

Fiscal Stability Task Force | Summer Feedback Survey

1. Before today, how familiar were you with Springfield's budget challenges?

- Very familiar: 40
- Somewhat familiar: 73
- Not very familiar: 31
- Not at all familiar: 11

2. How clearly have Springfield's budget challenges been communicated through presentations, social media, or other outreach?

- Very clearly: 31
- Somewhat clearly: 61
- Not very clearly: 48
- Not at all clearly: 13

3. Do you think the nine recommendations from the Task Force offer practical and balanced solutions to the City's budget issues?

- No: 81
- Not sure: 49
- Yes: 22

4. Which of the Task Force recommendations do you think would make the biggest difference?

- New Revenue Options: 70
- Economic Development: 41
- Cost Cutting: 24
- Legislative Proposals: 14

5. Please rank the following Task Force recommendations from most helpful to least helpful for improving Springfield's budget stability. (1=Most Helpful, 9=Least Helpful)

- 1 Implement a Shared Payroll Tax
- 2 Increase Public Safety Levies to fully fund services
- 3 Review City-owned properties for possible sale or development
- 4 Reduce Police overtime where feasible
- 5 Develop and implement business retention & expansion strategy
- 6 Examine development of Gateway UGB
- 7 Pursue tax reform in Oregon
- 8 Implement Traffic Cameras to enhance health & safety
- 9 Reduce Library Budget by \$500,000

6. What feedback would you like to share about the Task Force's recommendations or what should City Council do next?

1	Springfield is a beautiful place to live, filled with a vibrant population. We must not compromise any factor that plays into the well being of our city. We must create new strategies to ethically celebrate our strengths while generating income. In other words, more, not less.
2	Why would the library, the smallest division, have to take the lion's share of cuts? During Covid the library was open to serve our community while the other departments remained working from home, away from the public, for months if not years. How much could we save by not printing City of Springfield on thousands of pieces of plastic crap?
3	do not raise or do levy on my property taxes. they are too high already
4	Why is the library the only city service getting cut? Surely there is streamlining to be done in other departments.
5	I'm tired of the knee-jerk "cost cutting" response to these sorts of problems.
6	More budget reductions should have been made this year
7	The report mentioned citizen education about the issues and relegated it to the small dues-required, private circles of City Club and Chamber. And yet what is the only City entity that is actually involved in education and accessible to every resident from birth to death? The library. The library is an essential service that works in tandem with the other services. Can't you imagine that public safety expenses will increase with decreases in library services? and vice versa? The library services are already rather minimal and diluted further by adding the expense of a museum to it with no particular plan in place. For cutting costs, I recommend looking at administration expenses and considering, for example, eliminating some HR FTEs. For raising money, why not create a public safety foundation similar to the Springfield Education and Library foundations? I expect adopt-a-police-dog fundraising would be popular. Are we still renting jail space to Eugene? And the car property tax idea for roads, bridges etc. is a great idea that wasn't really communicated and explained to the residents and had high-powered people like the local chamber director opposed such that endorsements came out as lukewarm at best. I've lived in two different states that had car property taxes. It works. And a payroll tax for larger for-profit and government entities means that those who work in Springfield and benefit regularly from city services even though they might not live here, are also contributing.
8	The budget shortfall is serious and I understand the need for cuts. However, I think slashing such a huge percent of the library's budget is misguided and will disproportionately harm low-income residents, children, and parents. The library was a lifeline for me when I was a lonely new parent, providing a safe place to meet other parents and provide my baby early socialization opportunities. It remains a favorite place of my now 10-year-old's, and Saturday hours ensure that as a working parent, I can keep up with her voracious reading habit with a weekly trip. The drastic funding cuts proposed to the library would undoubtedly reduce hours, making it harder for working parents like me to take their kids to the library, and would likely reduce staffing such that programs like baby, toddler, and bilingual story times may disappear. I simply cannot stress how important these are to new parents and young kids, especially those without family/social support who feel isolated. The cultural programming supported by the library has also been a mainstay of my family's life and has given us many opportunities to learn about and appreciate art, history, and traditions outside our

