

**The Columbus Dispatch: Wednesday, August 5, 2009**

**Editorial: To a brighter future**

**Positive income-tax vote showed residents' confidence in city leaders**

**Wednesday, August 5, 2009 3:05 AM**

With yesterday's vote to increase the city's income tax to 2.5 percent from 2 percent, Columbus residents showed their willingness to invest in the community's continued health and vitality.

In a time of such economic stress, the approval is a testament to city leaders, who made the case for the increase through a clear explanation of the city's financial position and the consequences that would result from a rejection.

Mayor Michael B. Coleman and the City Council, led by President Michael C. Mentel, made many of the tough choices necessary to keep city government functioning in the worst revenue crisis in memory. They've been immeasurably aided by the counsel of veteran City Auditor Hugh J. Dorrian.

Voters were convinced that the city has managed its resources as carefully as possible, restraining spending and reducing the number of civilian employees by 30 percent over the past nine years.

Had the increase failed, city officials would have been forced to cut positions that would have been much more noticeable to the public: 238 layoffs among firefighters and 297 among police. Critics called the threat fear mongering, but with three-fourths of the city's budget dedicated to police and fire protection, it was real.

Although many no safety city services already have been slashed, failure of the tax increase would have meant more cuts: eight more recreation centers closed, the sole dental clinic and a women's clinic closed, and funding cut further for neighborhood health centers.

Even with revenue from the new tax, city leaders have pledged not to sit back and spend carelessly.

They've promised to freeze all city salaries except where raises are guaranteed by a contract and to negotiate with the city unions to address two areas in which city spending has been out of line: the city's practice of paying employees' share of contributions to their pensions, and health-insurance benefits that don't require employees to pay nearly as much of the premium as do most private-sector employees.

The city also has pledged to look into joining with other local governments to form partnerships to save money on common services such as neighborhood health centers, weights-and-measures inspections, trash pickup and recycling.

City voters have done their part, by agreeing to invest more in Columbus' future. Now it's up to city leaders to stick to those vows, as they represent the surest path to financial stability and prosperity.

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**SPECIAL ELECTION**

**Columbus gets its tax increase**

Hike passes by 3,050 votes, allowing city to protect safety forces, reverse some cuts

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**BY ROBERT VITALE**

The Columbus Dispatch

Police and fire recruits might begin training in December. Recreation centers are likely to reopen in January. Your grass clippings will be hauled away free next spring.

And if you earn your paycheck in Columbus, you'll begin paying higher taxes starting Oct. 1.

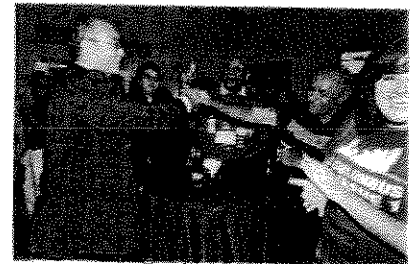
Voters approved a proposal yesterday to raise the city's tax rate and send an extra \$90 million to \$100 million yearly into its operating budget. The final, unofficial total: 51.7 percent approved, delivering a victory margin of 3,050 votes out of more than 89,000 cast.

"This was a coalition ... coming together at a tough time in our city to say we are one Columbus and we need to keep Columbus great," said Mayor Michael B. Coleman, who kicked his political apparatus into gear to raise money and turn out the vote for the pro-tax campaign.

"I want to tell the citizens of Columbus, 'Thank you.' I know how hard this was."

According to the Franklin County Board of Elections, 18.5 percent of the city's registered voters cast ballots, a smaller turnout than the 2007 races for mayor and City Council.

Coleman and other supporters repeatedly told voters that Columbus



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**Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman greets supporters of Issue 1 after learning it had passed.**



KYLE ROBERTSON | DISPATCH

**Dave Ross votes on the city income-tax issue.**

would face excruciating budget choices -- including mass police and fire layoffs -- if they rejected the plan to increase the 2 percent income-tax rate that has been in effect for 27 years.

