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Name of Group: Tidemill Machen Community Association

Date: March 17, 2011

in Attendance: 37

Attendee comments:

- I have not received an assessment, should I be concerned?
- When you do your assessments, what do you base them on?
- Referencing what this gentleman has said, how are the properties assessed? Do you assess the garages and other things outside or just the main dwelling unit?
- Is it possible to get an assessment every year?
- I have three questions, in reference to streets, how does the City decide when streets will be fixed? I have called several people and they told me that they are going to call me back. They have come out several times and each time they fix it the problems come back. This is a waste of my tax dollars. Main streets with these problems are Deerfield, Armistead and Sacramento. 2) What is Social Security money used for? 3) What does real estate tax dollars go to?
- I understand that you said real estate taxes are being raised. Mine are raised every year.
- How much of Social Services money goes to illegal immigrants?
- Recently the health dept. lost the only Dr. they had, so they had to shut down and send people to other entities. Why can't they find another doctor to replace this doctor instead of sending people else where. People are having issues receiving their medicine. This is the doctor in the health dept. on Victoria Blvd. These people are now being sent to so many different places instead of one local office.
- I would like to bring something to the forefront so I can get some answers. I saw the newspaper today and it said that 3 City Council members said they would not support the proposal to increase the taxes in Hampton because they realized that many people here are retired military and city employees and are on fixed incomes. The question I am asking is: The City Council and the managers, are they on the same sheet of music? Do they understand what is going on here in Hampton? Where have these people been? Asleep? They can't make a decision and then they say they have to see what comes out of the wood work. I will also give you the recommendation that people downtown need to get out from behind their desks and see what we, out here, actually have to deal with. Someone is not managing our money (pot holes – fixed poorly).
- A percentage of our taxes go to schools. I visit every school in the city. The buses pull up an hour before they are scheduled to pick up the children. The buses idol and these people are sleeping. This is a bad use of tax money.
- Dredging – why pay for dredging at the rich mans home and raise MY taxes. Some one needs to come out and manage. If someone spends a million dollars and then we get a half inch of rain and have the same problem, then it is not a good use of city taxes.
- I want to address the education part on schools: We pay for counselors who monitor our children to prepare them for further education. Who is charged to monitor those guys because our children are not being mentored properly? My point is to cut the money and that will cut the waste.
- Why can't we raise the boat tax above \$1.00 per foot? These people aren't going to move all their boats to VA beach.

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- Where did the other \$12 million deficit come from if we only lost about \$2 million from real estate?
- I read today in the paper that school lunches are going to go up to \$1.85 for elementary school and \$2.00 for high school; I think this is really hard for parents. If someone has 2 or 3 children in school, how do they pay for this? This can be a real hardship.
- I just wonder, what's the rationale with building another fire station?
- Good afternoon sir. We are military. Does the city plan to put any speed limit signs in neighborhoods? I see a lack of signage. My street is Rendon.
- Pam Croom – The schools are actually currently in their budget process. Please call our number to add your voice.
- Pam Croom – The school buses are monitored from the time they turn on and the school does monitor this through a GPS system. If you have any problems please continue to call the school offices.

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