	<p>lived experience. It would be a tragedy to lose these opportunities in our hometown, which foster understanding, communication, respect, and relationship building that makes the community stronger. It was also because of the time I spent at the library that I became aware of the Springfield Arts Commission, applied, and served for 8 yrs. In doing so, I became more civically involved than I have ever been. I built relationships and collaborated with people I otherwise wouldn't have met, and had the opportunity to support the cultural life of the city through programs such as the mural walks, Second Friday Art Walk, and Heritage Arts Grant-funded events such as the MLK celebration, Noche Cultural, Eugene-Springfield Youth Orchestra concerts for Springfield students, and countless other public events. It saddens me to think that the library may soon lose the staff or funding needed to support something that I saw do so much good in the community. In addition to all of this are the many other services and programs the library offers that benefit the community. When the ice storm blew my internet out for 10 days, I was able to work in the library. Nearly every time I go, I see adults at the computers who may not otherwise have access to resources to create a resume or search for a job. I watched an exchange between a librarian and an unhoused man who was nearly brought to tears when she treated him like every other patron and kindly let him know he could still check out books and use the computers without a permanent address. And my child is never the only one spending hours in the stacks finding books for research projects and pleasure. In short, the library gives so much to so many people in our city. There are so few "third places" like it that offer physical space and resources to anyone who wants to access them, without requiring a purchase of some kind; so few that offer free children's programming to ensure kiddos from babies to teens have a safe space to explore, learn, and socialize. For those who have never used these things or those who can afford other recreational activities or tutoring services or camps, this may seem like a small thing. But it's not - it's hugely impactful to many whose lives would shrink with the loss of library services. And in a city in which schools are underperforming and housing costs are rising, the likely reduction in cultural programming, resources, and family-friendly activities that would result from cutting more than a fifth of the library's budget will make our city less likely to attract the very kind of investment it needs to grow and sustain itself. Please, look for ways to make smaller cuts to more budget areas that can be dealt with, rather than devastate the library with a single huge cut.</p>
9	Try to keep the library accessible as much as possible with safety precautions to the public
10	Springfield is a very business friendly town---opportunities (tax breaks) are offered to businesses it makes sense that with opportunity comes downstream costs ---in the form of a payroll tax. Having a payroll tax that has parity with Eugene also makes sense. Proposing a levy as a solution to funding the library given current compression is not viable and hurts the people in our community trying to improve themselves.
11	Cost cutting should be across the board, not just the library. It has vital services that assist our community. Cutting budget means cutting staff and hours when it's already quite limited in hours. As a working parent, my kids want increased hours on the nights and weekends at the library, not decreased hours.
12	I was impressed by the informed conversations about the payroll tax, and feel it was the best fair option for increasing income to deal with budget shortfall. I thank City Council members and Task Force for their public service, intelligent comments and questions, and countless hours they put in for the citizens of Springfield.
13	Save the library

14	I believe that it is unwise to decrease library costs. Library hours are already very limited making it hard for the community, including my family, to use a valuable and free resource. New sources of revenue and economic development are some of the best options because these solutions will be helpful in the long run.
15	Save the library
16	Please reconsider cutting funding to the library. If you must, consider reducing the amount cut, and put forth a levy to have it re-funded.
17	I am strongly against such a major cut to the library budget. This is the worst time in history to reduce public access to early literacy and learning opportunities. Public education is under attack across the country and access to higher learning is reserved more and more for wealthy individuals only. Additionally, libraries are generally one of the few remaining accessible spaces where community members can meet and connect for free. Keeping the library funded is a crucial way we can preserve educational opportunities for all and a deep sense of community for Springfield.
18	Cutting the library's budget will have a huge impact, getting families, teens, and the most vulnerable in our community. The library is an important part of Springfield and provides, help, services and a "third place" that are so vital in our modern world. The amount proposed could be easily covered by a payroll tax. Those who live in Springfield and work in Eugene are already paying a payroll tax to support Eugene. It is only fair that we ask those who live in Eugene and work in Springfield to pay a similar tax to support Springfield.
19	Have the library open between 3pm-7pm.
20	If the Library has an additional 17,000 more readers than before why would you think that decreasing the Library's budget would help. No, that number should be reduced by a lot. A lot of people myself included are avid readers. I love my kindle and I read a lot and enjoy the summer reading program a lot. I volunteered at the Library for 11 years and I still volunteer when I can.
21	The deficit issues cannot be fixed only by one solution - cuts or new revenue - alone. I agree with the Task Force's recommendation to approach the problem from multiple angles at once. Solutions that are less administratively burdensome to implement seem to have the most potential. I think Springfield doesn't need to be boxed in by what we have always done, but we also don't want to be creative for creativity's sake. I like the focus on long-term solutions that are sustainable.
22	-Reducing police overtime, the analysis and discussion doesn't present any realistic or reasonable way to actually do this. Reducing overtime would absolutely degrade services, so the statement that "it must be done without reducing staffing or service levels" really doesn't make any sense. The only way this could realistically be done would be to increase FTE so that the same workload is being spread across more employees. However as you increase FTE there is an additional burden (insurance, benefits, etc) so that would offset any savings in reducing overtime. So overall this proposal doesn't make much sense to me. -Gateway UGB is problematic because it would require substantial infrastructure improvements to roadways in particular the Gateway/Beltline intersection. The costs associated with the significant infrastructure upgrades would be exorbitant and would not be fully funded by development. -Traffic cameras are a highly contentious and problematic issue. The proposal explicitly states that these cameras should not be used as a revenue generator, so it really has no place at all in a budgetary discussion. If it should not be used as a revenue generator then why

