

FY25 Montpelier Budget Priorities Survey



Is there anything else we didn't ask you that you'd like to contribute to the budget discussion?

CUT city spending. Deny any requests for additional funding for the next year. Prioritize safety and infrastructure maintenance. Level fund or decrease existing department's, including schools. The golf course was a horrible idea. Jack is a dysfunctional mayor.

Dec 13, 2023

1. We offer rooms and an apartment in our house for rent. 2. A focused plan to upgrade the sewage & storm drain systems should be our priority for the next decade informed by what we've learned from 2011 & 2023 floods. 3. Regional flood plain restoration will have to go hand-in-hand with water/sewage system upgrades. This must be addressed before we build new housing with increased demands on sewage system and as we learn more about how to deal with storm water and snow melt run-off.

Dec 13, 2023

Do nit cut staffing for essential services: fire, police, dispatch.

Dec 12, 2023

The health and safety of the city of the capital of our state should not be put at risk because people want to spend money on the wrong things. Stop cutting funding from police and fire

and EMS and take it out of other places, there are plenty of other ways and places to get the money even right now during these times. Fire EMS and police need more money right now not less.

Dec 12, 2023

I just read this article and think it's a brilliant plan state wide! ESSEX RESCUE — Essex Rescue continues to create solutions for the rising costs of being an EMT service, and this includes its \$50 yearly subscription plan. If a household subscribes to the plan, and it receives emergency ambulance services from Essex Rescue, the department will bill their insurance and anything not covered by the insurance will be covered by Essex Rescue.

Dec 12, 2023

What other community Montpelier's size has an assistant city manager ?

Dec 12, 2023

You can't cut Emergency Medical Services or Fire- Dispatch does a great job.

Dec 12, 2023

More discussion about the school budget

Dec 11, 2023

City management needs to be examined.

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Dec 11, 2023

City Hall staff levels are out of control. Yet somehow completely missing from this survey.

Yes. Utilize our current supply of owned city buildings to capacity. For example, use city hall rooms to full capacity rather than taking over buildings like the one housing the MSAC ... many rooms in the city hall are dedicated to an office for one person only. And finally, why do renters enjoy the privilege of voting on the budget while those who own residences in the city but are not residents cannot vote on the budget?

Dec 11, 2023

The City needs new leadership

Dec 10, 2023

City Hall staffing levels are ridiculous.

Dec 9, 2023

No other community has the City Hall staff levels or budget.

Dec 10, 2023

Shocking yet telling that City Hall excludes themselves from this conversation

Dec 9, 2023

City Hall staffing levels Why does Montpelier need a Manager and Assistant Manager ?

Dec 10, 2023

The city needs to increase its tax base by heavily focusing on attracting new income producing businesses, residents and tourists. Improvements to infrastructure and overall economic development should be prioritized over costly social and community services.

Dec 9, 2023

Just make the cuts. I have done this at the state level dozens of times. Make Montpelier affordable, make the cuts. It's your responsibility. Don't be Burlington. You can do it. I have faith in you.

Dec 9, 2023

Bill Fraser needs to be replaced

Dec 9, 2023

City administration cuts finance \ Managers office

Dec 9, 2023

Pay your first responders

Dec 9, 2023

City Hall City Manager Office cuts

Dec 9, 2023

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Dec 9, 2023

No mention of the City Hall staffing is shameless

No funding contributed to arts, events, montpelier alive until revenues and debt can be stabilized

Dec 9, 2023

Again, I think that the staffing levels in City itself need a hard look compared to other municipalities our size.

Dec 9, 2023

Cut the fluff at city hall

Dec 9, 2023

Senior center becomes non profit?

Dec 8, 2023

We cannot be everything to everybody. What should a city provide to its residents and what should they provide for themselves.

Dec 9, 2023

Get rid of unnecessary expenditures. Start with base needs then figure out what you can afford from there

Dec 8, 2023

Instead of framing taxes as "cut taxes vs cut services" we should look into increasing city's tax base. Simplify zoning requirements to bare bone.

Dec 9, 2023

Dec 9, 2023

Municipal Taxes are not the problem. The entire education funding system needs to be restructured .

Dec 8, 2023

What are we reviewing in the overall budget besides these options?

Dec 9, 2023

Train and fund police, increase social work support

Dec 8, 2023

Please listen carefully to feedback you are getting and then integrate those comments into decisions. Otherwise surveys serve little purpose. We have so many pressing needs but some must come before others. We cannot possibly do them all in one or two years.

Dec 9, 2023

Dec 7, 2023

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Expand the grand list and develop more taxable housing

Dec 7, 2023

No

Dec 7, 2023

I would like the city to examine its spending and find efficiencies. Where can equipment be repaired rather than replaced? What are other cities doing to accomplish more without spending as much as we do?

Dec 7, 2023

keep in mind that many seniors live in montpelier and live on fixed incomes which if taxes are raised significantly puts us in a very difficult living condition. In paying our taxes we are paying for school expenses

Dec 4, 2023

Keep equipment and staff to keep sidewalks and bike path cleared regularly during snowstorms. It is a great service that I don't want to see lost!! (many towns have to wait until after all the roads are clear)

Nov 29, 2023

Stop bundling. Budget should have line items not "if you want this you must fund that, too."

Nov 29, 2023

I appreciate the work that's being done in this difficult time. More public transportation would be helpful.

Nov 29, 2023

Question about increasing, decreasing, leaving current budgeted amount is unanswerable without providing link to current budgeted amounts for these.

Nov 29, 2023

The budget situation is very challenging but I hope that all the aspects of Montpelier that make it such a special place to live can survive at least and most importantly improve.

Nov 29, 2023

Taxes are too high seniors and middle and low income households are being taxed to the point that living in Montpelier is unaffordable

Nov 29, 2023

Please make hiring a full time MSAC director a priority.

Nov 29, 2023

I support the development of the Elk's Club property, but would follow Tim Heney's recommendations. He's our resident expert on housing development..

Nov 29, 2023

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The police budge is a ridiculously disproportionate piece of the pie. Our city(and country) would have less criminal issues if that money was used for social programs. Also, the font on this survey and the city website is horrible.

Nov 29, 2023

Schools offer opportunities for youngsters seniors need more funding for the senior center.

Nov 28, 2023

Housing and homelessness are crucial issues.

Nov 28, 2023

We are in this mess together. I may not always agree with decisions but appreciate chance for input and explanations.

