of property and is not taxed, this is a major problem for not getting tax money and making others pay.	3/17/2017 7:58 AM
27	Sell a downtown building to a large business of over 300 employees. Therefore increasing visitorship and revenue spent downtown.	3/17/2017 6:29 AM
28	Lean down the number of salaries needed to be paid. That's what the federal government is doing. Cut the fat and reap the benefits.	3/17/2017 6:28 AM
29	While a cut in some services may seem necessary, I feel a overall audit of existing services and expenses, may help to find waste caused by overlap or inefficient processes. To help bring in extra revenue, and understanding that a lot of city money has been spent over the years redeveloping the central business district (peninsula town center, convention center), which is geared towards tourism, I think helping to bring annual events and concerts into the area will help get our return on investment. This means attracting more outside conventions and meetings, but also encouraging local evenets.	3/16/2017 10:23 PM
30	Raise the tax on vehicles by 1% across the board. Next reduce the efforts of prosecuting non-violent and minor drug offenses. Institute a 1% increase in all gun sales in city, and raise the price of the concealed weapons permits by .5%. Raise the tax on all gasoline sales by .09% city wide. All of this will generate new and more revenue, and afford the city the ability to make Hampton more attractive to new business opportunities, while upgrading the police department and reinvesting in the neighborhoods and areas that need the most help becoming productive and safer for all.	3/16/2017 6:51 PM
31	Build and sale multi unit / multi story condominiums on the waterfront. Especially at Ft Monroe and Phoebus and Buckroe. Like the multi story condos is VaBch. Establish a baseball/softball/soccer complex like the Stony Run complex in NN. A great spot would be off the interstate by King St. Move the bus station to a different location. Weekend and weeklong tournaments generate a lot of income for hotels and restaurants. Advertise events local events better. Maybe a flashing billboard along the interstate	3/16/2017 6:19 PM
32	Charge for bulk pickups. Private companies are using city pick ups to their benefit. Cut water park from Aquatic Center (AC)- we have an ocean!! Water Park will not support mission of AC and will undercut community pools and YMCA.	3/16/2017 5:26 PM
33	Tourism dollars are not only from the I-64 corridor, transient vessels owners have few needs if we can encourage them to visit and then possibly relocate to Hampton.	3/16/2017 4:41 PM

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34	Less focus on downtown development. More focus on bringing in businesses and building homes that will generate tax revenue. Stop building new low-income housing.	3/16/2017 2:59 PM
35	Hampton needs to upgrade the high schools. The schools are in terrible shape. The money being used to build a new courthouse and other projects should be used to build new high schools.	3/16/2017 2:48 PM
36	Cut down on city upper staff. I feel its a small city and doesn't need multiple city managers or other assistance to department heads.	3/16/2017 11:32 AM
37	Stop wasting money on useless projects like the extension of Franklin Street and Coliseum Drive to Butler Farm Road	3/15/2017 11:43 AM
38	I think that city employees already don't value their jobs by their lack of quality service, superior attitudes and laziness. I would like to see change beginning from the top and going down. People should be led by example.	3/15/2017 10:45 AM
39	Do NOT make cuts to Fire & EMS or Police Services. These public safety services are already in need of additional manpower to support the needs of the city and maintain effective and safe working hours for these public servants.	3/15/2017 8:53 AM
40	Reduce the amount of government subsidized housing. This allows for higher property values. Tax rates can then be reduced and still take in more money. Also, there is absolutely no reason why a church should not be paying taxes. Churches create sources of revenue. There is no reason why they should be exempt.	3/15/2017 8:33 AM
41	Lot of dead space that sitting empty behind coliseum near 64 where the new town houses are, corner of pembroke and armistead where section 8 high rise was tore down, abondoned concrete factory off 64 on rip rap rd who owns it can it be developed. Ft. Monroe is partially owned by the city??? Why not develope it or sell it I could be dead wrong just my obsevation. The low income section 8 has to be reduced in this city it is goin to slowly choke it to death	3/15/2017 1:22 AM
42	Do a study on the efficiency or lack there of our public works department. From the outside it appears the operations aspect of the public works is poorly managed, over staffed and inefficient. Example snow removal operations and road repair. Very poor performance.	3/14/2017 10:20 PM
43	I think it's important to continue to not charge residents for ambulance services. I would hate for someone to not call for an ambulance because they are afraid about being able to pay for it. However, if there are people who abuse the service and that is a significant portion (5%+ of calls) then I think it could be benifitial to peruse fees for "frequent fliers" even if they are residents.	3/14/2017 9:29 PM
44	Don't bill 4.00 for having a dog...money losing all the way around. Sending the bill, collecting and posting the check then mailing a receipt with a tag...no way you break even. Little things like that can go a long way. Use small local owned businesses for purchases and services to keep the money spent local.	3/14/2017 9:13 PM
45	Would love to see the new Acquatic Center!	3/14/2017 8:48 PM
46	Remove the Colonial Landing apartments on Kecoughtan Rd and replace them with upper scale apartments or townhouses and you will create a little more revenue and eliminate a great deal of crime in the city.	3/14/2017 7:09 PM
47	Low income seniors should be exempt from paying real estate taxes. Why cant real estate taxes be lower for lower property values and increase on higher property values. Have different ranges, up to 250,000. 250,000-500,000, and si on.	3/14/2017 6:30 PM
