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## ***Mayor Coleman's 2011 Budget:***

# **2011 Budget in Brief**

### **Highlights**

- Mayor Coleman continues to focus on reforming government, making tough choices and providing residents with better service at a better price, embodied this year by a balanced budget that does not raise taxes.
- \$300,000 for Parks and Recreation to restructure their department, including more community outreach and career development for City youth.
- \$500,000 for Police and Fire Departments, resulting in better equipment, increased training and faster response times.

### **Financial Stability**

Despite the economic recession and the recent instability of state aid, Mayor Coleman's 2011 proposed budget.

- Maintains structural balance, a key financial goal of his administration for the past four years.
- Maintains current City services without raising the property tax levy or fees.

### **Wise Investments**

Mayor Coleman's 2011 budget leverages partnerships with the state and federal government to make investments that will rebuild Saint Paul:

#### ***Public Safety Services***

- Maintains our police force of 610 sworn officers and provides \$200,000 for training and equipment, allowing for 610 guns to be replaced and three additional training opportunities throughout the year.
- Aligns the command structure in the Police Department with the recommendations of the Berkshire report that identified strategies for an efficient and effective department. This will mean six additional Sergeants and one Commander who will be assigned to the newly formed FBI Safe Streets initiative.
- In the Fire Department, invests \$300,000 to maintain staffing at the SAFER grant level for 2011.  
This allows for two additional Supermedic Teams, which improve the efficiency of our transport service, and shortens the fire and EMS response times in neighborhoods where they are operating.
- Builds upon the recent effort to recruit and test fire fighters by ensuring that our testing is fair and efficient.



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### ***Parks and Library Services***

- Continues to restructure our recreation services, providing \$160,000 for increased staff, expanded hours and better community outreach.
- Improves our recreational programming, investing \$140,000 to develop valuable job opportunities and training for our youth.
- Improves the capacity in our libraries, reallocating funds within the department for increased multilingual programming, including an additional staff person, and more services to meet the diversity of our residents.

### ***City Business Operations***

- Continues our top-to-bottom reform of how the City does business by implementing our COMET project.
- Builds capacity city-wide and in selected departments to ensure departments are organized correctly and adopting financially sound practices.
- Strengthens the City's core business tools, such as email and networks, to ensure we are able to operate electronically.

### ***City Infrastructure***

- Continues the investment in streetscape improvements and parking mitigation along the Central Corridor.
- Provides the matching funds for Cayuga and Lafayette Bride projects which will rebuild two of the City's major transportation corridors.
- Builds capacity within Public Works to ensure our transportation corridors support and encourage alternative forms of transportation.
- Continues the annual investment in maintaining our facilities, pathways and roadways.