Nov 28, 2023

Please charge significantly higher fees for non-residents at city facilities like the outdoor pool, tennis courts, senior center, indoor recreation facilities, etc... Montpelier residents should not be footing the bill for non-residents.

Nov 28, 2023

Please charge higher fees for non-Montpelier residents to use city services at city facilities. ex. Pool, tennis/pickleball courts, senior center activities, indoor recreation facilities, etc. Montpelier residents should not have to subsidize these costs for people from

surrounding towns (with lower taxes and fewer services) to benefit from Montpelier provided services.

Nov 28, 2023

Take the projected income for next year and subtract the deficit from that income number. Decrease that number by an additional 10% for emergencies. Then give each department the percentage of the overall number that they received of the budget this year, telling them this is your budget, make it work.....is what I would do if I were running it like my business

Nov 27, 2023

I don't care if residential streets have pot holes, people should slow down.

Nov 27, 2023

Just as a FYI - the state of our City's roads is appalling and embarrassing when guest visit.

Nov 27, 2023

Cap property taxes

Nov 27, 2023

I think the survey needs to break out the large items that keep the city running, i.e. roads, police, fire from the extras like recreation, Senior Center, Homeless...they are different topics and very different amounts of money involved.

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Nov 27, 2023

We don't need the confluence park, we need to upgrade the water and sewer that everyone needs

The city should work towards making Montpelier a beautiful place to live, work, and visit. This includes better maintenance of sidewalks, paths, trash, painting, and public restrooms.

Nov 27, 2023

Having grown up in this town, it's now a joke and extremely disappointing that the city is asking it's residents how to raise money. What the actual hell do we pay you for?

Nov 27, 2023

I understand that there are competing funding needs; however, we need to ensure that all Montpelier residents can afford to live here. Too many senior citizens can no longer afford to live in the city due to a high cost of living. Therefore, excess spending on wants versus needs should be stopped.

Nov 27, 2023

Focus on the essentials. Infrastructure, road/sidewalk/bike path maintenance, public safety. Get rid of bloat on the city staff. Stop treating bike paths like they are "recreation" rather than basic infrastructure many residents use to get around.

Nov 27, 2023

Reduce number of employees, especially recently added positions.

Nov 27, 2023

it would be much more helpful to know how much is currently spent on each of these categories so we can make an informed recommendatoin about funding adjustments, and also how much city administration costs.

Nov 27, 2023

sell the elks property

Nov 27, 2023

I think the city is over staffed compared to other similar sized cities. Where can we cut?

Nov 27, 2023

Do not raise taxes.

Nov 26, 2023

Please sell the Country Club property

Nov 27, 2023

Nov 25, 2023

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Start with "zero based" budgeting to eliminate unnecessary spending that has become the status quo for years, of not decades.

Nov 22, 2023

Montpelier needs to address the cost of future climate disasters and how a fragile downtown has to find solutions in order to survive. This is necessary NOW!

Nov 21, 2023

Perhaps there is grant funding for some more support of city programs?

Nov 21, 2023

Merge school system with U32 as previously done.

Nov 21, 2023

I think the city needs to create other revenue streams than property taxes. I.e toll roads, get federal money for reinventing the watershed, use city land for federally funded solar farms, create an aquifer for taking and storing extra rainfall here to transport to drought areas in U S. We need more creative thinking. And creative building.

Nov 21, 2023

When I replied, "Maintain" for so many categories, I consider this to be in the short term. Let's see how things develop for Montpelier after the city recovers from the

flood over the next 2 years and then do this survey again.

Nov 21, 2023

Do not put a boat launch in the city. Focus on parking and bringing life and business to our community. Leave Airbnb's alone and allow for housing growth within the city

Nov 21, 2023

review/change zoning to allow for more housing in the city. Stop spending on larger projects like the country club. Leave housing development for the experts - just make it easier for development to take place. Reduce bureaucracy in the zoning office.

Nov 21, 2023

There are other ways to make the budget work besides the zero-sum cut programs vs. raise taxes. It would be great to hear more discussion/exploration of those. What about fundraising? Federal grant programs? Or a reevaluation of existing spending?

Nov 21, 2023

Continually rising cost of health insurance, often 3-4 times COL each year is not sustainable. Does the city participate/have access to a large group plan via VLCT, captive insurance, or some other umbrella?

Nov 21, 2023

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I voted because I work in Montpelier

Nov 20, 2023

We have many gifted people in this community. Why are we spending a fair amount of money paying for experts, surveys, and people who have no investment in this community? It's time to seriously consider the ideas and ways in which builds community. Leadership need to be more creative in utilizing existing resources, expand or reconfiguring what is in place. We do not have to be something we aren't, let's just be who we are.

Nov 20, 2023

Seek out more volunteers for some roles.

Nov 20, 2023

we need to enhance the senior center opportunities as prior to the pandemic and hire a director knowledgeable and visible to our senior citizen community related to the needs of Montpelier's senior citizens in a location accessible to downtown Montpelier.

Nov 20, 2023

Civil Engineering study to reduce flooding. It can be solved!

Nov 20, 2023

All city departments need to reevaluate and decrease their budgets. The taxpayers' resources are limited.

Nov 20, 2023

Do we get a PILOT pmt from state-owned & religious properties?

Nov 20, 2023

In a previous question, I was unclear as to what the Barre Street Scoping project meant. I think it is important in voting and in surveys to separate and define items clearly and carefully so that residents understand what they are supporting and voting for. Where would the purchase of the Elks Club fit in this survey or the Signage project?

Nov 20, 2023

(1) Why wasn't Country Club Road part of prioritization on this questionnaire? (2) Not everything boils down to money. I feel like DPW employees aren't paying attention to things around town. Things like cleaning up the flood silt on the sidewalk behind Sarducci's is not an expensive project would make a big difference, but no one has bothered to get out of their trucks to clean it up! Our city employees need to work smarter, not more expensively!

Nov 20, 2023

I don't see any major plans for housing reflected in this survey.

Nov 20, 2023

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I think the public needs more access to accessible budget information

Nov 20, 2023

Montpelier has to recognize that despite the good intentions of many proposals, the city has to stop spending beyond its income-producing capabilities!

Nov 20, 2023

I own land in Montpelier and pay Montpelier property taxes

Nov 19, 2023

It's easy for people with an income sensitivity tax cap to demand more services knowing that they are insulated from the resulting tax increase. The city does a good job balancing priorities with cost.

Nov 19, 2023

Nov 18, 2023

I don't think so. I trust the options you gave are comprehensive.