	<p>are we even talking about it? This concept goes against Springfield core values in many ways. There is also evidence that it does not increase safety and in some ways can be detrimental to safety. This proposal was made without any input or consultation from Springfield Traffic Engineering staff and I suspect you'd experience strong resistance from both staff and the community. -The library is a service utilized by disadvantaged persons (i.e. without computer/internet access, for example) and this is a minority of the population but it is extremely important for that small group. I think if you collected community input you might find that it is underutilized by the majority of the population, which might make you think it is less important than it really is. It's kind of like the bus system, in that it operates at a loss (intentionally) to provide a critical service to those vulnerable populations. So I would urge you to not simply coallate the community feedback and base your decision off how the majority of residents use it. -Was an analysis of a Transportation Utility Fee explored? The report indicates that this fee is utilized by many other communities and can help offset reduced timber receipts and reduced gas taxes. -Was analysis of a local gas tax explored? I don't know if this is possible but Eugene for example has a \$.03 gas tax. We should add a gas tax that equals Eugene's.</p>
23	<p>It is deeply concerning that the Fiscal Stability Task Force was not allowed to consider the fire governance options outlined in the taxpayer-funded feasibility study for Eugene Springfield Fire. Restricting this discussion undermines public trust in the City's leadership and prevented the task force from exploring one of the most fiscally impactful options available. Equally troubling is the City's decision to approve fire station brownouts with minimal discussion or understanding of the consequences. These actions do not inspire confidence in the City's ability to sustainably provide fire and EMS services. The most prudent and responsible step forward is to seriously consider forming a fire district to stabilize existing services and ensure the department can meet growing demand.</p>
24	<p>Advocating to change state law is my top priority, as this problem affects everyone statewide and not just Springfield. Want to make sure businesses are paying for the services they use, in addition to the employees at those businesses. With that, I think it's fine to be charged for our services.</p>
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26	<p>Would like City to address the challenges of the Fire Department. If you can't fully fund the Fire Department , let them go to a district!</p>
27	<p>Fire Rescue response and resources need to be addressed. Let ESF have the needed resources to do their job.</p>
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30	We need a better funded fire department. I had to wait a very long time for an ambulance last time I called. It's unsafe and bad for the city. Please find the fire department and police.
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32	The task force skipped the very important option of creating a fire district. Your current adopted plan to close stations partially puts lives and property at risk unnecessarily. I just bought a new house in that area. It's clear that Springfield would rather risk families lives. This is blatantly obvious risky behavior. How much will this move cost the city in liability law suits not to mention public trust. I'm furious!
33	The task force needed to know the other option of Fire Governance. The Fiscal Stability Task Force should have had the taxpayer-funded feasibility study for Eugene Springfield Fire to consider. Restricting this discussion undermines public trust in the City's leadership. A Fire District Is one of the most fiscally impactful options available to the city.
34	The lack of inclusion of the Fire Departments cuts in the study is preposterous.
35	Libraries are critical insitutions for a thriving community. A fully-functioning library also allevieates a lot of the pressure that would otherwise fall onto other city servants. Managing the public's needs; our underserved, our unhoused, our children etc would either go unmet or would be a burden on more expensive resources (such as the police or CHAOOTS). Library workers do more than just bring joy into a community, they are cost-effective 2nd responders and are trained to triage and refer/direct/connect people to appropriate services. Its like asking doctors to function without nurses. Cutting library services is like borrowing from your own future. These services must be protected at all costs. There are ways, the city must commit to upholding the progress that has been made in springfield (formely also known as "Springtucky")
36	Do not cut the library. The community relies on it so heavily. When federal funds are getting cut, communities will need services even more- for example: internet access is crucial to getting social security information and access- for example and so many branches have been cut, it's even more important to offer access. There are no other free places to exist in our community- that are indoors- away from heat/cold/smoke. So many people came to the library for help during the ice storm. Our community relies heavily on the library for the health and well-being of the overall community- whether people use it or not. It's one true trickle down impact.

37	Terrible idea to cut the library services! We need better educated people. Our city has many people without the resources to get an education. The library is one way for motivated people to get informed and find ways to better themselves. Essential services especially at this critical time.
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39	How about the city focus on increasing the supply of housing. People are already over taxed and no longer feel like they have a reason to remain apart of the community. I am so tired of our political leaders, putting their head in the sand like they have ostrich syndrome. It's time to act and open up the city to investments without political red tape and theater. Any further increases to taxes locally or on the state level I will have no choice but to pack up and leave the state.
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41	It's always great to look at ways to cut costs but it is more important to find new ways to increase opportunities and revenue
42	It's ridiculous that a task force of business owners gets to make all these recommendations. Most of them don't even live in Springfield. Of course they don't care if they gut our library. And of course they want the lowest payroll tax possible with the highest guardrails possible. Where's the balance and counterpoints to just listening to out of town big business owners??
43	The treatment of the Library is quite unfair and heavily biased by a pro business Task Force membership.
44	Cost cutting is important. I know Springfield runs a pretty tight ship and I appreciate that. I do object to the number of consultants you hire. The Fiscal Stability report cost \$134,000 to do. Stop hiring consultants. Springfield has very capable staff who can do this. With all the research, analysis and money, the best they could come up with was cut \$500K from the library budget? Police and Fire take up so much of the budget and the Police Union is a black hole. Traffic cameras will be a good option, although they'll cost up front. Whatever fines the traffic cameras collect, I'll like to see that money go into the general fund, since so much of our tax dollars already go to support Police and Fire. The library is 5% of the general budget, but you propose to cut 25% from their budget. I WANT TO SEE EQUITABLE CUTS ACROSS THE BOARD, not go after the weakest department with a mere 17 employees. Their budget has been cut much too often.