The 2.5 percent rate will forestall those cuts and restore some of the services cut over the past year.

There will be no layoffs in Columbus safety forces next year, Coleman promised last night.

But at Station 19 in Clintonville, several firefighters feared layoffs were still possible, even with the tax increase.

"I'd hate to be a high-seniority number right now," said Lt. Terry Bush, who lives in New Albany.

The Department of Recreation and Parks, which closed 11 recreation centers and scaled back maintenance of its 14,000 acres of parks and playgrounds, will be returned to 2008 levels of service.

Weekly trash pickup will remain free -- and weekly. Officials had warned that the city might start charging for reduced service if the tax was voted down. Instead, yard-waste and bulk-waste pickup, which were scaled back in February, will return to 2008 levels.

The extra money won't cover all of a \$115 million gap projected next year between what the old tax rate would have brought in and what a return to 2008 service levels would cost.

City officials have vowed to push labor unions for concessions on health and pension benefits. Coleman aides said three weeks ago that the mayor would not budget additional money for pay raises next year unless they were guaranteed by existing contracts. He vowed to freeze pay for his own staff or impose a "tangible reduction in benefits."

"The work is not over," City Council President Michael C. Mentel said. "There still will be challenges."

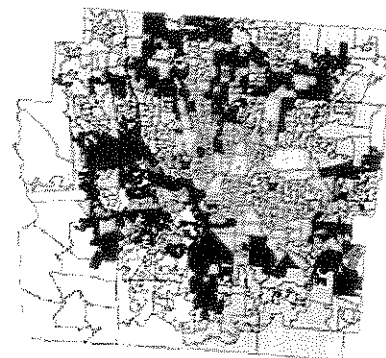
Matt Ferris, a Republican candidate for council in the Nov. 3 election, said he was disappointed with the result because it is an "unnecessary tax at a difficult time for taxpayers."

"City Hall has a spending problem, not a revenue problem," he said. "What they have done is taken the easy way out."

The pro-tax campaign raised more than \$1 million for its effort, much of it from city contractors and other corporations. Opponents raised no money for a traditional campaign.

Dispatch reporters *Dave Hendricks, Jim Woods and Barbara Carmen* contributed to this report.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF  
ELECTIONS

**Precincts in yellow voted for the income tax increase. Click to enlarge map**



Aug 05, 2009

## Findlay income tax hike headed for ballot

By JOY BROWN

STAFF WRITER

Findlay residents will be voting on a one-half percent city income tax increase in the November general election. The tax would be collected for two years.

City Council on Tuesday approved amended legislation to place the issue on the ballot. If it passes, the increase will generate about \$14 million over two years, but the money will be dispersed to the general fund budget over a six-year period.

The "time release" method was conceived by 6th Ward Councilman Bill Schedel. He said it will allow for the gap between revenues and expenses to be closed by 2010, if the general fund budget is lowered from \$24.9 million to \$24.3 million next year.

"Some layoffs" of city workers, but not safety forces, would still be needed under the plan, and the city budget would remain flat through 2015.

Findlay's budget began encountering trouble last year, and the financial situation has only worsened, said Auditor Robert Sprague.

A radio financing deal allowed the city to retain several jobs that were on the chopping block in May, including 11 firefighters and 13 police officers. But Sprague has revised his budget calculations in light of drastic reductions in first- and second-quarter income and business tax collections, and predicts the gap between revenue and expenses will be \$4.9 million by year's end.

Findlay is expecting to find out Friday if it will receive a \$1 million state grant that would help the city retain 13 police officers for the next 17 months. Mayor Pete Sehnert said that funding could free up general fund money to also save jobs in other departments this year.

Sprague, referring to what he called "the Great Recession of 2009," said he is not predicting an uptick in the economy. If no new revenue is received, up to one in five city workers could be laid off, he said last month.