Nov 18, 2023

Sources of income other than taxes and cuts, such as federal, state, or charitable contributions.

Nov 18, 2023

Need to prioritize needs over wants. And need to take future increases such as the equalized student issue due in 5 years, into spending considerations now.

Nov 18, 2023

More street paving, please. Our roads are an embarrassment.

Nov 18, 2023

It's great that you're asking the community these questions but some of the options are lacking in creativity in new revenue sources. Considering ways that existing systems could be more efficient would also be worthwhile. Cost sharing with the State and other towns for the infrastructure and resources they use within our city would also be helpful.

Nov 18, 2023

Yes, regarding the reappraisal process - it is so unfair that owners can make improvements inside their homes without a building permit and then refuse access to the appraiser. In that case, the home owner should pay a penalty by having the property assessed at the maximum rate for the neighborhood. It is ridiculous that some wealthy homeowners pay lower real estate taxes than they should.

Nov 17, 2023

Kill Confluence Park. Nice but not necessary.

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Nov 17, 2023

STOP catering to scumbag landlords who are evicting long term disabled and senior tenants thanks to 'no fault' evictions & jacking up rents 50% when these scumbags -- LUCKY BOARDMAN - take over a building and vt's bs catering to scumbag landlords

We support you to make hard decisions. Montpelier needs to be an affordable place to live.

Nov 17, 2023

We need to get creative about housing and fast for safety, stability, and economic well-being of each individual and our city. RV parks? Convert empty business space? Buy tiny homes on wheels? And along with this we need to ensure our downtown doesn't become a place people fear going, like Burlington.

Nov 17, 2023

Increased housing for the middle and lower range should be a priority, it generates more revenue for the city, and increasing available workers encourages more businesses in Montpelier, which again generates more revenue for the City. More housing and economic opportunities in the city make Montpelier a more appealing place to live, and over time provide resources for us to enhance the recreation and cultural options in the city. First housing and economic activity. Later enhancing recreation and cultural activities, after we have seen housing and economic growth.

Nov 17, 2023

cut city jobs/ payroll

Nov 17, 2023

I think that you should consider selling the Country Club property. The cost to build and bring additional infrastructure is too much. I don't see this changing over the next five or so years.

Nov 17, 2023

Please don't raise taxes in Montpelier. I am a one income household and must live within my means, government should do the same.

Nov 17, 2023

I think a cost benefit analysis of each department is in order.

Nov 17, 2023

the water system must be addressed

Nov 16, 2023

Street maintenance/paving spending. Elm St. is crumbling.

Nov 17, 2023

Nov 16, 2023

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What does economic development MEAN? Why didn't you give us a chance to voice opinions on USE of the Country Club site? Or tell us what percentage the School budget is of the costs we will be asked to approve?

Nov 16, 2023

Pave the damn streets!

Nov 16, 2023

We need to address homelessness and housing crisis

Nov 16, 2023

BILL Fraser needs to go. He is complacent and out of ideas

Nov 16, 2023

Prioritize investment in long term durable projects - like water main replacement- over short term fixes. Accept that roads may be slippery or snow covered and advise residents to drive slowly

Nov 16, 2023

Also consider opportunities to invest in technology to improve efficiencies of city services

Nov 16, 2023

I pay property taxes in Montpelier and own a home there, but I now live in a different Vermont town. I rent my Montpelier home via year long leases. I would like to see Montpelier explore opportunities for revenue from luxury activities, higher wealth residents or property owners, and neighboring communities that use Montpelier services. It seems like the only solution to addressing the income disparity and resource needs of the community. Maybe consolidating services with neighboring communities would also be beneficial such as consolidating public safety. I don't think silos and thinking insular will enable Montpelier to get through the current housing and economic crises.

Nov 16, 2023

It is time to recognize apples as apples. The council-manager system does not work. On top of that, we have a clearly underperforming city manager. Why is this not discussed openly and transparently? Could it be because they arrested the last individual who vehemently spoke out and disrupted the council meeting? There were other ways to deal with frustrated, dissenting opinions. It is time for a change. Maybe this time the CM will simply retire, rather than being fired again.

Nov 15, 2023

I do think there are areas such as recreation, charging stations and such which should be handled by the city with increased support from the people who use them. I also believe we need to apply pressure to state government to take more of a role in housing and

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infrastructure. And why did we buy the Elks club?

Nov 15, 2023

decrease social programs until our streets, water and emergency services are fully funded

Nov 15, 2023

City Council and School Board need to coordinate and work together as we all work to build our goals and budgets for 2024.

Nov 15, 2023

Those in charge of creating their department budget should be incentivized to find waste and reducing spending. Rather than "I have to spend my budget or I won't get it next year" Also, the pool is great but it is not worth what we get out of it. Thanks!

Nov 15, 2023

Please, please prioritize infrastructure that supports functional and safe schools, including water pipes to Union Elementary.

Nov 15, 2023

I don't think it was a good idea to buy the golf course outside of town. Perhaps some could be sold to developers

Nov 15, 2023

You should consider making the surrounding towns part of a Capital Region where outside towns pay taxes for in-city services but have fair representation via voting. Part of this switch should be a consolidation of MHS and U32 as well as smaller schools as appropriate.

Nov 14, 2023

The current issues are not entirely circumstantial. The very poor decisions over the years - e.g. to ignore a failing water system, to redirect school funds into a parking lot boondoggle leaving us with unjustifiable legal expenses, the investor takeover of our housing stock - all must be accounted for. This "survey" is an ineffective strategy. We need an effective city manager.

Nov 15, 2023

More transparency around the budget decision process, and please stop raising taxes.

Nov 15, 2023

It is crucial to grow the grand list because that broadens the tax base for the community.

Nov 14, 2023

This is a thinly disguised survival strategy for a long past flailing city manager. Budget prioritization by popular decree is not

Nov 15, 2023

Tax state buildings

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responsible leadership, nor does it work. This is another bad idea. It is long past time for change.

Nov 14, 2023

Without ambitious solutions for housing and infrastructure, the city's outlook seems incredibly bleak. The public statements of city leadership sounds complacent and oblivious to the needs of city residents. It is past time to reconsider the weak mayor / strong city manager structure that impedes accountability and does a disservice to local taxpayers.

Nov 14, 2023

Prioritize infrastructure-- water pipes & paving. Please.

Nov 14, 2023

This survey's construction is flawed and will yield status-quo responses

Nov 14, 2023

Stop focusing on social issues that you think make us look progressive. They actually make us look ridiculous.