45	The city continues to blame property taxes for the deficit, there is never any mention of federal funding cuts. That makes me think the community is not getting the full story. My property taxes are \$5200/year and I'm fixed income. I'm paying my share. Think about how much tax money is/has been lost giving tax deferrals to business.
46	Let citizens decide on the appropriate funding level for public safety.
47	I appreciate the use of a task force to come up with these recommendations. The mix of participants, approach taken, and clearly defined recommendations seem well formulated. Thanks to Mayor VanGordon for such strong leadership, public involvement, and transparency.
48	The Library has been instrumental in bringing community to our community's doorstep. Cutbacks to such a hub would only serve to erode the tight-knit community spirit Springfield is known for.
49	Please
50	Implementing a local payroll tax would be detrimental to the local business environment and it would prevent business retention, development, and current employers from hiring new employees. The tax burden needs to be equitably spread among all residents and visitors to the city, rather than focusing on those that are employed in the city. I would recommend pursuing a statewide and local sales tax in Oregon. The state is losing huge tax revenues that most all other states receive because of the lack of sales tax statewide and locally.
51	It's painful to watch how inefficient city workers are, for example in the out in the Thurston area the street sweeper made rounds on Thursday, the same day as Sanipac pickup. It's almost like no one is paying attention to how the city is run.
52	Traffic cameras should not even be discussed on the topic of generating revenue. If they were used for safety like Main St and 69th, Main St and 42nd, 126 and Main St, or 126 at the Highbanks and 52nd St intersection then that would be a good thing.
53	Please do not cut library services! Cuts to the library would unequally target lower-income residents. I use library services at least weekly. I also own a small business with several part-time employees. I would rather pay more in taxes than see the library services cut.
54	Would really like no increase in taxes. Save money by canceling any DEI initiatives.
55	Oregonians need to make a stand against business taxes and fees that ruin our bottom line Taxes like the CAT tax, SUB storm water fees, garbage fees, property tax, personal property tax. Actual reporting where the money goes. \$4,000,000 from ODOT to study Main st. No accountability.
56	Close the Library. I am all for shared tax.
57	Happy to pay more to fund police. Do not make budget cuts to police.
58	You guys are clearly putting illegal immigrants before American citizens. I see the posters at the welfare office You ARE giving money to illegal immigrants
59	I have voted for every tax levy, including police and parks, because I want to make Springfield a better place. And, of course I do not like paying for it. I love the library/museum, but wondering about reading books - do people read books anymore? Police is very important and expensive to fund a

	24/7 operation. Like new license plate readers to get criminals off the streets. Finally, Booth-Kelly is a mess.
60	David Loveall and his cronies have plenty of money, much of which was stolen from us, the community, as rent and labor. Let's take that to fund the library. It is not hard to see that Springfield benefits more from functioning social services than the presence of that gun-toting maniac. Lets tax him til he leaves. Not a joke at all.
61	We should be taxing the rich. Cutting library services is ridiculous. It's the only place in Springfield that people can go inside without spending money. This is hugely important to the lower income residents that make up the majority of the population here in Springfield. Our library is already under funded. Cut the police budget.
62	Please do not cut library services.
63	I am most concerned about the library because there are hidden benefits that are difficult to measure and may not be spoken by those that need those services. It is heat and cooled those who may have that access otherwise. It is a safe haven. Additionally with the Trump administration doing so much to inhibit education our libraries need to be a priority.
64	I appreciate the work being done to create a sustainable solution. Maintain city liability services as much as possible.
65	The property tax system in Oregon has hamstrung local governments. I am a homeowner and would be willing to pay more property taxes for better and more consistent city services. Please join other Oregon cities in pursuing reform. Revenue from traffic cameras for red light running and speeding would be an awesome way to increase City revenue and make our City safer. Lastly, increased development is an excellent plan. If we can densify within the UGB, that will add more tax base. I especially think we should look at upzoning anywhere along major collector and minor arterial streets, like Centennial for example. All those street facing homes should be eligible to be businesses or mixed use instead.
66	Reduce the amount of pot shops or marijuana dispensaries however you want to call it in Springfield we don't need one every single block or half block
67	Why would it make sense to involve a bunch of "business leaders" literally poisoning Springfield with millions of pounds of cancer causing chemicals every year? Why the heck is International Paper involved in city development?
68	Increased revenues are necessary. All revenue increases (and funding cuts) need to be shared by all departments. Jail needs to be mothballed. Fire and police funding are excessive. Turn to an "on call" response instead of overtime. Turn some fire and police money over to fund Cahoots more. They are cost savers, way cheaper than police or fire.
69	Explain positives and negatives concerning modification of Shared Payroll Tax and its effects.
70	1. Look back at the methods used to make Main Street a desirable place to eat and shop. How did the city get rid of the strip joints and bars to create a family friendly area? Do this again in another section of Springfield. 2. Sell off or develop low income housing where the former Springfield School Admin Building is derelict in figuring out its usage. Presently graffiti sprawl on the entire east side and

