



## VOICE FOR THE PEOPLE

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**If there is ANYONE BUT PITTMAN who told you this, thank them.**

### UPCOMING PROPOSED FY 24 BUDGET MEETINGS WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET?

In order for the residents to determine what they want in the **PROPOSED FY 24 BUDGET**, they would have to know **WHAT** is being proposed and at **WHAT** cost. For at least the last eight years, Mayor and Council have left the **EXPLAINING** of what is in Proposed Budgets to the City Manager and his staff. Not only is this ludicrous because neither the City Manager nor his Staff **REPRESENT** the Residents; and neither the City Manager nor his Staff has the authorization or power to give the Residents anything that they **REQUEST** in the Proposed Budget. When meeting with the Residents, the City Manager and his Staff are **TELLING** the Residents what **THEY** want in the Proposed Budget.

It is the duty and responsibility of Mayor and Council, with the assistance of the City Manager and his Staff if needed, to **EXPLAIN** to the Residents the **VISION** of the City in the Proposed Budget. After which, it is the duty and responsibility of Mayor and Council to **LISTEN** and **RESPOND** to **QUESTIONS**, and **REQUESTS** from the Residents concerning the Proposed Budget.

I know that too many of our Residents are overwhelmed by the sheer size of the Proposed Budget and without someone with knowledgeable information to help them navigate the Proposed Budget they are lost. Prior to the last ten years, the Budget Committee would provide guidelines and highlight certain information that was deemed to be of importance for discussion with Residents at a Town Hall Meeting before making their **RECOMMENDATIONS** to the Mayor and Council in a **RECONCILIATION MEETING**.

Residents deserve to know what **VISION** that the Mayor and Council has for the City based on **WHAT** is Proposed by the City Manager and his Staff and at **WHAT** cost.

Since there is “NOBODY BUT PITTMAN” who has the most up to date knowledge outside of the Mayor and Council, City Manager, and Finance Director concerning WHAT is proposed in the Budget and at WHAT cost, I am requesting the Residents to allow me to DEBATE the HIGHLIGHTS of the PROPOSED FY 24 BUDGET with Mayor and Council, with the City Manager and Staff support when needed. This DEBATE would not be an ORCHESTRATED clown show to embarrass anyone or to gain unwanted publicity. It would simply be to provide information by asking QUESTIONS and providing ANSWERS. If there is someone else better suited to gain important information concerning the Proposed Budget, I will gladly assist he/she or step aside completely.

Information gained at the DEBATE would assist Residents during the two Public Hearings. I am very serious about the Proposed DEBATE taking place in the Annex as a Council Town Hall Meeting. If you are serious about the Proposed FY 24 Budget and want to have a MEANINGFUL VOICE at the Public Hearings, then contact the Mayor and Council by phone calls, emails, or petitions. I hope that you will help to make our City the best that it can be by spending our money on things and services that will benefit the Residents of East Point by making your VOICES HEARD!

Residents, if you WANT the DEBATE to take place it WILL! START TODAY and SHOW UP AT THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING on **MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023**, FOR YOUR ANSWER FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL!

**THE TARGET DATE FOR THE TOWN HALL MEETING IS THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023.**

**THE CHOICE IS YOURS!**