
TO: Phil Evans, President – Fraternal Order of Police

FROM: Mayor Dewey F. Bartlett, Jr.

DATE: December 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Issues Regarding Tulsa Police Department

I want to express my appreciation to you and the FOP for their recent decision regarding the take home car policy. As we continue to look for the cost cutting measures I believe this will have a positive contribution.

Over the past two weeks a number of comments and opinions have been circulating throughout the FOP membership that I believe I must address.

The Mayor is attempting to dissolve the Tulsa Police Department in favor of a metro police department under the Tulsa County Sheriff

False. In an effort to prepare the city for possible cuts in the public safety services we are required to provide, I have asked the Tulsa County Sheriff if his office would be able to provide public safety services in selected parts of Tulsa at a cost that the City can afford. The Sheriff has offered to provide a contingency plan if these circumstances should occur. This will not be a metro police department plan but, rather, a very strategic and targeted plan on specific areas where he can lend support to our police force. No plan will be implemented until we have thoroughly analyzed our revenue projections and the impact of these projections on the TPD plan provided by Chief Palmer and his staff. In addition, I will be considering other plans of reorganization in an attempt to lessen the reduction of our patrol force.

There is money in other City funds which could be used to minimize the impact of the budget reductions

The general fund is the only fund that has a dedicated and approved source of public safety funding. Some have mentioned moving capital funds (dedicated to replace equipment) over to the general fund or moving utility funds. Since capital funds were approved by a vote of the people for a specific purpose (which does not include the cost of operations), I do not have the legal authority to transfer these funds from a capital fund to the general fund. In

order for this to occur there would have to be an approval by either the City Council or a vote of the people.

Similarly, I am not supportive to move any of the utility funds to the general fund. We must do all we can to trim back administrative costs and increase our efficiencies.

There is federal grant money available that could be used to save some of the positions

We have been told that there are JAG funds available that could be used to save some, not all, of the projected jobs losses. If this is the case and these JAG funds were to be used, this would only fund some of the positions until June 30, 2010. After June 30th, we could still be faced with the budget shortfalls and the related reduction in force. This option is still being reviewed.

The proposed budget reduction plan has a disproportionate impact on the patrol officers than on the administrative and management staff

In addition to the impact plan submitted to my by Chief Palmer and his staff, I am considering several other plans in search of a more equitable reduction of work force that balances both the important service provided by the patrol officers as well as the necessary investigative and special crime fighting services. In that regard, I would welcome the FOP to submit it's plan of reorganization with the goal being to reduce the operating cost of the TPD while keeping our patrol services at the 'top heavy' and that a reorganization structure is appropriate.

If we sold at least one of the helicopters this would help solve our shortfall

I am currently reviewing this option. I believe that the helicopters we currently have are too expensive to operate and must be replaced. A lesser costly helicopter is an important part of providing public safety and providing safety for the police officers. I am currently reviewing not only what the market could bear in terms of selling at least one of our helicopters as well as the use of a less costly helicopter. This could result in some additional savings. However, the funds to purchase the helicopters came from a capital account and any funds received from a sale would have to be returned to that capital account. As mentioned previously, that money can not simply be transferred to the general fund without approval by the City Council or a vote of the people.

I have seriously considered shutting down a whole division to cut costs

False. At no time have I stated or even implied that this should be a considered option. The statement that I "smiled" when I heard such a possibility is simply not true.

I have refused to address the FOP membership on the above issues

False. I have made it very clear that I am willing to address the FOP membership any time that I am invited to do so. Prior to the meeting where the vehicle take home policy was to be discussed, I had offered my willingness to attend that meeting but was told it would not be in the best interest of the FOP discussion on the issue for me to attend at that time. I encourage the membership of the FOP to please invite me to speak to them soon before we are forced to make decisions without their input.

As you undoubtedly know, I have suggested that the City and the collective bargaining units begin negotiation discussions early in the process than what has occurred in the past. Given the likelihood that our financial situation will not dramatically improve in 2010, it is best for all concerned to begin this process for the next fiscal year as soon as possible.

If you have any comments or questions regarding my positions on these important issues, please feel free to contact me.

LES TAX REVENUE

MONTHLY 1/07 to 12/09

† indicates adjusted for Clean Slate program

ended 12/28/09

TMSA employment	Month	\$	12 Month % Difference	12 Month \$ Difference	24 Month % Difference	24 Month \$ Difference
4.5	Jan-07	18,103,365				
4.4	Feb-07	19,443,226				
4.1	Mar-07	15,519,529				
3.8	Apr-07	16,722,276				
4.2	May-07	17,105,705				
4.3	Jun-07	16,604,753				
4.1	Jul-07	16,687,530				
4	Aug-07	16,755,728				
3.9	Sep-07	16,924,780				
4.1	Oct-07	17,702,450				
4	Nov-07	16,267,407				
4.1	Dec-07	16,942,327				
3.8	Jan-08	18,936,452	4.6%			
3.5	Feb-08	19,387,285	-0.3%			
3.3	Mar-08	16,836,141	8.5%			
2.9	Apr-08	17,275,119	3.3%			
3.6	May-08	17,370,223	1.5%			
4	Jun-08	17,231,273	3.8%			
3.8	Jul-08	18,481,969	10.8%			
3.9	Aug-08	17,885,254	6.7%			
3.8	Sep-08	18,578,447	9.8%			
4.2	Oct-08	18,189,339	2.8%			
4.4	Nov-08	17,138,761	5.4%			
4.9	Dec-08	17,832,832	5.3%			
5.6	Jan-09	19,148,803	1.1%	212,000		
6.2	Feb-09	19,596,166	1.1%	209,000		
6.3	Mar-09	16,876,561	0.2%	40,000		
6.1	Apr-09	16,391,979	-5.1%	(883,000)		
6.6	May-09	16,081,561	-7.4%	(1,289,000)		
6.8	Jun-09	16,100,234	-6.6%	(1,131,000)		
6.8	Jul-09	16,498,273	-10.7%	(1,984,000)	-1.1%	(189,000)
7	Aug-09	16,849,105	-5.8%	(1,036,000)	0.6%	93,000
7.1	Sep-09	16,641,187	-10.4%	(1,937,000)	-1.7%	(284,000)
7.5	Oct-09	16,093,166	-11.5%	(2,096,000)	-9.1%	(1,609,000)
	Nov-09	15,145,911	-11.6%	(1,993,000)	-6.9%	(1,121,000)
	Dec-09	15,811,258	-11.3%	(2,022,000)	-6.7%	(1,131,000)
	Jan-10	16,960,000	-11.4%	(1,894,000)	-10.4%	(1,682,000)
	Feb-10	17,396,000	-11.2%	(1,904,000)	-10.3%	(1,695,000)
	Mar-10	14,941,000	-11.5%	(1,681,000)	-11.3%	(1,641,000)
	Apr-10	15,408,000	-6.0%	(825,000)	-10.8%	(1,708,000)
	May-10	15,121,000	-6.0%	(805,000)	-12.9%	(2,094,000)
	Jun-10	15,134,000	-6.0%	(810,000)	-12.2%	(1,941,000)

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160/ND
4/12/10

230M Reserve

UNEMPLOYMENT

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