	windows are broken. This is not what Springfield wants to present to the public. 3. Support all parks and Rec services! In uncertain times people need green spaces to maintain a healthy life.
71	Development opportunities should be explored and taxes shifted to support the services that make Springfield a wonderful place to live.
72	Continue to look at efficiencies within City departments. Minimize high cost, new projects that drain funds away from needed, existing services.
73	Be innovative now. What is innovative now will feel radical in 10 years, and impossible in 20. Have the conversations NOW about what a good model would be for a robust and thriving library through partnerships.
74	Cut costs
75	Cut spending and Sell off unnecessary assets like businesses or private when they face similar challenges
76	Cutting the library that hard seems like bad policy. As a homeowner, I want to see a PAYROLL TAX before upping public safety levies on us homeowners. I pay plenty to the city, but know many who pay zero. UNFAIR!! Time for part of the city budget funding to be shared by more people. And why on earth do we own excess properties? Sell or rent them!!! No brainer. You sell first, then I'll agree to pay more. You are sitting on money.
77	Prioritize public safety and close the library
78	The library is a (extremely active) pillar of this community, something that our family and so many friends use weekly. It would greatly affect community members if their budget was altered too much. Please increase revenue through property, business growth, overtime reduction, and taxation before this. Thank you.
79	People are facing budget cuts, too. The library can provide services to help. It shouldn't be cut.
80	No Public Safety Levies, No Pursuit of Tax Reform No development of Gateway (are you crazy) Yes on Shared Payroll Tax Yes on business retention and expansion strategy No traffic camera's We need our police I don't see why we would need overtime, if they are fully staffed. Are they? please explain Has anyone looked into Phil Knight Foundation for Grants for Library.. Our old library has been unloved for too long
81	I am new to the area. The presentation was thoughtful, explained well with background detail and easy to understand.
82	We need to focus on fixing our broken tax laws in Oregon and finding other sustainable sources of income for our city. Gutting our already underfunded public services will only worsen our problems and make Springfield a less desirable place to live.
83	I am firmly against cutting the library budget. This is a place where people go for resources, warmth, cool, peace, safety, kindness, community. Of all the services my taxes fund, the library is right up there at the top. If people need to find information, look for jobs, do their school work, do research for projects, get connected to services--they do it all at the library. Public safety represents 73% of the city's General Fund expenditures and the library only represents 5%. Why in the world would you choose to cut \$500,000 from the library instead of other places makes zero sense to me. Please leave

	the library alone and look for other places to trim the budget or generate revenue and economic development. Cutting services from our most vulnerable is NOT the way to build a community or balance a budget!
84	Hands off our library!!! The library provides essential services--education, internet access, community news, entertainment, etc--especially to low income citizens of our community.
85	Save the library budget! Libraries are very important to the well being and education of everyone.
86	Consider reigning in public safety expenses before reducing budgets of community resources like the library. Kicking the can down the road seldom solves budget imbalances.
87	I am extremely concerned with the plan to utilize traffic cameras. This technology is problematic for everyday citizens' privacy and has significant constitutional concerns. No to Flock Cameras! I am also highly concerned about the recommendation to cut the library funding. The library is the heart and soul of our community. There is scientific data that libraries in fact reduce crime. Cutting staffing, hours and programs appear counterproductive to one of the overarching goals of reducing crime/improving public safety.
88	Why are we considering spending money on surveillance cameras when we're cutting other basic services that can actually deter crime (such as access to a public library where there are resources to find jobs, provide recreational opportunities, and further educational goals). Instead, the task force recommendation is the creation of a police state that sets the table for a future stripping away of civil rights?
89	It is harsh to reduce the library budget by \$500,000. It serves vital services and provides culture, education, and much more value for Springfield.
90	No cameras
91	As Springfield's senior population continues to grow, we must reevaluate the long-term sustainability of property tax exemptions for older residents. While these exemptions were designed to support seniors on fixed incomes, they now risk disproportionately reducing the funding available for vital public services—especially schools, libraries, and parks that serve all generations. Rather than blanket exemptions, the city should explore more equitable models that preserve support for vulnerable seniors while ensuring that our shared civic infrastructure remains strong and well-funded.
92	Library is an important part of this community
93	With the newly updated library and it's ability to share information and bring our community together, I believe it should be a last resort option to cut its funding. With controversy around collecting personal information and even the usefulness of cameras, I believe the implementation of traffic cameras should not be considered.
94	You say you'll just cut the library by \$500,000 without describing whatsoever what kind of impact that would have on those services. Like it's too bad to even describe
95	The library services should remain commiserate with other same size cities like Corvallis. Spending money on cameras at this time seems irresponsible.
96	The library is a good resource for the community because it has the level of funding it does. Decreasing funding would decrease quality of service and services available. Springfield needs a