48	Invest in the City's schools. Housing values will go up if schools are better. If housing values go up, so will revenues. People are moving away because of the schools. And people don't move to any city for an aquatics center or farm team baseball. But they come for schools. Also, property values are decreased when commercial property is built close by. Nobody wants to live next to a shopping center. Stop rezoning for commercial in residential areas, and focus on encouraging redevelopment of existing run down commercial property.	3/14/2017 1:42 PM
49	Market the city for more businesses! We would love to see higher quality restaurants in the area. What about locations for opportunities for business that are geared towards kids, teens and families? Mini golf, go karts, batting cages, etc...We have nothing like this for our youth or families!!! We always have to take our business to another city to enjoy these types of amenities.	3/14/2017 12:37 PM

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50	1. regarding the immediately preceding question - "If services have to be reduced, which is your preference?" A combination of both: Consolidating services into fewer high-quality locations, closing some lesser-used facilities, and keeping geographically dispersed facilities open with reduced hours and programming at each location. 2. Hampton needs to more aggressively pursue attracting commercial and industrial businesses back to and back to Hampton. Examine what incentives/tax rates/etc. Newport News, York County, etc. are offering, and meet or beat those challenges. "NewmarketNorth" sits mostly vacant as well as other existing stores and buildings: Fill them with businesses that employ people and create new attractions that bring people into Hampton and spend their money here. 3. Work with realtors to identify what would make Hampton the most desirable home market. AND get them to plow some re\$ources back into neighborhoods they want to market that will make them more attractive and more valuable to buyers. 4. Get the city out of the purchasing of commercial or industrial properties that are vacant. Make the owners bring them into compliance, demolish and level unused buildings, or use eminent domain to acquire recalcitrants' properties. Owners have responsibilities to their immediate neighbors as well as overall city to present it (buildings, facilities and property) in clean, healthy, well-maintained condition; if not then "get out of owning property in Hampton!"	3/14/2017 10:53 AM
51	Lure in Music festivals or other cult following events to Hampton Convention center.	3/14/2017 10:18 AM
52	Prioritize spending on City services and essentials, not real estate acquisition for development, or direct development.	3/13/2017 11:01 PM
53	I think it is wrong to put money into capital fund projects like a Sailing Center and expanding Little Back River road instead of funding services. Your choices for answers to these questions limited and give no other options. Hampton should invest in hiring a grant writing /federal/state resources staff and aggressively go after state and federal funds. They are out there, other Hampton Roads communities are tapping into this source of funding.	3/13/2017 9:18 PM
54	My suggestion of idea would be to projectedly establish the area around the Boo Williams Sportsplex. An in site lodging for the out of visiting participants would greatly increase revenue for the Sportsplex and the city if Hampton. Another would be traffic to and from the Boo Williams Sportsplex	3/13/2017 7:55 PM
55	Pushing non-profit entities like War Memorial and Air and Space to push their private support efforts and work with the city for other beneficial support, bonds, etc. As they are nonprofits, they are already tax exempt. Seeking for them to raise private dollars at least as a matching challenge before City dollars are committed would prove these are sustainable in the community as private funds would be committed first.	3/13/2017 7:52 PM
56	Have HU pay taxes	3/13/2017 7:00 PM
57	Don't raise the costs of services. Cut th pay of the city manager & other city officers. I don't get good service now, why should trash go up. It also shouldn't be connected to water usage.	3/13/2017 6:40 PM
58	Expand small business incentives for restaurants and places that offer outdoor space for people to enjoy.	3/13/2017 5:00 PM
59	Need to make what we have better to keep people here, attract new residents and visitors with what we have that other places don't-- unique waterfront and history. Downtown should be great and something to be proud of and show off. Don't need sports/pool complexes--we aren't the Olympics, and don't need to be stuck with the up keep.	3/13/2017 3:57 PM
60	Reduce tax breaks and economic incentives, in the name of Economic Development. Compensation could be made to the enterprise after they have "proven their worth" to the city.	3/13/2017 3:35 PM
61	Invest the property development funds in places where it will have an impact on TAXABLE property values. If our property values weren't plummeting, we would be paying more in taxes to support city services, but because our most expensive homes are on streets that are not well-maintained, they are not moving and the property values are declining.	3/13/2017 3:32 PM
62	We need regional consolidation in the 7 cities or we will never reach the efficiency and level of service we need. One police force, one government, one IT, one PW, etc..	3/13/2017 2:27 PM
63	Put a road from Fort Monroe (Dog Beach area) to Buckroe area of Hampton and encourage private development of this beautiful, under used resource.	3/13/2017 2:18 PM
64	Relook at the number of tax exempt properties in the city. It appears the number of strip mall churches is going and reducing the amount of commercial property in the city. Is this necessary?	3/13/2017 1:34 PM
65	Stop building apartments and build/fund growth that will bring in tax money	3/12/2017 11:08 PM
66	Remember when Buckroe Beach had the restaruant on the water (think it was called Pier 1)? adding that and a nice hotel down at the beach would draw some tourist.	3/12/2017 8:49 PM
67	What about all the state land that the city does not collect taxes. If the state would pay real estate taxes just may be there would be more money. There is over 15000 acres of land that the state does not pay taxes on. 8.7 Million the city does not get from Richmond but the city does not tell the people so if don't know they can be stupid!!!!!!	3/12/2017 6:52 PM