Nov 14, 2023

The categories are so broad that this survey is essentially meaningless. The City will find whatever answers it wants to find in whatever these generic questions result in, as far as "statistics." The City doesn't really care except

to use this as a tool for justifying whatever it wants to do in the future.

Nov 14, 2023

I would like us to explore more grant programs at both the Federal and State level. Also, I think that we should advocate for state funding post flood, similar to the Governor's plan for Barre. That should occur in Montpelier too.

Nov 14, 2023

More trash cans, esp. in winter.

Nov 14, 2023

Yes, we need flood mitigation plans for the city - where are these on your list?

Nov 14, 2023

It's important to balance our budget and make some difficult decisions. Endlessly seeking new revenue is not enough, we need to also decrease spending and not at the expense of those most vulnerable. For instance, housing is necessary. Recreation is luxury.

Nov 14, 2023

I couldn't get the first section (click and drag) to work.

Nov 14, 2023

Good luck. And thanks

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Nov 14, 2023

Tax rate increases that out pace inflation and median wage increases are unsustainable (esp. given expected school tax rate increases). It's becoming so difficult for middle class, working class, and fixed income folks to live in our community. We need some new thinking and innovative approaches in the city government.

Nov 14, 2023

City finances have been mismanaged if you run a deficit and have no "rainy day" savings. This is the current situation.

Nov 14, 2023

Hire new MSAC director with financial responsibility and authority.

Nov 14, 2023

Look into ways to adjust taxes and fees to more fairly reflect income; explore ways to reduce personnel costs by rethinking our city governance structure

Nov 14, 2023

Hire bright, effective directors of the senior center, recreation, parks then cut the administrative position of director of community services.

Nov 14, 2023

Research & study "move downtown uphill"re: Next Flood.

Nov 14, 2023

Reduce spending not by cutting problems but reigning in the number of city employees who support the administrators. Montpelier needs to be better at supporting basic human needs like public restrooms.

Nov 14, 2023

Sometimes it seems like we do not receive good value for the money spent.

Nov 14, 2023

Probably a drop in the bucket, but I think fees could be increased substantially for many recreation and MSAC programs with a reduced option for low income residents. Most Montpelierites (especially the newer ones) could afford to pay a lot more. Though I do believe all the items in the ranking are important, because we have to prioritize I ranked ones that could reasonably be put down the line lower. As for property taxes, I have not yet figured out how the portion I, as a very low income person with a home value toward the lower end) more than doubled when taxes on homes more than twice the size of mine owned by persons with over 20 times my income hardly went up at all. But that is another issue.

Nov 13, 2023

How do we expand the grand list.

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Nov 13, 2023

Spend less

1. As a member of MSAC, I'm still confused about why Arne McMullen's expanded roll in overseeing the Senior Center and his own department. I am unaware of his training in services for the aging and in his leadership qualifications.

Nov 13, 2023

Your consideration of legalization of sex workers made you look incompetent

Nov 13, 2023

High property taxes make rent high on a house I own. Not affordable!

Nov 13, 2023

More senior housing needed with a lens towards ability to convert easily to another need when the population of seniors decreases.

Nov 13, 2023

Concentrate limited resources where the city has the greatest ability to actually make things happen and downside funding where the results of funding isn't really in the city's ability to make meaningful change.

Nov 13, 2023

more money to parks and trees

Nov 13, 2023

There are an increasing number of young families in town. If we would like to encourage growth here, more needs to be done to support young families: childcare, recreational activities, community spaces

Nov 13, 2023

Address nuts and bolts. Forget the fluffy stuff.

Nov 13, 2023

Yes. This whole survey is simply about money, with no mention of future savings or quality of life issues

Nov 13, 2023

Fire Bill Frasier

Nov 13, 2023

Tax on the very wealthy and the sellers of overpriced homes at time of sale

Nov 13, 2023

Want lower taxes, more information from city officials

Nov 13, 2023

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Nov 13, 2023

No

evidenced from how much resistance they drummed up when Montpelier wanted to implement the meals tax increase of 1%.

Nov 13, 2023

Would like to have a Community Budget Advisory Board to assist in budget development.

Nov 13, 2023

Are there other (reasonable) resources for revenue besides property taxes?

Nov 13, 2023

Unfortunately, it's time to address the survival of Montpelier as a community. Once we are well positioned for a resilient future (flood, economic downturn/inflation-housing and social net, workforce shortage, aging of population) we can start offering recreation, well paved streets and other perks. For now, keeping the population fed, housed, employed and our basic infrastructure viable will help curb crime and maintain our current economic motors.

Nov 13, 2023

Looking elsewhere for tax increases - i.e., second home, air bnb, homes valued over \$2 million - it's always on the homeowners and businesses struggling to get by. This should change.

Nov 13, 2023

I wonder whether there can be cost savings re: the large number of people employed by the city. I don't have a good sense whether all people on staff are fully utilized, or whether there is cost savings on the sheer number of city employees. Are they fully busy 40 hours a week?

Nov 13, 2023

The city should update residential zoning code and go beyond Act 46 and allow more types of housing by right. We need to grow our tax base and the grad list.

Nov 13, 2023

Let's find a way to increase the amount of revenue we take in from the State for their constant daytime use of all of our facilities and services. That piece of pie certainly isn't fair as

Nov 13, 2023

Upgrades to the water system is crucial - water main breaks are happening too frequently and have shut down UES again today. We need to replace old pipes, lower pressure coming from the treatment plant, and build pump stations in town.

Nov 13, 2023

Not sure it's directly related to budget, but the utter lack of affordable housing for sale makes

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it difficult for my family to see a future in Montpelier.

Nov 13, 2023

Sell the Elks property. Forget the confluence park. Minimize High School track improvements. Study U32 merger with U32 School Board. Study energy savings in our schools. Rearrange staffing to create a group charged with going after grants and subsidies from public and private sectors. Do not place blame for city mistakes or scape goat any employees.

Nov 13, 2023

Montpelier is extremely over staffed compared with other VT municipalities. We have assistants to assistants! This is where the money goes. Reduce staff.

Nov 13, 2023

We need to invest in order to grow to a more viable economic status. We can't keep sitting on our lauds. Canada paves roads in a 20th of the time it takes us to and with fewer people. They have triple pane glass in their buildings. Other countries, such as Japan and Iceland, have similar climate areas and we can learn from them what works for an outside assessment of our infrastructure.