	strong library, which means fully staffing it and keeping a book and program budget, with at least current hours or more.
97	Please do not cut the library's budget at all! If you absolutely must, please do so as little as possible. This city is littered with vacant buildings - do something about that! Sell or develop city owned properties. Consider a vacancy tax or an initiative for property owners to fill their vacant buildings. Support SMALL business development (and when I say small, I truly mean tiny businesses), including finding a way to make commercial rent more affordable for small startups. Addressing the many vacant commercial properties and supporting SMALL business development will make this a more attractive place to live. Work with other towns facing budget challenges to address Oregon's property tax limitations so that this doesn't continue to be a problem for us and many other areas for decades to come. Reduce police spending and focus on other solutions that improve public health and reduce crime. And don't you dare install those Flock cameras!
98	I am incensed that the task force only valued input from business people. They're not the only people who understand economics and finances. That is an insulting viewpoint. I am further incensed that most of them don't even live in Springfield and neither does your consultant. It absolutely matters. When the proportionally biggest cut is to a city institution it matters if the people recommending that even live here. Also please don't lie and say the library hasn't experienced any cuts and if other departments have experienced cuts give us a percentage. Was it 25% like the proposed library cut??
99	The police don't need anymore money and the library needs all it can get. It's eye-opening and embarrassing to realize how little I know about the rest of the recommendations, but I know enough to know that much is obvious.
100	Library - I do not support cutting the library budget, but if it continues to be included as a recommendation, I recommend adding stronger language around a library (or maybe an arts and culture to include the museum) levy or potentially a special district like Willamalane. If possible, I also recommend spreading cuts out over multiple years. Traffic Cameras - I don't think it's appropriate to include things that likely wouldn't have a revenue impact in a report focused on revenue generating. My understanding is that, if done correctly, including citations being reviewed by a law enforcement officer and associated administrative expenses, Cities are lucky if cameras are cost neutral. Plus the hope is that any revenue declines over time as people drive more safely. The line in the report that says Cities contract with vendors so there are few upfront costs is confusing - there is an ongoing cost, correct? The report makes it sound kind of like a freemium marketing scheme and reminds me of the adage - "if you're not paying for something, you're the product". This recommendation also comes at a time for increased worry about government surveillance and especially federal law enforcement. Including it and potentially moving forward at this time is tone deaf when so many community members are already living with so much fear. At a minimum this report should include a recommendation to set up a separate tax force specifically to review automated enforcement options that minimize surveillance (such as only taking a photo when a violation is detected, and having very limited intersections so that people cannot be tracked), and also analyze for potential disproportionate impacts of an automated system and selected locations.
101	We need to find other sources than property taxes to fund.
102	Please don't cut library funding. They provide so many invaluable and irreplaceable services to so many in our community, and we would be much poorer without them!

103	None at this time
104	Start by cutting services that are rather antiquated and being covered by other services. The Library is the #1 thing here, most people have a pocket computer that can access all the books, we have Willamalane and private business, as well as school clubs for after school and youth activities.
105	Please do not cut the library budget. It is vital to our community. I would be extremely upset to see library services or staff diminished.
106	No red light cameras. Develop a strategy to protect immigrants from ICE. Reduce jail budget.
107	I would avoid cost-cutting police/fire safety and library services. Our city attracts visitors, residents, and businesses especially because it is safe, has excellent educational, recreational, and city library/museum services, which provide access to very much needed help, information, literature, cultural, self-improvement opportunities for all citizens and visitors in Springfield.
108	Listen to your constituents
109	the selling of city owned properties should produce the most effective relief to the tax deficit of Springfield. Decreasing the Library Budget should not be considered, as it is too important to leave that intact or increase that budget. Selling the city owned properties and looking at developing the Gateway Properties is much more desirable. I do not want more cameras on license plates, that is heading more towards, becoming a police state, monitoring our movements.
110	Implementing shared payroll tax is a burden on employees. It raises funds inequitably. Implementing traffic cameras is a sin tax. Regressive and ineffective. We need to reduce our Public Safety budget, not increase it. Our library is what makes our city a community. Please don't defund it.
111	The task force needs to consider civic development - this isn't a business it's a community
112	The council should adopt the task force's recommendations, but that will only buy time - it does not address the structural deficit the city and virtually all other taxing jurisdictions in Oregon face to fund public services. Nor does the task force's work address the substantial financial issue of deferred maintenance costs on city-owned property and infrastructure. The council should continue to reach out to Springfield residents, business owners and employees to prioritize public services and funding. Springfield voters have supported the public safety levy to fund police and jail operations by wide margins. Perhaps voters would also support an operating levy for the library as well. But Springfielders need to determine - and fund with their hard-earned dollars - what services should and can be funded within the bounds of available resources.
113	The task force was not representative of actual Springfield residents and didn't even consider folks with fiscal stability know how who aren't 'big business' folks. I assume you want people to actually want to live in Springfield, not just run businesses here because it's cheaper than Eugene?? City Council should quit nodding along to this fiscal stability task force nonsense and do their actual jobs of figuring this stuff out. Letting business owners set their own extremely low payroll tax rate?? Come on. Because 0.1% is easy to multiply?? Is that the incredible wisdom of this expert task force?? Do better or step down.
114	When I moved here and saw "Nuestra Libreria" signs in my new neighborhood, I assumed the library was not for me.