68	Focus on essential infrastructure services and NOT economic development. Establishment of an aquatics center, regardless of how it is funded, is an example of how the city should not be run.	3/12/2017 6:24 PM

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69	Have more festivals, powows, 'cookoffs' art shows and movie nights at buckroe beach. Make your money from the vendors the side benefit of this is creating a stronger Community environment	3/12/2017 5:15 PM
70	Previous ideas are sufficient for now.	3/12/2017 4:19 PM
71	Charge for reimbursement of city services for false claims (i.e. debris blocking roadways that are so small it does not interfere with traffic flow) due to the cost of city manpower and equipment to address these claims. There should also be a charge for request for services by individuals who want city departments to perform services that are the responsibility of the private citizen. In other words, make everyone accountable to do their civic duty to create a true partnership between the neighborhoods and the city government.	3/11/2017 9:55 PM
72	I think juveniles should be used in roadside trash pick up service as community service for misdemeanor convictions, on Saturday mornings at 6am	3/11/2017 9:45 PM
73	Cut City Hall staff by 35%.	3/11/2017 8:42 PM
74	There are many high-ranking people at the city level and in Hampton City Schools. Maybe too many. Instead of cutting salaries and positions of the "worker bees", cut back on the number of people with doctorates at upper level HCS and/or cut their salaries.	3/11/2017 7:05 PM
75	Perhaps off topic, but I would like to see HPD allow officers with tattoos to serve the city. It makes little to no sense to immediately remove from an already small pool of potential officers based solely on a tattoo.	3/11/2017 5:01 PM
76	Maintain and if possible, increase funding to the local community services board	3/11/2017 4:28 PM
77	The City needs to cut spending on properties and the upkeep of such properties. The City needs to invest in our communities, our schools and public safety departments instead of landscape and lights. The City needs to re-evaluate priorities.	3/11/2017 1:38 PM
78	Contracting refuse services	3/11/2017 12:17 PM
79	Use incentives for industrial type businesses or headquarters to come to Hampton.	3/11/2017 7:42 AM
80	Hampton needs to be more competitive at bringing in more retail and commercial revenue. We have fallen way behind Newport News in that endeavor. How are we, as a city, evaluating all of our city employees on job performance? There are a lot of questions in this poll about raising property taxes and putting the burden on residents to pay more and more of the city's bills, but perhaps those we have hired to do a job should do their job and not simply draw a salary. Where are the incentives to increase city performance, either in specific departments or overall? And what about our schools? They are falling apart, yet I see no mention here of improving schools. Most families that are deciding where to live look at the quality of the schools. If we make improvements to our schools and their reputation, that will draw in more people with families and money to spend. Hampton needs to take a really hard look at the big picture of how to make the city grow and compete with the other Hampton Roads cities, and in my opinion, that starts with the schools.	3/11/2017 7:32 AM
81	Reduce the city managers pay	3/10/2017 7:44 PM
82	STOP allowing developers to buy property and then build what ends up being subsidized housing because all that it does is bring down the value of the current single family homes, so less revenue to the city. With the absent owner of the Willow Oaks Shopping Center, failing to make repairs and raising the rents to drive long time businesses out, the city should consider looking for an investor/owner that would re-energize the shopping center by making the needed repairs, bringing in businesses that the area wants and will enhance the area and remodel the old WEST building into a community center to further enhance the community. I believe that if the shopping center was maintained, as it should have been, the businesses that are now leaving would stay and other could be recruited. I have lived in the neighborhood for 15 years and do not want it to turn into a slum. We already have to many homes here in Little Back River and Willow Oaks that have become rental properties with less than desirable renters and we DO NOT want to see our property values decrease further!!	3/10/2017 7:37 PM
83	Pay your part employees like school guards more money	3/10/2017 7:24 PM
84	I believe improving social services departments will help in Hampton. If they have the supplies, man power, and resources to do their job effective then people will prosper. They will work faster and more effective.	3/10/2017 12:46 PM
85	the city should monitor city parks, such as the tennis court as Sprately, a lot of times the lights are on and no one is playing. We should not be trying to duplicate services that are already available either in the city or in Newport News.	3/10/2017 12:16 PM
86	i wonder why property values are going down, people are moving away	3/10/2017 12:04 PM
87	Offer more recreation programs and activities for money.	3/10/2017 11:44 AM
88	Consider marketing Hampton as a warehousing location for these large companies that use the ports in Norfolk for shipping. Consider making Hampton an innovation hub-bub creating more green infrastructure, solar energy, research on sea-level rise and coastal flooding, etc.	3/10/2017 10:33 AM

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89	-Charge a dollar or two for the yoga classes that currently are free (I think). Anywhere else in town, including LAFB, I pay a dollar a yoga session. Use user fees to pay for the cost of the instructors or in like cases the facilitator/leader to avoid the cost from nickel and diming the city budget.	3/10/2017 8:56 AM
90	As much as I love Air Power Park, how much does it cost to maintain? Should we close it and donate exhibits to Smithsonian or our own Air and Space Museum? Not a huge idea, just asking.	3/10/2017 8:56 AM