Administrators over the next few weeks will be seeking ways to adjust the budget, and said they could hand out some layoff notices on Sept. 1. Council has asked them to present a 2010 budget proposal early, which could include further reductions to the capital improvements fund and a \$1 million "self insurance fund" that has been set aside for general liability claims.

In November, city voters may also see ballot issues asking if Findlay should become a charter city. Council members on Tuesday gave a second reading to that legislation.

Those ballot issues would ask if residents would like Findlay to become a charter city, and would have them choose 15 people to serve on a charter commission. Charter cities operate by "home rule," which means they have more freedom to structure government the way they please, rather than operating strictly under state and national laws.

For instance, Findlay could give the mayor more legislative power, or change some elected positions to appointed jobs. Each change would require voter approval.

More than 77 percent of Ohio cities operate under their own charter, including Fostoria.

A two-thirds council vote was needed to hurry passage of the charter legislation Tuesday, but with Councilman-At-Large Randy Ward absent, and Schedel and Councilman-At-Large Jim Slough not agreeing, that was not possible. The ordinance will be presented for passage at the Aug. 18 meeting.

If it passes, potential charter commission candidates will have only nine days to collect 25 signatures from registered voters and submit them to the Hancock County Board of Elections. There would also be an opportunity for write-in candidates to join the race.

"A number of people have already gotten applications," said 3rd Ward Councilman K.C. Collette, who has been promoting the charter concept. "There's been a high interest in this, really from a lot of quality people that want to be involved."

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## LEGISLATION IN COMMITTEE

August 4, 2009

- Community & Neighborhood Development Committee
 

522	11-05-08	Amend TMC 507.04&99, Loud Sound/Noise
610	11-05-08	Amend TMC 1315.02(E)(2), Bd Bldg Appeals
635	12-02-08	Amend TMC 1104.0603, Convenience stores
82	02-17-09	Amend TMC 1307, Apprentice & Journeyman
83	02-17-09	Amend TMC 13, low voltage electrical
175	03-31-09	Amend TMC 1345.02, Ohio and NEC wiring
379	07-07-09	Establish Building Inspection Trust Fund
380	07-07-09	Amend TMC 1307, increase inspection fees
- Environment, Utilities & Public Service Committee
 

212-08	04-22-09	MBE Program, increase goals
259-08	05-06-09	Amnd TMC 963.03(e), ex. seniors refuse fee
103	03-03-09	Amnd TMC 963.03(b), freeze '09 refuse fee
104	03-03-09	Amnd TMC 717 & 945, franchise fees, video
215	04-14-09	WPCLF loan, Pathogen Removal, \$1,526,855
- Finance & Budget Committee
 

225	04-28-09	Reduce tax credit from 100% to 50%
226	04-28-09	Increase monthly Refuse Fee to \$10 and \$7
- Health & Community Relations Committee
 

190	03-31-09	Res. - Object to renewal of Nick & Jimmy's
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- Human Resources Committee
 

618	10-07-08	Direct Mayor to issue RFP for Wellness Prg.
703	11-18-08	Require Mayor to not implement 4 furloughs
98	03-03-09	Res - Mayor offer Exempt employees choice
107	03-03-09	Amend TMC Ch 2101 for Exempt employee
119	03-17-09	Res-Admin. & all collective bargaining units
192	04-08-09	Amend TMC 2105, Local 2058, exigent circ
193	04-08-09	Amend TMC 2109, Police Command, exigent
194	04-08-09	Amend TMC 2113, Fire Chiefs, exigent circ
195	04-08-09	Amend TMC 2115, Comm Operators, exigent
196	04-08-09	Amend TMC 2121, Local 20, exigent circu
197	04-08-09	Amend TMC 2125, Firefighters, exigent circ
198	04-08-09	Amend TMC 2129, TPPA, exigent circumst
232	04-14-09	Amend '09 General Fd Budget, \$19,549,513
307	06-09-09	Amend TMC 2101, suspend pension pick-up