115	The library seems to cater more towards minorities in the area (Hispanic folks predominantly) and isn't reflective of the ACTUAL demographic in Springfield. All the signs are in Spanish, and it really just seems like the working class people of Springfield are not included, even though they are the dominant demographic. It feels like the library isn't for us, because it's so focused on Spanish-language this, and LGBT-that. So, you're not going to see people wanting to go in there. It's not welcoming to the majority demographic of the area, so it just doesn't get used. SEDA's inventory is expansive and most buildings appear to sit vacant. What good is it doing Springfield for SEDA to continue purchasing and sitting on buildings for future development? It seems like it's costing money, not making any. Are there buyers out there who could buy and develop these buildings? FLOCK cameras and reducing police overtime are not an adequate reaction to generate revenue. I would take a payroll tax before I would ever reduce the police OT or add those privacy invading cameras. The answer also isn't to try and penalize your citizenship into fixing the budget gap with red light cameras.
116	The Task Force is not even wholly made of Springfield residents and they vastly represent the business owner and executive community. If you wanted to know what Springfielders want you would have selected a more balanced Task Force. The City and the Chamber of Commerce have a solution in mind and have a deaf ear to true public feedback.
117	Don't cut library hours. A broad cross-section of our community depends on the library, which already runs on a less-than-ideal schedule.
118	Do not cut from the library. It provides refuge, necessary services, education, activities, and entertainment. We have lost so much to the wealthy and greedy. Don't take this from us.
119	The suggested payroll tax is too small and should be increased to cover the possible cuts from the library.
120	As a self-employed individual I pay double in these employer-employee tax pay-ins. I'm fairly certain that many (most?) self-employed individuals feel the burden of this arrangement.
121	This situation apparently began over a decade ago with caps on property tax increases and with reduced timber revenue. Slashing the library budget won't provide a long-term solution and will create hardship for many members of the community that use library services. Fines resulting from traffic cameras are unlikely to generate enough revenue to significantly impact the budget shortfall. The City Council needs to pursue practical and systemic changes beginning with selling or developing unused properties, expanding business opportunities, minimizing tax breaks used as incentives to large businesses, and fully staffing the police force so overtime is rarely necessary..
122	Why isn't the city considering spreading cuts across the departments. I know the city budget is always tight, but saving the budget by severely cutting the library is a poor choice.
123	Your gutting of fire and ambulance service is irresponsible and needs to stop. We are constantly running short of needed fire response and are out of ambulances because of your decisions. Public safety should be the highest priority, both fire, ems and police.
124	Cut police funding, NOT the library.

7. What other questions or comments would you like to share with the Mayor or City Councilors?

1	A little more promotion of our beautiful city in a healthy way would be a good start. We are known as the Gateway to the Mckenzie...why aren't we celebrating, educating, and safe keeping that more? Tourism keeps every single major town on the coast afloat. Why not employ some marketing and income strategy towards those who visit us here?
2	How much do you actually use the library? Do you actually attend programs, come in on off days to see what is happening on a daily basis and WHO they are serving? Based on my experience Councilors would turn up for photo opportunities but never any other time.
3	Sop raising property taxes when you don't do crap on easements where roads are fully apart. enough. close the library. ev d Rooney uses phones for knowledge. companies can print stuff cheap for people with computer printing. like office depo
4	A city without art or books is not somewhere I want to live. People should embrace paying more for what they value. Taxes make that happen.
5	There are so many unused spaces within the city limits that could be developed and make Springfield look and feel better. Let's find ways to use them!
6	Is the transient lodging tax lumped in with the tax revenues? What was the percentage going to tourism in 2003?
7	For reference, I'm a resident of Ward 3.
8	When will all of these cuts be happening and will the public be informed? What ways can the community stay involved to let our voice be heard?
9	Invest in Springfield and its residents by finding new revenue streams, not cutting services: police, fire, library.
10	While I appreciate the effort to reduce costs and increase revenue, this current plan feels short sighted in its impact on our community. As a community member, please do not cut the library's funding!!
11	I proudly retired from teaching at elementary level in Springfield after over 35 years serving this community and its children. Reading is the great equalizer, and the library is a fantastic resource for all members of the Springfield community. So many children are unable to afford the materials necessary for success in life. I was always overjoyed to be able to share the books I had checked out, and to hear students brag about their library cards, books and library visits. I also want to compliment the librarians on their helpfulness, skills, and friendliness. Please do not diminish Springfield's ability to reach all its citizens by severely cutting funds to the library and its excellent programs.
12	Don't cut library funds
13	The library is a needed community resource. Cutting costs in different organizations, including those outside of the library, are short term solutions that won't help our community in the long run. Working together to find good ways to increase revenue is one of many other options that can be used.