91	Build hotels and mutlipurpose outdoor sports facilities on fort monroe outside the moat to draw tourism	3/10/2017 7:19 AM
92	Start investing in Phoebus, particularly on Mallory and Mellon Streets. There is so much traffic coming through these streets Monday through Friday because everyone is trying to get around the HRBT area traffic going East. There's a huge lot by McDonalds, need to get to building a area for a drive through Starbucks, Subway, Panera Bread etc. Get the current popular stores out here to make us current!!!!	3/9/2017 11:12 PM
93	City avoid investing in business failures such as downtown hotels; building waterfront garages, and selling waterfront and prime properties to non-taxpaying organizations. Think about improving the lives of the citizens and implement projects benefiting the current taxpayers and attracting new taxpayers. What does the city of Hampton want to be? Not sure what Hampton's strategy is. Some development actions allowed in city do not appear to support a planned strategy for growth and increased revenue.	3/9/2017 10:51 PM
94	More quality festivals - with vendors and craftsmen. We are on the mouth of Chesapeake Bay and should be able to celebrate and bring in money like Poquoson seafood festival does.	3/9/2017 10:25 PM
95	The proposed sports/aquatics center will bring in significant additional revenue, including lodging and restaurant sales taxes. This will be a long-term, sustainable, new source of annual revenue for the City, and will also dramatically improve accessibility to swimming and other fitness programs (especially Learn-to-Swim programs) for our kids.	3/9/2017 8:56 PM
96	So annual expenses such as buying new staff vehicles every year?Maybe we can drive city vehicles longer. I see city vehicles driving in other city in the area after work hours who is paying that bill. It might be a small cost but small costs add up !!!!!	3/9/2017 7:55 PM
97	Please build a new and better skatepark	3/9/2017 7:37 PM
98	I'm probably beating a dead horse, but I love this city and I'd love to see it step up. I think Hampton has a lot of potential but is overshadowed by nearby cities. We have lots of beautiful land and waterfront property that could be utilized to bring in tourism and related revenues. I don't know the first thing about running a city. Just my two cents.	3/9/2017 6:19 PM
99	Reduce residential garbage pick up to every two weeks instead of every week - this should greatly reduce costs of this service.	3/9/2017 5:52 PM
100	Revitalize or rezone the Willow Oaks Shopping Center. Consider alienating certain odd residential areas when raising property taxes with the intention of acquiring and reselling to large planned residential builders.	3/9/2017 3:41 PM
101	Stop wasting taxpayers money and the City's time on frivolous issues as distribution of a card to panhandlers. The panhandlers already know what and where the resources are. Stop allocating money for elevating waterfront homes when the this doesn't benefit all taxpayers. Those living on waterfront property should be able to afford their own flood vents and elevations of their homes. We need to have the demographics of our police and fire department to reflect the city's makeup. We need to invest in recruitment, hiring and promoting minorities, especially women of color, in these departments. We need to remove the glass ceiling the City Council are enabling to occur.	3/9/2017 2:13 PM
102	Great idea to ask for citizens opinion. Instead of cutting needed programs, let's brainstorm less costly and efficient ways to operate the programs. People will pay for good food and good family entertainment.	3/9/2017 11:52 AM
103	Allow for street performers downtown, will bring in crowds and revenue for performers and musicians. (very popular in Canada). Allow food trucks through out city especially near colleges and downtown and near courts. Start a ferry service between Hampton and ODU or downtown Norfolk.	3/9/2017 10:46 AM
104	cancelling some of these projects that the city is funding which should be privately funded.	3/9/2017 10:44 AM
105	If the city would focus on getting their public education system fully accredited then more residents would flock to Hampton, in turn generating more tax payer revenue. Frankly, city services and the people that citizens have to deal with are sub-par. Trash pickup is never on a schedule, short staffing is present in every city service. I could go on and on. We are seeking to move out of Hampton because we do not get answers to questions, inconsistency and the lack of quality public education. Quit focusing on building new and fix what's broke. Fix the infrastructure first then the rest will naturally fall into place.	3/9/2017 10:39 AM
106	Maybe ask residents to call/request online if they require bulk trash pickup? Rather than having the trucks drive everywhere.	3/9/2017 9:37 AM
107	Licensed daycare at community centers at competitive rates. Multiple shade structures at Buckroe with built-in grills for daily rental.	3/9/2017 8:29 AM

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108	Reductions of Healthy Families Partnership to produce cost savings. Consider a boat tax that is lower than other neighboring localities.	3/8/2017 10:40 PM
109	You would bring more revenue by maintaining our waterways better. What used to be a waterfront home worth over \$400k is now on mud flats that have caused property values to go down, which include taxes and revenues. Many people are moving out of Hampton due to this issue.	3/8/2017 10:12 PM
110	Have places for people to go to like Newport News and Norfolk waterfront.	3/8/2017 9:21 PM
111	Not having 4 guys stand around while one works would be a good start, at least enforce it.	3/8/2017 8:52 PM
112	No aquatic center.!!	3/8/2017 8:49 PM
113	Cut costs by turning off lights in alarmed City buildings after the offices have closed. Look at whether savings can be made by installing alarms on all City buildings, and then turning off electricity after every office has closed. Stop having drinking water delivered. Keep offices from trying to use budget surplus to redecorate, in an effort to utilize unspent funds (or at least have offices submit a request to use funds in that manner so necessity can be determined). Look into whether there would be any savings over time in switching manual lights in City buildings to motion-sensored lights. Make departments submit requests for getaways/departmental trips/conferences/etc. to determine necessity.	3/8/2017 4:59 PM