Nov 12, 2023

can the City look at program budgets and see where there is potentially cross pollination and opportunities to cut program costs. Not eliminate programs but seek ways to lower costs, reward staff that can recommend some cost cutting

Nov 13, 2023

I'm new to the area, relocating post-flood. Seems to me that housing and critical infrastructure are the 2 most crucial elements in restoring Montpelier.

Nov 12, 2023

Please pave school street

Nov 13, 2023

Let's do not increase taxes.

Nov 12, 2023

Stop wasting money on unsustainable poorly thought out projects

Nov 13, 2023

Thank you!!

Nov 12, 2023

would like to be asked about other aspects of citybudget such as the school budget, selling country club property, confluence park

Nov 12, 2023

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Sell Country Club to developer? Cancel Confl
Park bonds? Save int!

Nov 12, 2023

Keeping in mind that 40+% of the citizens are retirees/on fixed incomes, City Council/Mayor need to take a hard look at how it functions and focus only on the current reality and not on "pie in the sky" projects/targets that end up costing taxpayers more in the long run. If you want to keep your population base, it is past time to put your energy and focus into what is going to support those residents. And, thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this important issue.

Nov 12, 2023

Yeah levy an additional tax on homes not used as primary residences (should not apply to duplexes or apartment buildings, etc)

Nov 12, 2023

I live in a relatively small house and the fact that property taxes are closing in on \$7,000 is not good. What is needed is the ability to expand the tax base. Permitting to build affordable housing is required.

Nov 12, 2023

A cordial ability to liste openly and respectfully and with respectful goodwill lets one be open to dialog. No one person has ALL the answers.

Nov 12, 2023

Staffing numbers for all departments.

Nov 12, 2023

Elks property was a waste of \$\$

Nov 12, 2023

New to town after living in Calais for 34 years. So just starting to get involved and paying attention.

Nov 12, 2023

It seems ridiculous to me to spend public funds building a community pool when the Montpelier area—at VT generally—is full of pristine rivers , lakes and ponds. If a small minority of people must swim in the winter, there are gym memberships available with pool access. In fact, it doesn't make much sense to me to divert any more funds than we already have to outdoor recreation or parks since VT is virtually an adult playground as it is.

Nov 12, 2023

I know it's difficult to understand why the Senior Center is so important. You'll just have to trust us.

Nov 12, 2023

Stop wasting time and money on things that cater to social virtue signaling. Stop

Nov 12, 2023

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LOWER TAXES

Nov 12, 2023

Some more creative solutions to \$. Shouldn't be increase a in lieu of cancelling b. Quality of life matters

Nov 12, 2023

Don't understand why spending was SO over budget in previous fiscal year. It's like approved budget was totally ignored.

Nov 12, 2023

We're in dire straits. It's time to pare spending back to essentials. Many homeowners can't afford increased taxes. Selling one's house and moving to rental is not an option since there is no affordable housing. It's time to get serious!

Nov 12, 2023

I think there may be creative revenue opportunities. Why don't you have some focus groups on this.

Nov 12, 2023

Do what it takes to support MSAC. Seniors represent 40% of Montpelier's population.

Nov 12, 2023

Yes, the number of city of Montpelier employees is greater than surrounding cities of

equi population. The number of City-based public parks and outdoor recreation areas is less than cities of equi population. I'd like to see these two issues studied, and addressed to reconcile.

Nov 12, 2023

What about Green Mount Cemetery??

Nov 12, 2023

Stop Confluence Park project and use that bond for water pipe replacement

Nov 12, 2023

I support the Elks Club project, mainly for the housing component It will broaden the tax base and increase economic activity while providing critical housing needs .It has the potential to create a net-zero mixed-income development which will bring returns on our investment. Also I support social and economic justice but this survey doesn't make clear how this fits into the budget. Also Mplr. should support the state Climate Superfund bill which would hold the oil/gas companies accountable for their share of the climate disaster and allow our city to prepare for inevitable climate changes .

Nov 12, 2023

Nov 12, 2023

As a working class resident, I am being priced out after 25 plus years living here, My apartment's rent went up by 30% just after the

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flood. I work downtown. The gentrification of rents is pricing out us cooks...

Nov 12, 2023

Selling properties/freezing budget

Nov 12, 2023

I have lived here for 25 years, raised 3 children in the schools. I thought I would live in Montpelier for the rest of my life. I cannot wait to get out. This city's priorities are completely backwards. Looking forward to cashing out on our home and saying goodbye soon.

Nov 12, 2023

Curious as to what outside sources of funding might be tapped to help us through this difficult time.

Nov 12, 2023

1. Stop costly, wasteful and environmentally unsound pipedream projects like the Elks club and new track. 2. Do something ASAP about neglected, decaying waste water systems endangering the safety and homes of residents, especially those living in the flood zone! Twice is more than enough - three strikes and you're out!

Nov 11, 2023

Sell the Country Club land and use the money to support infrastructure improvements. Eliminate any funding and activity related to Confluence

Park. We need to concentrate on catching up with the long-ignored "have-to-haves" and we cannot afford any more taxes.

Nov 11, 2023

Remove any property tax exemptions for federal, state, and nonprofit. If they complain ask them to remove the income base property tax break

Nov 11, 2023

Nov 11, 2023

The survey asked about departments only in the broadest terms. Within departments, there may be specific programs which we could agree to decrease. For example, I might think paving streets needs more investment, but that plowing needs less.

Nov 11, 2023

Seek an increase in PILOT from the state. Identify downtown locations for housing development above flood plain. Collaborate with federal and state agencies, and upstream communities, to mitigate watershed flooding.

Nov 11, 2023

Reduce staff through attrition. No more assistance to the assistance. Focus on infrastructure and public safety.

Nov 11, 2023

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Repair streets don't sweep them as often

Nov 11, 2023

the focus should be on creating resilience in the climate emergency

Burlington, Portland Maine, Portsmouth NH, Manchester NH, and others. Yes, they are bigger than Montpelier but they have hat people are looking for! Montpelier can get there—we just gotta get out of the mid-20th century and advance and TAKE RISKS!!

Nov 11, 2023

As I mentioned above, the bloated staffing within city offices.

Nov 11, 2023

No to Confluence Park for now, just keep it mowed please. No to golf course development, sell it to a developer. Concentrate on road condition, water pressure issue.

Nov 11, 2023

Elks club property—SELL IT!!

