



Organization: NAACP
Meeting Date: March 4, 2013
in Attendance: 32

- What percentage of a tax rate increase would go to schools?
- What is the timetable for these budget decisions to be made, and when are the public hearings for citizens to comment on the proposed budget?
- What are we mandated by the state to give to the schools? I ask because Dr. Shifflette talks about enrollment decreases. We are losing students, but the City gives above and beyond what we are required to give? There seem to be a lot of executive leaders in the school system; is that efficient? When you lose students, you lose potential employers. Schools need infrastructure repairs; where is the money going? I don't mind my taxes being increased, but show me what I'm getting for my money.
- Our school system is an economic engine. If we don't have strong schools, employers won't locate here and people won't buy houses here. We need an 8 block schedule to prepare our students for the future.
- How will sequestration impact Hampton?
- Based on the map that was put out by the Assessor's Office, the majority of the black community did not see assessments decline. Some of us are going to get hit by a tax rate increase.
- I am concerned about the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. It has been over a year and progress has not been made. What is the status?
- Old North Hampton is a neighborhood that I question has been accurately assessed as a whole.
- What are the rate increases needed to preserve what we have and to reinvest in Hampton?
- What is the process on hiring a new Economic Development Director?