114	Reduce city employees. Cut social services by 50%	3/8/2017 4:36 PM
115	we dont need o more police officers what they need to do is stop ticketing the speeders and go thru the neighborhoods and stop the violence all they do is go after the speeders what about the youth violence	3/8/2017 4:08 PM
116	less cops giving tickets and more in real police work	3/8/2017 3:39 PM
117	I wish I had some ideas but I don't!	3/8/2017 3:36 PM
118	The downtown Hampton area is not appealing. I believe the plans in this survey are a beginning, but more should be done to energize the area. The more activities, retail opportunities, restaurants & business we have, the more people will be attracted to our small little Hampton. There is potential - perhaps the city planners should visit other places such as Oklahoma City or San Antonio to see how and what they did to revitalize their downtown area.	3/8/2017 3:33 PM
119	Reduce recycling collections. Charge higher fees at Library. Charge non-residents to use Hampton Libraries, like other surrounding cities.	3/8/2017 2:32 PM
120	Use the land behind the new Circuit court as a paying parking area.	3/8/2017 2:23 PM
121	Cut street sweeping that occurs monthly.	3/8/2017 2:11 PM
122	The city needs to improve the tax base by encouraging higher end homes. This can be done indirectly by improving our waterfront assets. Developing Fort Monroe in areas that are compatible with the open parks etc. Further the city should consider buying up entire blocks of older/smaller homes and redevelop similar to Norfolk did with their Ghent area. Finally make improvement to the school system, which is the number one reason people do no move to Hampton and therefor has help kept home prices from growing.	3/8/2017 1:56 PM
123	Reduce the number of employees that work on road repair. There are usually 10 or more and only 3 or 4 working. Attract more business and stop depending on private real estate for your budget.	3/8/2017 1:37 PM
124	Schedule garbage pickup biweekly as you do recycle. Do them on the same week.	3/8/2017 12:15 PM
125	Schedule popular bands or multiple day concerts to come to the Hampton Coliseum. That will bring in revenue. The upcoming events at the Mothership are lame. Meter "pay" parking is very unpopular, but it would bring in revenue with little operation cost. Downtown Hampton or certain areas around Buckroe Beach. Legalize marijuana. Other states have proven this is revenue generating. City can sell grow permits and heavy tax on stores which choose to sell. I do not know if a City can make that ordinance if the State does not allow it however. Police can focus on solving murders and violent crime, courts not weighed down with small possession cases. Partner with Hampton University, where as students can get credits for volunteering a certain amount of time for the City of Hampton.	3/8/2017 11:54 AM
126	Continue to improve the new City website. Park and facility reservations should be accessible online. As a resident of Hampton, I often reserve NN Park shelters for events. They have it all online. Hampton is missing out on reveune in this regard.	3/8/2017 11:26 AM
127	Real Estate taxes are already very high. Many people have left Hampton and moved to areas with lower taxes and lower crime. Low income seniors are hurt the most. People are being penalized for owning homes. Crime is high and I don't think a few extra officers is going to make a difference. The criminals have no respect for anyone or anything and unfortunately that is not going to change. Hampton was a great place to live 40 years ago, but sad to say it has changed for the worst.	3/8/2017 11:00 AM
128	Keep the reduction for senior citizens on property taxes. LOOK OUT for the citizens already in Hampton and quit taxing them to death.	3/8/2017 10:38 AM

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129	<p>Try to bulldoze and rebuild the newmarket area. Newport News has tons of vacant "new" business retail properties that are just sitting unused. Get stores anchored in first and then go to building phase. Newmarket can be a great shopping district once more, but has to be built where it is flexible to change with the ever changing businesses. Look over photos on the daily press of how stores have changed over the last 70 years and you'll see a pattern. Build so you can have the space flexible for the upcoming years and easy to upgrade if needed. Don't go for the fad that is in now. Coliseum is struggling with retail space not getting sold and City of Hampton has been wise not to overbuild like Newport News did. Wegman's wanted to come to Newport News. Why not try to get them to build there in Newmarket by the tower? That whole property looks so bad and run down. See if you can get Kohl's to move into the old Macy store. It'll be hard, but gotta find a way to get business here. Does Hampton even have a visitor's center showcasing the city's history, good and bad, and provides a map of the city with chain stores and chain restaurants along with local mom and pop shops? A city tourist museum would be nice to showcase history in the area on all races along with being a tourist help spot to get new traffic to local businesses and help out the small businesses. The museum tourist stop can also offer shuttle services to other museums and attractions such as blue bird gap farm and fort monroe. Hampton needs a laser tag place which is a fun event along with keeping Bay Days going. Maybe the museum tourist stop can offer brew tours where visitors can travel around to the bars and dives in the city on a tour bus or shuttle bus for a fee, and visit local pubs/bars for sampling different brews and wines. Then also offer a foodie's tour of the city. These are trending right now. All goes back to the tourist hub museum thing. Run with this idea and grow it. When people come to events at the HRCC and Coliseum, they can now have tour options of the area. Shoot, even add in ghost tours and seafood tours. It'll get people coming to the area and will get the schools involved for educational tours and more. It'd be a great piece for the entire city. The location should be near the HRCC, if land is available, but if not, not far from the interstate. Actually how about that old abandoned lot in from of the HRCC where the store BEST use to be? Make it a few floors tall. Think about yourself when you go visit somewhere. You may not want to travel too far from the interstate to find a place. Suggestion for parking, build a parking garage, and make it a green garage. Have solar panels on it so it can generate most of it's own power for night lighting along with greenery to help the environment and have rain catchers to gather rainwater to help maintain the plants.</p>	3/8/2017 10:36 AM