- Information Services Committee
 

32-08	01-15-09	Wireless internet in Council Chmbrs, \$6,000
318	06-09-09	Expand VOIP phone system,\$920,477 3 Fds
412	07-21-09	Appropriation for ERP proj, \$1,656,275 CIP
443	08-04-09	Approp. for ICT infrastructure,\$189,443CIP
444	08-04-09	Approp. for PCs and software,\$175,000 CIP
  
- Law & Criminal Justice Committee
 

213-08	04-22-09	Attorney position for City Council, \$50,000
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- Youth, Parks & Recreation Committee
 

589	09-23-08	Appropriation for game courts, \$200,000
590	09-23-08	Appropriation for athletic facilities,\$150,000
591	09-23-08	Appropriation for parks &athletics,\$125,000

Last Name	First Name	Position	Department/ Division	Status
Amstutz	Dave	Director - Admin Services	Development	Reduction in Hours
Andrews	Kathleen	Police Records Clerk	Police	Bumped
Brandt	Cynthia	Police Records Clerk	Police	Claimed Vacancy
Burt	Denise	Police Records Clerk	Police	Bumped
Carson	Joyce	Clerk 3	Law	Scheduled for Layoff, chose to retire
Coates	Danielle	Engineering Technician	Engineering Services	Claimed Vacancy
Coleman	Willie	Utility Worker	Waste Disposal	Claimed Vacancy
Contreras-Alvarez	Rosalinda	Administrative Specialist 1	BCR	Claimed Vacancy
Davis	Richard	Foreman-Parks	Parks & Forestry	Claimed Vacancy
DeBruyn	Kelly	Manager-Public Services	Parks & Forestry	Bumped
Donnell	Rhonda	Police Records Clerk	Police	Bumped
Dowling	Troy	Administrative Analyst 4	Accounts	Claimed Vacancy
Druckemiller	Robert	Foreman-Cemeteries	Parks & Forestry	Claimed Vacancy
Dunlap	Tiffany	Police Data Entry Clerk	Police	Claimed Vacancy
Fisher	Thomas	Landfill Equipment Operator	Waste Disposal	Claimed Vacancy
Fobbs	Marques	Clerk 1, Acting	Human Resources	Laid Off
Golis	David	Professional Engineer	Neighborhoods	Claimed Vacancy
Gonzales	Mary Katherine	Intermediate Clerk	Inspection	Claimed Vacancy
Graybill	Marilyn	Police Data Entry Clerk	Police	Claimed Vacancy
Guerrero	Christine	Therapeutic Recreation Technician	Recreation	Bumped
Hannah	Johnnie	Administrator-Admin Services 2	Utilities Administration	Claimed Vacancy

LAYOFFS  
2008 AND 2009

Last Name	First Name	Position	Department/ Division	Status
Hosley	Matthew	Electrician	Inspection	Claimed Vacancy
Huggins	Lakishia	Administrative Analyst 1, Acting	Human Resources	Laid Off
Humes	Bruce	Communications Technician	Fire	Claimed Vacancy
Kelly	Mark	Building Inspector	Inspection	Claimed Vacancy
Koogan	Hugh	Building Inspector	Inspection	Claimed Vacancy
LaLonde	Douglas	Permit Technician	Inspection	Bumped
Lewandowski	Joshua	Planner	Plan Comm	Bumped
Lynn	Elzie	Automotive Repair Technician	Waste Disposal	Claimed Vacancy
Martin	Tracy	Staff Professional Engineer	Engineering Services	Claimed Vacancy
Masztak	Melissa	Police Records Clerk	Police	Bumped
Maves	Gayle	Intermediate Clerk	Inspection	Claimed Vacancy
McClendon	Janelle	Communications Operator	Police	Laid Off
McConnell	Julie	Police Records Clerk	Police	Claimed Vacancy
McIntyre	James	Recreation Aide	Recreation	Claimed Vacancy
McPike	Laura	Communications Operator	Police	Laid Off
Mitchell	Claudia	Mayor's Assistant 2	Mayor's Office	Laid Off
Modlinski	Patricia	Police Data Entry Clerk	Police	Claimed Vacancy
Mohler	Sara	Police Data Entry Clerk	Police	Laid Off
Montri	Emily	Communications Operator	Police	Laid Off
Myers	Deborah	Planning Technician	Plan Comm	Bumped
Phillips	Elizabeth	Contract Compliance Specialist, Acting	AA/CC	Laid Off

