

Citizens Budget Survey

Request from Mayor Juan Perez

My volunteers and I worked since this past August holding 16 listening sessions throughout Sheboygan. This survey reflects the major concerns we heard from about 370 citizens. Now I need your help. The Common Council and city department heads need you to tell us how to prioritize your concerns so these impact how we spend your tax monies within the city budget. Please complete and return this survey. You can drop off a completed survey in the drop box located at the entrance to City Hall or mail the survey to Dr. Jack Westfall, 1317 North 3rd Street, Sheboygan, WI 53081. You can also complete this survey on-line at www.ci.sheboygian.wi.us. The survey cut-off is December 31, 2005. Then, we will write up the results and make them available to the public. Thank you in advance for your time in completing and returning this survey.

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Part A: General Government: Rate how much you agree with the following statements.

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| 1. Sheboygan is a good community for raising families and for retiring | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 2. City hall needs new ways to determine how much to spend in each department | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 3. City department heads must do things differently and make better use of taxpayer money | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 4. City department heads think about spending money instead of saving money | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 5. City government in Sheboygan costs too much | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 6. Sheboygan pays more than its fair cost for shared services to the towns and county | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 7. City employee unions are putting an increasing burden on taxpayers | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 8. Some alderpersons do too much behind-the-back of the people they represent | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 9. City employees do not pay their fair share for health insurance costs | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 10. Common Council needs to change old attitudes that do not lead to solving problems | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 11. Most alderpersons communicate well with the people they represent | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 12. Common Council works closely with the Mayor | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 13. City department heads work closely with the Mayor | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 14. Average household income does not increase as much as city employee income | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 15. Mayor's leadership is working very well | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 16. City employees in all departments are doing a good job | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 17. Common Council is representing the interests of most citizens | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 18. City hall needs citizen involvement in the budgeting process | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 19. Most alderpersons listen to only a few selected citizens | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 20. From items 1 - 19 above, please list first most important statement / issue | |
| 21. From items 1 - 19 above, please list second most important statement / issue | |
| 22. Other, please specify _____ | |

23. Overall, I am very satisfied with the job done by city hall	○ ○ ○ ○
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Part B: Public Safety: Rate how much you agree with the following statements.

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| 24. Police and fire union contracts do not take into account the taxpayers ability to pay | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 25. City should share services and costs by merging the police and sheriff departments | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 26. Ambulance services (emergency medical) should be provided by the city | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 27. Police should patrol the neighborhoods more on foot or bike | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 28. Police department is doing a good job dealing with alcohol and drug abuse . | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 29. Common Council is spending too much for the new police station | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 30. Sheboygan is safe and does not need additional police staff | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 31. Police officers treat all citizens fairly and equally | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 32. Fire department needs more staffing | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 33. Police and fire departments do their job but spend too much | ○ ○ ○ ○ |
| 34. From items 24 - 33 above, please list first most important statement / issue | |
| 35. From items 24 - 33 above, please list second most important statement/ issue | |
| 36. Other, please specify _____ | |

37. Overall, I am very satisfied with the job done by the police and fire departments	○ ○ ○ ○
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