130	<p>It befuddles me that Fort Monroe seems to still be in limbo. Pick a plan and then do it!</p>	3/8/2017 9:47 AM
131	<p>Aqautics center is not a project that should be considered right now. It will not generate the revenue projected as can be determined by research at similar facilities taking into consideration our city and region.</p>	3/8/2017 9:26 AM
132	<p>Charge a higher tax rate for buildings left empty - such as the Kmart on Mercury Boulevard and other empty buildings throughout Hampton</p>	3/8/2017 9:25 AM
133	<p>It's very important to maintain and improve a high quality of life in Hampton for many reasons. Attracting new residents, keeping current residents, and preventing a slide of attitude about the city. We must pay for the community we want, and I want a nice community, with good services and amenities, and the "extras" that allow me to say "My town, Hampton, does THIS!" It's all about community pride.</p>	3/8/2017 9:21 AM
134	<p>First, this survey is biased -- the selections for the answers force input into answers the City officials want, not what the citizens want to say or do. It is ridiculous to propose a budget with a deficit due to raises and bonuses! If City employees are dissatisfied with their wages, then they can seek employment in the private sector like the bulk of the taxpayers. City government is not there to serve city government employees, but the taxpayers of the city.</p>	3/8/2017 9:03 AM
135	<p>Enforce building codes. Hampton needs to learn from Detroit about what can go wrong. Make the decision to become a beautiful eastern seaboard waterfront community. Look at how Stamford, CT cleaned itself up and learn from their example.</p>	3/8/2017 8:54 AM
136	<p>Keep geographically dispersed facilities open but reduce hours and programming at each location, and Consolidate services into fewer high-quality locations, closing some lesser-used facilities, why can't both be done?</p>	3/8/2017 8:53 AM
137	<p>I wouldn't be opposed to a small tax increase, but I think the City needs to make cuts in services that make sense, not just general across the board cuts. There is still room for cost savings and the consolidation of services.</p>	3/8/2017 8:38 AM
138	<p>-Collect bulk trash every two weeks (instead of every week) on the same day recycling is collected. -Increase yard sale permits and allow four per year, or increase permits for groups other than churches or religious organizations. - Increase fees on parking violations. -Homeowners charged a fine when false fire alarms require firefighters to make a needless trip. - Mainly increasing fines when people don't follow the law (leash law, pets, etc.).</p>	3/8/2017 8:29 AM
139	<p>I live alone and do not generate enough trash to need a pick up weekly. I think that should be studied. HCCC should be utilized to a greater extent to educate residents about recycling, re-using, etc. HCCC programs should be more readily available during non-working hours, to allow residents opportunities to take the Tour de Trash, etc. Trash pickup schedule at beach areas (Buckroe, Ft. Monroe, GVI) should be adjusted to have at least one pick up on weekends, when the most people visit and overfill the trash bins. (This results in the trash blowing away from the cans, onto the lots and beaches, and into the water -- polluting the water & being detrimental to sea life, not to mention getting entangled in boat motors).</p>	3/8/2017 8:24 AM
140	<p>Invest in neighborhoods and schools, the returns are slower but will far outweigh the short term jolts and jerks that many are looking for in today's climate.</p>	3/8/2017 8:19 AM

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141	Rental businesses are an untapped source in addition it would find the rental inspection program and at the same time raise the standard for rentals and as a spin off a high class of rent or which reduces crime and grime.	3/8/2017 8:03 AM
142	Get rid of all city employees.	3/8/2017 7:54 AM
143	cancel unnecessary expenses and reduce frequency of operating services.	3/8/2017 7:22 AM
144	Why not do what big corporations do and purge higher paid city employees and hire recent college grads at a much lower salary...using part time employees to eliminate benefits?	3/8/2017 6:48 AM
145	instead of building condos build nicer homes and areas people will want to buy and maintain and bring in higher tax revenue. stop bringing in more section 8 to the city please..	3/8/2017 6:47 AM
146	I think bull waste can be reduced to once per month and or called to 311 for a pick up when needed. I think decreasing this would cut man power and wear and tear on the trucks that are currently used. Neighborhood or areas can be put on the sweep schedule for bulk pick up.	3/8/2017 2:01 AM
147	I know it's easy to say these general things, but consider applying full-cost accounting methods to calculate the benefit of city services. In other words, services that add value to the city should be maintained. Those services that do not add values should be reduced. At the level of specifics, it's probably very difficult to implement, but it might still be a useful guiding principle.	3/8/2017 12:10 AM
148	Gradually replace old street lights with longer lasting, less expensive to run, LED street lights. Add roof gardens to schools to reduce the cost of meals to schools, and help teach students gardening, and maintenance of school property.	3/7/2017 11:33 PM
149	Reduce the footprint of city owned property and buildings. This will reduce maintenance costs. More cooperation with Newport News. Reduce administrative staff in both cities.	3/7/2017 11:09 PM
150	Change bulk pickup to 1x every 2 weeks like recycling change old lights to LED to save on electricity costs	3/7/2017 9:36 PM