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Last Name	First Name	Position	Department/ Division	Status
Piotrowski	Ronald	Manager-Admin Services	ICT	Claimed Vacancy
Pizza	Christopher	Administrator-Public Services 1	Solid Waste	Claimed Vacancy
Pullum	Gyasi	Planning Technician	Plan Comm	Claimed Vacancy
Rable	Judy	Secretary 3	Plan Commission	Scheduled for Layoff, chose to retire
Raschke	Thomas	Data Communications Specialist	ICT	Claimed Vacancy
Redmon	Rebecca	Systems Analyst	ICT	Bumped
Rodriguez	Miguel	Foreman-Waste Disposal	Waste Disposal	Claimed Vacancy
Rospert	Fred	Traffic Aide	Police	Claimed Vacancy
Rucki	Tonya	Secretary 2	Law	Claimed Vacancy
Schick	Gregory	Construction Technician	Engineering Services	Claimed Vacancy
Sciplin	Robert	General Inspector	Neighborhoods	Claimed Vacancy
Sims	Trina	Police Records Clerk	Police	Claimed Vacancy
Smith	Sue	Cashier	Inspection	Claimed Vacancy
Spears	Te'Arle	Electrical Inspector	Inspection	Claimed Vacancy
Sperr	Barbara	Adm. Assistant to Mayor	Mayor's Office	Claimed Vacancy
Stamm	Ellen	Secretary 3	Law	Laid Off
Stephens	Casey	Commissioner-Public Services	Waste Disposal	Laid Off
Sund	Ashlyn	Police Records Clerk	Police	Claimed Vacancy
Szymanski	Donna	Police Records Clerk	Police	Claimed Vacancy
Thompson	Lynn	Electrical Inspector	Inspection	Bumped
Torres	Erica	Communications Operator	Police	Laid Off

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Last Name	First Name	Position	Department/ Division	Status
Toth	Katerina	Secretary 3	BCR	Scheduled for Layoff, chose to resign
Watkins	Carmen	Secretary 3	Mayor's Office	Claimed Vacancy
Webber	Jason	Public Information Coordinator	Mayor's Office	Laid Off
Westcott	Robert	Plumbing Inspector	Inspection	Claimed Vacancy
Williams	Lola	Clerk 2, Acting	Human Resources	Laid Off
Wood	Amy	Manager-Public Services	Water Dist.	Claimed Vacancy
VACANT		Accountant	Accounts	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Admin Services Officer 2 (Chief Accountant)	Accounts	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Cashier	Treasury	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Clerk	Law	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Clerk 2	Human Resources	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Commissioner-Public Services	Building Inspection	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Commissioner-Public Services	Environmental Services	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Commissioner-Public Services	Sewers	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Commissioner-Public Services	Water Distribution	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Commissioner-Public Services	Water Reclamation	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Commissioner-Public Services	Water Treatment	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Director-Admin Services	Human Resources	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Director-Admin Services	ICT	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Electrical Inspector	Inspection	Funding Eliminated

