

# What do *you* value?

Organization: Buckroe Civic Association

Meeting Date: March 9, 2010; 7:30 PM

# in Attendance: 30

- What is the status of the Capital Improvement Plan funding for the Buckroe community center, school and breakwater? Is the Pembroke Corridor still in the plan?
- What are the future plans for sewer, ditches, and gutters for Seaboard Ave.?
- Drainage is a need.
- Property owners pay a storm water tax – Where does this money go? Is there a master storm water plan for drainage?
- 1200 parcels owned by the City - Why isn't City selling them for development? Why not sell at market value vs. discount?
- Staffing effectiveness and efficiency - Has Hampton done a study? How do we compare to other cities in the region?
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party evaluation of schools - Administration vs. teachers? Are the facilities energy efficient? Has there been an energy efficiency study? Staffing efficiency - labor, overhead & benefits, program needs compared to region?
- Has the city examined absolute required expenditures vs. all other expenditures?
- Increased income for the City – taxpayers happy with their contribution, so we need to focus on cutting costs. What is the schools cost to the City?
- Need to cut school funding as this is a major expenditure.
- No new court house – this is a want for a few people.
- Eliminate funds given to non-profits, boards, etc.
- Pensions for municipal employees should be cut.
- The City of Hampton needs to grow, needs a larger tax base. The City needs to encourage people to move here and build here. We need a tip-top school system and cultural programs to do this.
- Why are we not going after high-tech jobs, higher paying jobs instead of a lot of restaurants?
- When you build the budget are you using the current tax rate or an increase?
- Buckroe has a lot of park area - Parks & Recreation needs to be fully funded – improvements and programs.
- Is the City looking at Fort Monroe as a source of income?
- National Park Survey determined \$1 invested = \$4 returned. Ft. Monroe as a National Park will be a revenue generator for the City (Phoebus, Buckroe, Downtown and Coliseum).

Note: All questions were answered.

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