151	Recommend cuts to local tv network, and programs connected to it.	3/7/2017 9:26 PM
152	Reduce the amount of school bus stops, have kids gather in larger groups and few stops would save on fuel and maintenance cost for the buses.	3/7/2017 9:08 PM
153	With crowds at Buckroe Beach in summer, need to look at fast food or restaurant and gift shops to provide meal tax and sale taxes.	3/7/2017 9:07 PM
154	Cut funds for section 8 housing!!!	3/7/2017 9:07 PM
155	rent the pavilions at buckroe beach	3/7/2017 9:02 PM
156	Charge a new resident fee. But might have to charge a fee for leaving too if the City's function gets much broader or intrusive.	3/7/2017 9:01 PM
157	Sell the land the City of Hampton Owns. To many vacant lots.	3/7/2017 8:57 PM
158	Continue to bring taxable business to the coliseum central area and magruder blvd.	3/7/2017 8:57 PM
159	Since the majority of 911 calls are for EMS not fire emergencies, stop sending fire trucks out on those calls. Doing so will reduce fuel and maintenance costs of the vehicles.	3/7/2017 8:57 PM
160	Find a way to attract more businesses to the area. Especially high tech sector	3/7/2017 8:28 PM
161	Don't build parking garage in CC; bring back trolleys, especially for events, and use existing area parking lots to encourage use of nearby businesses before or after events, such as power plant and PTC and Riverdale parking lots. Don't pay board or commission members if they don't attend the meetings, no matter the reason. Create oversight of acceptable spending/purchases in departments that have monthly total credit card spending greater than @\$500. Need fun family draw, maybe something with water bumper cars, go karts, puttputt, etc., similar to gatinburg. A zip line and putt putt at gosnolds for families while practices are going on, etc. Lounge and sitting chairs for rent at beaches specifically for larger or handicap people to enjoy the beach. Rent a lifeguard program for people who need help watching their children at the beach. Certain amount per hour added to whatever bill for public works staff or inmate if possible to assist elderly or whomever wants assistance with getting bulk trash or cans to and from sidewalk. Return to	3/7/2017 8:26 PM
162	We need to address funding of schools. They will always want more. There needs to be some alternative funding methods generated. Fees for apartment occupants.	3/7/2017 8:22 PM
163	Work to move some city facilities to Fort Monroe's unused facilities. Consider demolition of outdated facilities for mid class homes \$150k-\$250k	3/7/2017 8:15 PM
164	Attract more arts event so to attract more tourism. Invest in an arts performance venue.	3/7/2017 7:56 PM

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165	If a project doesn't ultimately promote "gentrification" of the city it won't bring in more revenue in the long run. The city with just continue to lag along with little positive growth for a city its size. All effort should be made with foresight to encourage and attract high-skilled industries, with high income potential, to the city. For many economic and perhaps cultural reasons Hampton simply isn't attractive for the wealthy, who all reside in York County, Williamsburg, Suffolk, etc. Hampton should make every long-term effort to reverse this situation.	3/7/2017 7:39 PM
166	To increase property tax build homes in a lower price range (not \$400,000) many people who live in Hampton can't qualify . Don't make Hampton to expensive to live in. Then people will leave for places they can afford.	3/7/2017 7:24 PM
167	Advertise Hampton as a destination close by Williamsburg that would lure visitors away from the pricey Williamsburg lodgings without any charm.	3/7/2017 7:22 PM
168	I want anyone working for the city of Hampton to earn at least\$10. hr.	3/7/2017 7:07 PM
169	You have already screwed up, and you don't actually listen to your Citizens anyway. This whole survey is nothing more than a check in the box to say you did something to gain input. If you really cared you would invest in fighting crime and cleaning the city of the continued violence and drug abuse we witness on a regular basis. When Citizens speak up as you have asked, Nothing happens.	3/7/2017 6:56 PM
170	Go to zero base budget to evaluate each department's efficiency. I have seen in other venues where we lose track easily. Adding and adding but never subtracting where service are discontinued without being accounted for.	3/7/2017 6:56 PM
171	Create volunteers for community programs projects Ask us and we can help or run a community program	3/7/2017 6:50 PM
172	Start charging both businesses and residences for false police and fire alarms...including other government entities such as the School Board and Social Services.	3/7/2017 6:46 PM
173	The city continues to acquire property, but are they selling it or using it to generate funds for the city. I haven't noticed much sale of acquired property.	3/7/2017 6:43 PM
174	the more we improve our housing, the more our tax situation will improve. Tear down the neighborhoods that are falling apart and rebuild. Do not, repeat, do not put any more apartments up. I heard that Macys was going to be replaced by more apartments. please don't! The apartments in town center should have been condos to start with. I her that more/nicer hotels are on the plan to lure people to the coliseum/ convention center. That's great! That will bring more money to the area in tourism. I refer back to more shopping opportunities in the downtown area. The trolley can take them there.	3/7/2017 6:37 PM
175	Quit allowing homes to be built and bring in more businesses, restaurants in all of Hampton not just one centralized location. Buckroe has barley any restaurants just homes and lot of unsafe areas. Revitalize the entire area not just Buckroe Beach.	3/7/2017 6:30 PM
176	Religious institutions should pay some real estate tax. It could be lower than other properties but they should not be totally tax-exempt	3/7/2017 6:24 PM
177	Work for the citizens. Keep it simple and stay out of the way of private enterprise and don't try to compete. Save my tax dollars!	3/7/2017 6:12 PM
178	Close recreation centers and other facilities during non-peak hours to cut back personnel costs. Look into more multi-use facilities and providing similar services at the same location instead of multiple locations.	3/7/2017 6:03 PM