Nov 11, 2023

The people in our town are idealistic, purpose-driven with a lot of civic enthusiasm! This was particularly evident after the flood. I think that creative leadership could harness the collective energy and skills of our townspeople. For example - instead of letting the recreation center sit rotting on Barre Street, partner with local businesses, contractors, parents, philanthropists to make it functional (while the town argues about the long-term solutions.) Harness the physical power of your people. Stop waffling about "we don't have the money to do this." I grew up in a community with the Amish. I have seen houses raised in a day by an engaged community. I have seen similar community spirit in Montpelier. Use it. Habitat for Humanity isn't the only organization that can use idealistic volunteers. We can too.

Nov 11, 2023

I would like to see more of a focus on programs and infrastructure that would not only benefit all living in Montpelier, but would also attract families to move to our great city. I would also like to see less emphasis put solely on senior programs that only serve a portion of our population. More emphasis should be out in attracting and keeping young people and families in our city through economic and housing development.

Nov 11, 2023

IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME!! We have to move forward and that means that we have to make Montpelier a place for families and people who want to advance and not stay stuck in the mid-20th century. You can look all around the state and New England and find places where people are moving to — Williston,

Nov 11, 2023

Should the Confluence Park be cancelled?
Should the Elks Club property be sold?

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Nov 11, 2023

One thing that's not directly addressed through the survey is homelessness. Montpelier is the state capital and should be a beacon for the state, but allowing homelessness downtown and throughout its public park spaces and near frequented outdoor areas diminish its status and property values and lead to a lack of perceived or real safety. We also have a small budget and need to prioritize other services. While sensitive to the struggles of the homeless, Montpelier isn't the place to allow homeless and isn't the appropriate location for providing shelter to the homeless.

Nov 11, 2023

This survey was rigged against MSAC. How can we easily prioritize most of these things? You are not fooling anyone.

Nov 11, 2023

GET PROPERTY TAXES UNDER CONTROL. RECENT INCREASES HAVE BEEN INSANE. AND DROP THE WHITE ELEPHANT PROJECTS, THEY MAKE NO FINANCIAL SENSE AND REEK OF CORRUPTION.

Nov 11, 2023

Your questions are way too general to provide meaningful information to you. As an example, what does "Parks" mean? I am all for some park maintenance, but totally against buying more land to turn into parks.

Nov 11, 2023

At this point in time, I feel that we are overextended as a city. We need to pull back and focus on the basics, and set aside some of the grand plans that don't address the infrastructure needs of our town. Our "house" needs roof, plumbing and foundation work. It doesn't show, and isn't pretty, but it is absolutely necessary.

Nov 11, 2023

Safety awareness and crime due to uptick in drug use. What is the Montpelier community not aware of that threatens them, their family, business, and way of life.

Nov 11, 2023

Prioritize education. Pave the roads.

Nov 11, 2023

Sell Country Club Road property. It was a misguided and poorly thought out purchase.

Nov 11, 2023

We have a great many creative, talented and smart people in our community. This survey is not asking, in my opinion the right questions. This feels like 1950's thinking. We need real dialogue and input about what can be done. For example, what are other towns doing with similar challenges? Are there ways for us to get involved in problem solving?

Nov 11, 2023

Key is to protect the city from flooding devastation, merge or move MSH (in reality, the student population is small enough to merge with U-32 and keep the existing staff employed.

Nov 11, 2023

Year after year, throughout the winter, I come across mounds of salt on sidewalks and in streets. This is such a waste of money! Is the equipment malfunctioning or is the operator unsure of how to operate the equipment? The "fix" involves either equipment repair or better training. I've reported this problem to DPW in the past and, once again, I saw the salt mounds on sidewalks after our recent early November snowfall. Please save some money by not dumping massive amounts of salt all in one place. ts of salt

Nov 11, 2023

Support new residential building options

Nov 11, 2023

Given the flood and the difficult long-term economic challenges facing the city, and given the already very high taxes that many people cannot afford, I think the City should give the Montpelier citizens the opportunity to rescind the Elks Club and Confluence Park projects. We cannot afford to work on them for at least 5 or more years. Thank you.

Nov 11, 2023

Prioritize practical necessary things like redoing all of the water system now, not in the next 50 years! Restricting air-b&b's to rooms in a person's private home property (no buying up property to invest in air b&B conversions. moving endangered commercial/governmental offices out of the downtown flood plain now. helpmake green mountain transit system work again--add scheduled routes with set times for larger mini buses; with the VT legislature work to set caps on what landlords can increase the rent by each year. pressure the fed. gov't to open an inside post office near downtown montpelier immediately--by 11/30/23 so people can mail christmas packages, buy stamps, etc. and so that the postal employees don't have to stand outside in the snow and cold.

Nov 11, 2023

We need to get the infrastructure fixed and we also need to consider the school budget and the impact of the new formula. Hopefully the city and the school board are on the same page.

Nov 11, 2023

Consider the quality of life for the residents. If taxes are raised substantially, people will leave, potential new home buyers will buy elsewhere.

Nov 11, 2023

No, but it would have been helpful to have a better understanding of what the budget levels are in the previous section (or what percentage of the budget they are). Otherwise, I am just answering based on a hunch.

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Nov 11, 2023

use funds wisely

Forget building new parks and address flooding. Less focus on bikes, more on seniors. Patrol the walking paths

Nov 11, 2023

The pool is a huge asset to the community. Please keep maintaining it. No need for major upgrades. My family really enjoys it how it is.

Nov 10, 2023

I might have suggested that you offered a broader range of specific areas where expenses, including labor costs/FTEs, could be trimmed in your options above.

Nov 10, 2023

Top priorities are maintaining what we have (roads, sewer, parks, etc) before expanding anything or moving on policy goals

Nov 10, 2023

It would be helpful for visitors and residents to have public restrooms available, however, before they're built, there should be a plan for 1. Keeping them clean and 2. Keeping them safe.

Nov 10, 2023

Invest in the core operations (water, fire, roads); then fund projects that are revenue positive; and carefully evaluate projects that are revenue negative

Nov 10, 2023

These questions don't allow for a nuanced response. For example, I can see cutting funding for the MSAC temporarily or recreation temporarily, but would want to see funding restored when the City's finances are in better shape. Likewise, if net-zero projects/ energy conservation efforts will help save money over the next 10 years or so, I would be supportive of that spending. It seems to me that over the very near term we need to limit expenses to the essentials, but also consider ways to increase revenue through taxes. I'd also be interested in exploring how residents can volunteer to take on some of the work the City is doing, like shoveling our own sidewalks or doing maintenance work elsewhere. Perhaps that work could even allow residents to get a small tax break or other incentive.