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Last Name	First Name	Position	Department/ Division	Status
VACANT		Intermediate Clerk	Development	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Manager-Admin Services	Mayor's Office	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Police Records Clerk	Police	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Police Records Clerk	Police	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Police Records Clerk	Police	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Principal Planner	Plan Commission	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Refuse Truck Driver	Solid Waste	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Refuse Truck Driver	Solid Waste	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Refuse Truck Driver	Solid Waste	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Secretary 3	AA/CC	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Secretary 3	Human Resources	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Senior Attorney	Law	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Senior Clerk	Solid Waste Landfill	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Superintendent-Solid Waste	Solid Waste	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Supervisor-Communications	Police	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Supervisor-Communications	Police	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Supervisor-Communications	Police	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Tandem Truck Driver	Waste Disposal	Funding Eliminated
VACANT		Tax Auditor	Taxation	Funding Eliminated
Herwat	Darlene	Recreation Aide	Recreation	General Funding Removed

LAYOFFS  
2008 AND 2009

Last Name	First Name	Position	Department/ Division	Status
King	Terri	Real Estate Records Clerk	Development	General Funding Removed
Kyser	Vicki	Account Clerk	Recreation	General Funding Removed
Morell	Jeanette	Senior Real Estate Specialist	Development	General Funding Removed
Myers	Aaron	Athletic Activities Coordinator	Recreation	General Funding Removed
Robson	Megan	Administrative Analyst 3	Development	General Funding Removed
Shipman	Sheryl	Supervisor-Recreation	Recreation	General Funding Removed
Sobel	Shawn	Mayor's Assistant 2	Recreation	General Funding Removed
Bailey	Scott	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Ball	Joseph	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Barnes	Mark	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Barnswell	Gerald	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Bell	Joshua	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Berndt	Jeremy	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Bocik	Nicholas	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Bright	David	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Bryan	Donald	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Bunting, II	Gary	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Cavanaugh	Leon	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Chandler	Diane	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Comes	Donald	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off

LAYOFFS  
2008 AND 2009

Last Name	First Name	Position	Department/ Division	Status
Conti	Linda	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Conti	Richard	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Cornell	James	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Corser	Thomas	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Domschot	Angela	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Espinosa	Raymond	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Evans	Miccala	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Fauver	Lisa	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Freels	Ryan	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Grove	Richard	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Hall	Leslie	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Hatch	Donald	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Holland	Richard	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Holmes	Brianne	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Johnson	Michael	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Jurva	Reuben	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Kasprzak	Danielle	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Kennedy	Roy	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Kenney	Rebecca	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Kenney	Eric	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Kincaid	Rebecca	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off

LAYOFFS  
2008 AND 2009

Last Name	First Name	Position	Department/ Division	Status
Knoblauch	Angela	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Kohlman	Brett	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Konz	Kevin	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Kovacs	Richard	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Kozlaker	Matthew	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Leiter	Robert	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Lenhardt	Jason	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Lepiarz	Jeffrey	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Lett	Dennis	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Lewandowski	Scott	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Mannebach	Jill	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Martorana	Paul	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Maxim	Jodie	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Meyer	Jessica	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Mills	Scott	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Moore, Sr.	Michael	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Mussery	Jason	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Myslinski	Patrick	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Naujock	Mathew	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Okos	Joseph	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Paris	Ronald	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off

Last Name	First Name	Position	Department/ Division	Status
Peters	Darnell	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Petro	Joseh	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Phalen	Tyson	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Piasecki	Neil	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Pinkstaff	John	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Riter	Aaron	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Schroeder	Michael	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Scott	Donald	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Siaman	Matthew	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Smith	Michael	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Smith	Brian	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Smith	Anthony	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Toska	Tanya	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Trudeau	Joseph	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Wieczorek	David	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Williams	Karrie	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Williams	Thomas	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Williamson	Scott	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Winger	Johnathan	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off
Zarecki	Stephen	Police Officer	Police	Laid Off

