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GENERAL COMMENT

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**STATEMENT of J.H. McQUISTON on  
PROPOSED BUDGET for FY 2012-13**

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Committee:

1, This year, the Committee instructs Departments to omit material in their presentations regarding their roles and missions and their important objectives for the forthcoming year. I believe eliminating that material, while shortening the Committee's sessions, **deprives the public of reasons for the budgetary allocations and makes analysis by commentators difficult regarding importance and effectiveness of budgetary priorities.** I believe the Committee and public are better-served if Departments are required to discuss in-the-open their plans and reasons therefor, just as they were required in past budget hearings before this Committee.

2. The Mayor proposes a less-than-austere budget, presumably with the hope that "God will provide us", because his rosy budget projects never-ending deficits with the hope that the **employees will not hold the City to its seriatim-promises over the past three or four years.** Notwithstanding employee-capitulation to City promises ("written on the wind"), **the fact is that without the City's pursuing a lawsuit, incremental City income cannot equal the incremental BLS cost-of-living index.** Soon the City cannot furnish basic services like Fire protection, sewerage, traffic control, street repair, and Police response. But before that occurs, there will be no Libraries, no Park supervision, no Building permits, no animal regulation, and no social services. **Funding for tourist encouragement and business development will be long-gone.**

3. **Smart City employees can surmise that if the City continues to do nothing about the above disparity, they will be better-off going elsewhere for employment.** The City's workers that are not-so-smart will be the only ones left at the City's eventual demise.

4. **I suggest that this Committee call for a report on income and expense pertaining strictly to properties in the City.** Review shows that property-related expense is so-substantially-over property-related taxation that **fees from others must balance income and outgo.** Constitution Articles 13 C and 13 D prohibit robbing fees, and robbing fees also prevents using them for purposes **critically-needed for the City to grow and prosper.**

5. This is surely the reality unless the Mayor acts quickly regarding this disparity of income and cost-of-living. Years ago I communicated with the Mayor about this matter. I see no responsive action. Since the City Attorney is planning to move **from the City,** he is not the person to be in charge of the City's rescue. **There is a terrible risk if another city attempts to correct the imbalance between services and income without the proper litigator-expertise.** **This City could be permanently devastated by that city.** Success demands expert litigators' acting quickly.

We live in this great City and we must do our best to keep it great. Doing nothing, or waiting for the future to do something, **just makes it worse when the day of reckoning comes, as it will if we do nothing right now.**

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. McQuiston

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Honorable Council Members,

According to USDE there is a steep drop in Natural Gas prices ( The graph presented here ).  
This certainly is affecting the cost of electricity generation.  
As we look into the statements provided by DWP, this fact is not reflected in these figures.

This could be either:

I---Lack of professional analysts to examine the situation with proper expertise, or  
II--- Fraud.

Why not follow the steps of other states; Pennsylvania and New Jersey to name?

Thus DWP figures are not correct, making city budget erroneous.

So the whole process needs to be revised.

Highest Regards

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**Natural Gas Prices**  
**Past Trend Present Value & Future Projection**  
**U.S. Henry Hub. US Dollars per Million BTU.**