Nov 10, 2023

Urgently address housing crisis as well as resilience in the face of climate change

Nov 10, 2023

Cutting City Hall Staff. Reducing city Manager's salary. This survey was poorly put together.

Nov 10, 2023

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Nov 10, 2023

some programs (recreation, montpelier senior center) could be picked up by a non-profit. It's important to keep these programs open to all, but hopefully with different structure than taxes. Taxes impact everyone, whereas voluntary donations by people who can afford to donate could be better tapped. The work that parks is doing has been phenomenal and I would like to see continued investment in lower cost items such as trails, while putting a hold on Confluence park and other more designed areas.

Nov 10, 2023

get rid of administrative staff and have those who are left work full time on finding state and Federal resources for support of needed infrastructure repairs

Nov 10, 2023

Stop spending money on studies for major fantasy projects like a downtown swimming pool

Nov 10, 2023

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Nov 10, 2023

I find this survey very poorly designed. It will inevitably highlight Net Zero/Energy projects as "optional" when only a small fraction of the

total city budget is being listed as "options to cut". You also are not providing useful information about where the overall budget is allocated. Why are only these things considered "optional"? Why not list all departments?

Nov 10, 2023

Cut staff.

Nov 10, 2023

How are more apts helping our city? They aren't paying taxes, they add to the bulging schools and while a generalization, the low income housing generally brings in families with kids that need special services and our schools are failing in Special Ed. On homeless population, Why aren't we collaborating with other cities to work together on shelters. Montpelier feels responsible to help everyone and every cause, at some point we have to say that we can't afford it. I can't spend my entire income on others in need, I need to support my family. Montpelier can't help every human being that's in need, it needs to support it's family: the citizens that pay taxes. I hate to say it, the more low income, no income people you bring into the city, the more problems, the more we need police, emt, the more infrastructure that can't be addressed because all of our tax money is going on the needy. At some point we have to cap it. I would love to hear a short and long term plan for fixing the infrastructure, we just hear all the reasons things are an issue. If we have too many non profits, cap it. This city has changed drastically in the last 20 years and not for the better. It's not safe, drug use everywhere and the schools have gone downhill.

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Nov 10, 2023

I recommend looking into opportunities efficiencies in spending before cutting programs & services.

Nov 10, 2023

Nov 10, 2023

Quit the studies for now. Pay for what is already in the works. Sell any properties owned by the city that are not self sustaining.

Nov 10, 2023

Please sell the country club land and scarp the confluence park idea. I cannot afford higher taxes; fixed income, and should not be forced to move. Selling the country club land could help our city coffers quite a bit in a time of great need. Stop wasting money on "studies" that go nowhere and cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Same with confluence park; get it off the table. If this were my personal budget, I would be eliminating all costs associated with any "wants" and "would be nice to have" ideas. We NEED to first fix the roads and sewer systems, get downtown up and running again thereby increasing the tax base. We also NEED to Cut administrative costs, as previously mentioned, to save money. We NEED to develop a "rainy day fund" since our coffers are so low. In short, balance the city budget the same way I balance mine; cut expenses and stop spending. Will it impact people, yes, but will it eventually get us back on firmer ground, yes, and that's what we need. Get rid of any and all expenses related to the country club,

confluence park and cut three or four positions from city government: PERIOD.

Nov 10, 2023

What about reprioritizing other projects tax payers will ultimately pay for that have been budgeted but may be less of a concern/need for residents when we're facing such high infrastructure needs? I'm not even sure what they all are when you lump everything into one category...

Nov 10, 2023

Stop spending money and time on social justice and virtue signaling items. Montpelier is a small spec in the global issues. Why do we citizens have to give more money and live with hardships when those around us contribute 1,000x more to the issues. China, NYC, Ukraine....

Nov 10, 2023

I'd strongly like to see a sensible funding of basic needs (public works, flood mitigation) as a priority. This would be a CHANGE from the past 10 years.

Nov 10, 2023

I feel these questions leave no room for outside of the box answers. I feel we need to be much more creative in our thinking about budgets. It is not simply a matter of whether we increase or decrease a current budget amount. We need to expand our tax base, utilize every vacant

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space in town, negotiate with the State about their contribution to our tax base. Again, I appreciate how difficult this situation is, but taxpayers are being hit hard with the new assessments and I'm about ready to give up on this town.

Nov 10, 2023

Low income home owners tax burden. Inability to build housing on property due to economic barriers.

Nov 10, 2023

The process of putting funding allocations on ballots must be structured so that 1) budgets are not city council "wish lists" but the leanest possible budgets; 2) no more "bundling" of project costs (like Confluence Park being buried in basic infrastructure). We must be honest and educate the public about inevitable, but deferred costs such as the \$180 million needed for water and sewer upgrades, scheduled to kick in in 2043. Public education/outreach that includes projection for school budget increases, so that votes can choose between, say, bringing defunct fire hydrants back online or \$2.5 million for a polyurethane track. Holistic budgeting.

Nov 10, 2023

JUST STOP WASTING OUR MONEY.

Nov 10, 2023

Linking the Barre Street Scoping Study improvements with vital infrastructure is

underhanded...the scoping project is really talking about a stretch of Barre Street that is right next to the bike path...with an ingress to the rec center...this would be spending money in an irresponsible manner...while pedestrian safety is a concern...I believe a 2 month long speed trap endeavor twice a year would be more effective...one with a speed gun and two cruisers(depending on which way the speeding car was going) waiting for the offenders...people should be afraid to speed anywhere in Montpelier...If they can't recognize the danger and importance on their own...fine them over and over and over...as far as sharing the road with "cyclists"...start making them follow the rules of road first...a lot of these folks ride like they have the right of way all the time and ride double rather than single file...fine them for being on the sidewalk or not signaling when they turn...maybe a bit of give and take...but really...you all should be focusing on vital infrastructure and actually affordable housing for the next ten years...the economy and all the other "cool" things the city wants to do are much more feasible when people can actually afford to do them...good luck.

