

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 & Asurion 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

to Nashville Entrepreneur Center

\$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