City of Toledo  
 Department of Finance  
 Income Statement for 2009  
 8/6/2009

Taxes		
Approved	169,621,000	
Current	<u>(145,000,000)</u>	24,621,000
Net Tax Transfer Change		(5,470,786)
New Revenue & Budget Issues		
Property Taxes	1,000,000	
Court Cuts	738,000	
CCNO	500,000	
Police Fines	500,000	
Tuition Reimbursement	263,000	
Public Defender	154,000	
Health Department	154,000	
		<u>3,309,000</u>
The 2009 Operating Loss		22,459,214

\* The 2008 Total Loss

3,724,000

Amount needed to balance budget

26,183,214

**City of Toledo**  
**Budget Gap Status**  
**General Fund Only**  
**The Preliminary Deficit**  
**8/6/2009**

<b>Amount needed to balance the budget</b>	<b>(26,183,215)</b>
Council Ordinances	6,474,412
Jag Grant	1,400,000
Other Grant	100,000
32 Hour Week	659,120
Police Layoff (5/1) -75-	3,047,089
Civilian Layoff (5/15) and reassignments	1,941,822
<b>Preliminary Deficit</b>	<b>(12,560,772)</b>

**City of Toledo**  
**Budget Gap Status**  
**General Fund Only**  
**The Current Projected Deficit**  
**8/6/2009**

Preliminary Deficit

(12,560,772)

<u>Concessions</u>	<u>TPPA</u>	<u>Local 92</u>
Pers Rollback	788,947	886,029
Medical Savings	97,200	
Police Service Allowance	281,801	
Pers Savings on Overtime	136,980	174,436
Overtime Deferral	442,586	513,046
Tuition Reimbursement	70,000	60,000
	1,817,514	1,633,511

3,451,025

**Grievance Settlement (Local 92)**

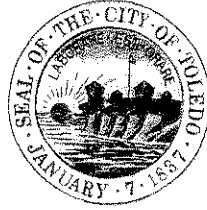
(250,000)

**Court Proposed Reductions Net**

Municipal Court Salary Savings	377,040	
Provision of IDAT Funds	184,065	
Clerk of Courts Salary Savings	319,882	
Decline in 2009 Revenue Estimate	(430,115)	
<b>Current Projected Deficit</b>		<u>450,872</u>
		<b>(8,908,875)</b>

**City of Toledo**  
**Budget Status**  
**General Fund Only**  
**Closing the Remaining Budget Deficit**  
**8/6/2009**

	50% Tax Credit	66% Tax Credit	75% Tax Credit
<b>Current Projected Deficit</b>	<b>(8,908,875)</b>	<b>(8,908,875)</b>	<b>(8,908,875)</b>
<b>Tax Credit (8/1/09)</b>	2,569,163	1,712,775	1,284,581
<b>Refuse Fee (8/1/09)</b>	725,384	725,384	725,384
<b>Preliminary amount out of balance</b>	(5,614,329)	(6,470,716)	(6,898,910)
<b>McNamara Plan</b>	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000
<b>Final amount out of balance</b>	(1,714,329)	(2,570,716)	(2,998,910)



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

August 4, 2009

TO: Council President Joe McNamara  
Members of City Council

RE: City Budget

I have attached two items.

First is a statement regarding our present 2009 budget position. As of this date we have a 2009 deficit of \$8.9 million.

The second item is a Associated Press article of this date reporting, "Revenue Bleakest Since Depression - U.S. tax receipts on pace to drop 18%."

With these facts in hand, I would ask you to consider the following, as it is our responsibility to balance the 2009 budget.

With a deficit of \$8.9 million, Council has really but two options:

- A. Enact both the Tax Credit and Refuse Fee increases, or
- B. Bump the  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 1% temporary payroll tax to 1% for the remaining three years of its lifetime, and specify the extra .25% for Police and Fire Services.