Nov 10, 2023

1. Should we change our zoning/regulations to permit more private sector development projects, should we sell the Elks property, are we administratively "top heavy" and should we cut some positions, do we really have a large enough population to support, thru taxes, goals such as netzero, social justice, are you considering moving from Montpelier because taxes are ridiculously high? For starters, these are some questions. Also, do you really consider these questionnaire answers? We are a tiny city

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in a tiny state. Regional projects make sense. Here are some more questions... Does the amount of school spending for Montpelier/Roxbury school district impact your willingness to appropriate money to the city seeing as both taxes, combined, are too high. By the way, I have high income and still work and have live in Montpelier for the past 25 years. This city can still be "vibrant" without being so precious and and self-congratulatory. I've observed , with awe, the failed and polluting wood chip project, the stealing of Sabine's pasture, the failure to properly address water and sewer issues, the ridiculous purchase of Elks property, the wastes of money on the silly signage and pocket parks, the sabotaging of Capitol Plaza, I could go on lol.....

Nov 10, 2023

Let's sell the Elks property. I have said since the purchase that the city should not be in the business of property development. It is too large in scale and the city will not be able to afford developing the property.

Nov 10, 2023

I believe we need to re evaluate how we raise taxes for the schools in particular. Some of us have never had children in the schools, and with a growing aging population, that will be increasingly true. I don't think most people object paying for schools, but it has gotten overwhelming and if you don't have kids, a little maddening. Pleased the track was scrapped at least. I hope MHS can become part of U-32 and we can look to more consolidation. I know it's not currently possible under our laws, but is there a way to change how the weed taxes are

used? They are high (so to speak), and my understanding is that they cannot be used by the city. I know this is a remote possibility, but Churches also should be paying taxes. Esp. in Montpelier, with so many SOV building that don't pay taxes. One more thing, I will move out of state, as will (and have) others if the 9 to 20% tax increases continue. I get a 3% raise each year, so not enough to keep up with our quickly rising city taxes. I know other states give seniors a break, too. I'm not quite there, but support that as well.

Nov 10, 2023

The city needs to concentrate on core functions and not elective projects

Nov 10, 2023

Please tax non-primary residences more

Nov 10, 2023

Is more assistance from the Federal government available?

Nov 10, 2023

No

Nov 10, 2023

More transparency because City officials are really looking shady. How can so many people in charge be so incompetent. You really have to wonder if it's mismanagement or corruption.

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The taxes are outrageously high but the town's a dump.

Nov 10, 2023

Nov 10, 2023

How about stepping up grant writing to increase funding for infrastructure and one time improvements

So many of these issues are not stand alone and interwoven with each other

Nov 10, 2023

Nov 10, 2023

Must limit property tax burden on owner occupied residential buildings as a prior to ensure current residents can continue to afford to live here.

Vacant position savings should be used. Begin plans for private sale of portions of Elks with developer conditions or planning regulations

Nov 10, 2023

Cut admin positions

Nov 10, 2023

How should the budget requests be laid out for the residents to understand what they are voting on? (Not lumping them together in unclear ways) Do you think separate items should be listed separately? (YES). Do you think lumping budget items together is underhanded and sneaky? ? (YES, I DO) Do you think the Confluence Park should be scrapped? (YES).

Nov 10, 2023

We don't live in Montpelier but are tied to this community and rely on Montpelier city water/sewer and pay taxes to things like the library etc. a senior activity center is not necessary at all. What we need to do is make this area more affordable and attractive to young working families and having decent housing and dealing more firmly with the homeless population (camping in public areas? What gives?) and support the police in doing so.

Nov 10, 2023

How would I like the administration handle the budget shortfall?

Nov 10, 2023

The taxpayers are paying for city employees to have generous compensation/benefits that very few taxpayers have.

Nov 10, 2023

Bill Frasier needs to go ASAP. No amount of budget magic will help this city as long as it is under his (mis)management.

Nov 10, 2023

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Now is not the time for new construction projects like confluence park or elks club development or new rec center; we all have many "wants" but now is the time to focus on maintain our existing and core city functions

Nov 10, 2023

My primary source of income is social security

Nov 10, 2023

As the Baby Boomers age, it is important to provide services for these community members who have paid taxes and have supported the city the longest. Seniors are now providing hours of community service through volunteer programs throughout the city. I am a Post Partem Angel for new families, volunteer at the hospital, library, food pantry and Lost Nation Theater on a regular basis. And have also volunteered for Point to Point, Thanksgiving meals and Montpelier Alive. After the flood I volunteered every day until the Montpelier Alive tent was gone. The city gains services from senior volunteers in many ways.

Nov 10, 2023

This is a time to focus on infrastructure and maintenance. This is not a time to take on new city responsibilities. Also, with additional school budget \$\$ and the recent reassessment, this is not a time to raise taxes!!

Nov 10, 2023

UNBUNDLE spending and let voters choose line by line what to vote on. STOP rolling everything into a "base budget." Then you'll find out what voters really want and don't want.

Nov 10, 2023

Cut all the frivolous stuff and some salaries and benefits

Nov 10, 2023

Cut funding for the Confluence park. better use of \$\$

Nov 10, 2023

Seems like the Fire Department and Police Departments need some help. Time to make the State pay for the over-utilization of the City public Safety Resources, especially since the Capital Police won't event cover the State House Lawn anymore.

Nov 10, 2023

I think the city administration should consider cutting employees at the administration level. For a city this size we have more employees than other cities our size in the state.

Nov 10, 2023

Do not increase any taxes

Nov 10, 2023

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Please don't let the FPF trolls talk anyone into selling the golf course property. That is a critical piece of providing new housing opportunities. The city should drive this boat, not the FPF trolls.

Nov 9, 2023

District level conversations would be helpful , large area discussions are too big for careful analysis .

Nov 9, 2023

Nothing here about increasing the tax base. That needs to be a dual focus between the businesses in town, and by increasing housing.

Nov 9, 2023

Please do not assume that those with the time and inclination to offer commentary on FPF represent a majority of the community. Thank you for developing the survey!

Nov 9, 2023

I'd like more focus on pragmatic, essential municipal services including recreation for children.

Nov 9, 2023

Cut staff, freeze Country Club Road project, drop Confluence park project

Nov 9, 2023

Stop funding woke programs like climate change issues, social politics, and accommodations for fringe segments of people

Nov 9, 2023

We live here because it's a "platinum" community. We need to spend what it takes to maintain - and improve - services.

Nov 9, 2023

This didn't seem like a complete list of city programs and services that could be considered for cutting. The Arts Commission wasn't on there, for example, or city contributions to outside organizations, or city staffing.

Nov 9, 2023

Drop all efforts and spending on Confluence Park and a new indoor rec facility. Consider whether the city should develop a swift water rescue facility

Nov 9, 2023