179	We can sell the land where the government houseing was torn down located in downtown Hampton. And develop multi story condos and business make a downtown a destination with fun activities shops and restaurants. I love this city and its residents. Thank you so much for getting the citizens input.	3/7/2017 5:51 PM
180	Motion sensor lighting and solar panels	3/7/2017 5:35 PM
181	Make Hampton more pedestrian friendly to increase patronage of businesses. Having to get in my car and drive to go anywhere is my least favorite thing about this city.	3/7/2017 4:51 PM
182	Eliminate the practice of hiring back retirees as temporary employees. Either fill the positions with new people or eliminate the positions. Raise the sales tax/restaurant tax.	3/7/2017 4:48 PM
183	I believe the reason there is less private investment in real estate in Hampton is because the quality of schools isn't up to par as some other areas. People don't want to buy a house where the school system performs worse than expected. When the demand to move into an area is low, private investors value the property much lower and won't invest unless the price is right. turn Hampton's schools around and you will see higher revenues in the long run.	3/7/2017 4:48 PM

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184	If the purpose of any cut is to prevent an increase in the tax rate, but causes cuts in specific programs that are very much needed in the city (ex. social services, public safety), then I am against any cuts to those programs. What I want is justification that the programs are running EFFICIENTLY (thinking transparency). Otherwise, cut the excess. Also, economic development is needed in other specific areas of the city (Buckroe, Downtown, Phoebus (is growing)) - enhance the area by bringing in businesses that compliment our community! Look along Mercury Blvd. Once you get past Aberdeen, there is NO economic development in the area. That entire strip is DEAD (seriously). You need to think about what would enhance that area. Should it be a public/private venture? Community Center? Don't just keep focusing on PTC and Riverdale. There are other areas to consider and improve!	3/7/2017 4:46 PM
185	Allow people to pay all taxes/fees on a monthly basis, reinvestment the money, until due date of payment. extra revenue will be collected.	3/7/2017 4:45 PM
186	stop buying property, stop trying to make downtown something it is not .. stop trying to do economic development ... it almost NEVER works. atleast not the way done in the past..use the money saved to continue normal city activities.	3/7/2017 4:42 PM
187	Hampton can bring in more revenue by promoting more events at the Coliseum on an annual basis	3/7/2017 4:11 PM
188	Bring in more family oriented programs to the Coliesum. Add more family oriented stores & restaurants to Pen. Towne Center (Lego Store)	3/7/2017 4:10 PM
189	Eliminate duplicative services, create citizen-served boards (voluntary/stipend paid), and/or contract out certain services where possible to avoid long-term employment responsibilities (i.e- Elections Office, Victim-Witness Services, etc.)	3/7/2017 4:09 PM
190	Bring more employers to Hampton, VA. Possible call center in old West Corporation on Foxhill Road. IKEA to Hampton. Expand bus routes so people can get to and from work. Example: busline down Mercury Blvd, busline to crosss Magruder Blvd to get to Dr. Offices, Tax Office, Social Security office, IBEX global....bring more jobs to Hampton VA. Live in Hampton, Work in Hampton. Bring companies to Hampton so we don't have to travel to Virginia Beach, Norfolk & Williamsburg. Premiumn Outlet in Hampton. More jobs in Hampton will bring in revenue. Why make Hampton so pretty but the citizens can't afford to attend. Put Hampton on the map so people will say they are going on Vacation to HAMPTON, VA. Bring something similar to Spirit of Norfolk. We need facilities for the children of Hampton to keep them off the streets. Stop wasting all the money on making Hampton pretty with the flags and signs. Affordable housing is needed. Why are these new apartment communities so expensive that the average Hampton can't afford due to low wages. I respect the military and shipyard workers but Hampton consists of more than them. Spend more money cleaning up the streets...too much obvious gang and drug activity that is seen in the broad daylight. Cleanup the shopping centers-example LaSalle/Queen Street. Brings jobs...businesses where we can earn and spend in our city vs. spending in other cities. Increase jobs...higher paying jobs-less need for services. City employees shouldn't be just above the struggling poverty line.	3/7/2017 3:57 PM
191	Build the pool and bring in revenue from outside of our area. We need others to help with the burden of running our city (financially).	3/7/2017 3:56 PM
192	Hampton needs a better commercial tax base, i.e. more white collar jobs than pure retail! A City cannot survive on retail taxes alone.	3/7/2017 3:43 PM
193	Revisit why 25% of the property in the city is tax exempt. That number seems outlandish.	3/7/2017 3:33 PM
194	Get a better lobbyist with the state to bring in more state aid to Hampton. Get more federal grants for Hampton programs--we are an award-winning city. Increase entertainment and sales tax (but drop tax for groceries and newspapers, like New York State). Finally, ask residents to please accept a higher property tax rate to reflect the reality of the services. Hampton is one of the best cities around!	3/7/2017 3:30 PM
195	Ensure that departments are challenged with being self sufficient! Hampton government is rife with redundancy and apathy! Reward the talented and trim the fat!	3/7/2017 3:30 PM
196	Bring back the boat tax. Unfair to lower income residents.	3/7/2017 3:30 PM
197	Charge for parking along city streets and stop building free parking for developers	3/7/2017 3:25 PM
198	The loss of Bay Days has made Hampton even more boring than before. Where is our Farmer's Market? Art Show? Our seasonal festivals? The only thing we get, with the exception of PHOEBUS and a pirate fest are events where people have to pay to attend. Newport News Fall Fest is huge- we could easily do it at Gosnolds or Buckroe Boardwalk.	3/7/2017 3:22 PM
199	solid waste pick up to once a month	3/7/2017 12:04 PM