THE MAYOR’S TAXING BUDGET by the numbers

$1.71 BILLION proposed budget
7.85% increase in overall spending over current year

new spending
$125m

specific reductions over current year
$3m

13% property tax increase for Nashville residents and businesses

This is a tax increase of $100 million
53-cent tax hike is just three cents short of requiring a public referendum

6.8% increase in school funding, which is supposedly the top priority even though it receives a smaller increase than other projects

$3.3 mil more for the Metro Transportation Authority’s mass transit dreams

4% pay raise for city government employees

$2.4 mil for art projects

$880,000 additional money for public works

$260,000 increased funding for Metro parks

$647,000 more for public libraries

SUBSIDIES

$2.1 mil incentive package to Dell & Amazon for previous deals

$6.1 mil subsidy to Bridgestone Arena

$406,000 handout for Nashville Farmers’ Market

$300,000 to Nashville Chamber’s “Partnership 2020” project

$250,000 for upkeep on the Sounds’ Greer Stadium

$200,000 subsidy for state fair

THE DEAN DOUBLESPEAK

“I’LL BE A LEADER, AND I’M NOT GOING TO RAISE TAXES. PERIOD.”
-August 25, 2007

“TODAY, I AM PROPOSING TO ADJUST OUR PROPERTY TAX RATE UPWARD BY 53 CENTS.”
-May 1, 2012