The Refuse Fee increase, passed alone, this late in the year, will only slightly reduce our budget deficit. Either pass both the tax credit and refuse initiative, or act, by August 20, to bump-up the temporary Payroll Tax by .25%, targeted for Police and Fire services exclusively. This will allow this issue to be on the November Ballot.

Thank you for your consideration.

From Toledo - an International Award Winning City!

Carty Finkbeiner  
Mayor

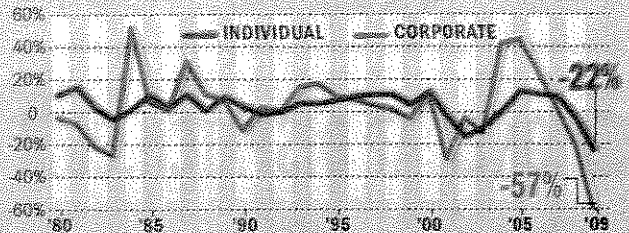
# REVENUE

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## Big drop

Federal tax receipts, driven by decreases in individual income and corporate taxes, are on pace to post their biggest single-year decline since the Great Depression.

Change in federal tax receipts, fiscal years:



Note: Data from 2009 are through June; the fiscal year ends in September. Sources: Office of Management and Budget; Treasury Department

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# Revenue bleakest since Depression

## U.S. tax receipts on pace to drop 18%

By Stephen Ohlemacher  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The recession is starving the government of tax revenue, just as the president and Congress are piling a major expansion of health care and other programs on the nation's plate and struggling to find money to pay the tab.

The numbers could hardly be more stark: Tax receipts are on pace to drop 18 per-

cent this year, the biggest single-year decline since the Great Depression, while the federal deficit balloons to a record \$1.8 trillion.

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Associated Press analysis underscore the recession's impact: Individual income-tax receipts are down

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22 percent from a year ago. Corporate income taxes are down 57 percent. Social Security tax receipts could drop for only the second time since 1940, and Medicare taxes are on pace to drop for only the third time ever.

The last time the government's revenues were this bleak was 1932, in the midst of the Depression.

"Our tax system is already inadequate to support the promises our government has made," said Eugene Steuerle, a former Treasury Department official in the Reagan administration who is now vice president of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation.

While much of Washington is focused on how to pay for new programs such as overhauling health care — at a cost of perhaps \$1 trillion over the next decade — existing programs are feeling the pinch, too.

Social Security is in danger of running out of money earlier than the government projected just a few months ago. Highway, mass transit and airport projects are at risk because fuel and industry taxes are declining.

The national debt exceeds \$11 trillion. And bills just completed by the House would boost domestic spending 11 percent in 2010 and military spending 4 percent.

For this report, the AP analyzed annual tax receipts dating to the inception of the federal income tax in 1913. Tax receipts for the 2009 budget year were available through June. The budget year runs from October to September, meaning there will be three more months of receipts this year.

Is there a way out of the financial mess?

A key factor is the economy's health. The future of current programs — not to mention the new ones President Barack Obama is proposing — will depend largely on how fast the economy recovers, said William Gale, co-director of the Tax Policy Center.

"But what really matters is what happens next," said Gale, who previously was an adviser to President George H.W. Bush's Council of Economic Advisers.

"If the economy doesn't recover soon, it doesn't matter what your social, economic and political agenda is. There's not going to be any revenue to pay for it."

A small part of the drop in tax receipts can be attributed to new tax credits enacted in February as part of the economic-stimulus package. But the magnitude of the tax decline points to the recession that is reducing incomes, wiping out corporate profits and straining programs.

Social Security tax receipts are down less than a percentage point from last year, but in May the government had been projecting a slight increase. The best estimate then was that Social Security would start to pay out more money than it receives in 2016, and that without changes would be depleted in 2037.

Now, "you could easily move that number up three or four years, then you're talking about 2013, and that's not very far off," said Kent Smetters, associate professor of insurance and risk management at the University of Pennsylvania.

Obama has said he wants to tackle Social Security next year.