14	Don't cut library funds or staff
15	I'm disappointed and frustrated about the choice to cut funds for the library. Failing literacy rates negatively affect every level of society, and the work the library does to educate and engage the community should not be under-valued.
16	We need creative solutions to this complex problem. Cutting the library budget significantly might feel like an easy way to save some money, but access to public library resources is an upstream solution to crime and poverty. Cutting the library budget now will cost the city more money in the long run.
17	I believe state tax reform is necessary and the best solution, but will not occur quickly enough to remedy the current shortfall. A payroll tax is the best immediate option that spreads the burden fairly across demographics and income levels. Those who work in Springfield use Springfield services and should help pay for them, even if they live elsewhere.
18	Have the library open between 3pm-7pm.
19	Traffic cameras cost a lot of money. There are enough cameras around town. Everywhere I go in Springfield people are speeding. How about having one or two officers per day out getting money through tickets. It is downright dangerous on Pioneer Parkway West and Harlow Road. Particularly from 6:30 am to 8:30 am.
20	The Budget Committee should be empowered to dive into specifics of the task force recommendations and how they relate to fiscal policy. It seems like the Budget Committee has been hamstrung recently to not be able to look at "policy issues," but I think that's the most appropriate place to get stakeholder input on policies that impact fiscal health of the City going forward. I would like to see the Budget Committee have the opportunity to provide more meaningful engagement to advise the Council on policy matters.
21	I know it's hard to make choices that won't be popular with everyone, and I know Springfield has a lot of squeaky wheels and even squeaky businesses. I applaud you for getting out ahead of this. And I encourage you to NOT be reactive toward or locked-up by those squeaky wheels: keep them in perspective, please do make the hard decisions anyway, please take a stand for the benefit of our silent majority. I see you and I appreciate you. Thank you!
22	Adopting a budget that includes fire station brown outs within days of two fatal home fires in Springfield feels unspeakable. We need to stabilize funding for the fire service in Springfield, and the best way forward to do that is the establishment of a fire district.
23	Tired of the City not prioritizing safety.
24	It is deeply concerning that the Fiscal Stability Task Force was not allowed to consider the fire governance options outlined in the taxpayer-funded feasibility study for Eugene Springfield Fire. Restricting this discussion undermines public trust in the City's leadership and prevented the task force from exploring one of the most fiscally impactful options available. Equally troubling is the City's decision to approve fire station brownouts with minimal discussion or understanding of the consequences. These actions do not inspire confidence in the City's ability to sustainably provide fire and EMS services. The most prudent and responsible step forward is to seriously consider

	forming a fire district to stabilize existing services and ensure the department can meet growing demand.
25	Why are IAFF the only employees who have contract agreements requiring employees pay 6% of their wages towards their retirement. Other City of Springfield employees all received significant pay raises and City of Springfield continues to pay 6% towards all other City of Springfield retirement programs. All except for IAFF employees who are contracted to pay 6% of their wages towards their retirement.
26	Please fund police and fire. The city needs to prioritize police and fire!
27	Why are you not considering fully funding emergency services? It is deeply concerning that the Fiscal Stability Task Force was not allowed to consider the fire governance options outlined in the taxpayer-funded feasibility study for Eugene Springfield Fire. Restricting this discussion undermines public trust in the City's leadership and prevented the task force from exploring one of the most fiscally impactful options available. Equally troubling is the City's decision to approve fire station brownouts with minimal discussion or understanding of the consequences. These actions do not inspire confidence in the City's ability to sustainably provide fire and EMS services. The most prudent and responsible step forward is to seriously consider forming a fire district to stabilize existing services and ensure the department can meet growing demand. The task force must consider a fire district. Springfield resident 23 years but your current budget is making me seriously question that decision.
28	The Mayor and Councilors decision to approve Fire Station Brownouts is troubling. The lack of discussion and understanding of the consequences with brownouts (which Springfield residents deserve less fire or medical coverage). I have lost confidence in the city's ability to provide Springfield residents with properly staff fire stations, correct amount of ambulances, and fell public safety is a low priority with Springfield elected officials. The most responsible step foreword is to seriously consider forming a fire district to stabilize Fire and EMS services and ensure the department can grow with the community needs.
29	Quit looking at failed projects in Eugene as solutions (Bike lane projects and traffic flow decreases)
30	Thank you for what you are trying to do. It's a tough job and a tough climate for the Mayor and City Council, but commitment to Springfield's future is intrinsically tied to valuing Springfield's most precious of resources, the library. Defunding the library, a department that is more lean than probably any City department with regard to cost-effective savings is short-sighted and will undermine the progress that the city and downtown businesses have carefully planned and executed long before almost all of you became involved in Springfield City Government. How old is that library carpet? How dated is everything outside of the mini remodel? How many staff vs volunteers are running the library? And yet, in spite of all these handicaps that our Springfield Public Library has, it is a beacon for Lane County residents far and wide. It is a place that is reknown for its warm welcome to ALL. Springfield has worked so hard to overcome its old reputation and the library embodies why people are choosing Springfield over Eugene for where to bring their kids and where to have lunch or where to shop in an old-fashioned downtown that feels safe. I urge you to value families and value Springfield's future and find a way other than cutting the library any deeper than its already been cut.

31	The quality of jobs with benefits and wages that can sustain families is so important and utterly lacking in our community.
32	Why are our streets in such poor condition?
33	I relocated to the area from out of state, and make low six figures. Springfield lacks housing supply and needs to focus on increasing the supply. Next focus on economic development, Springfield should be the shining beacon in the area and not Eugene.
34	Our library has been underfunded and defunded for decades. It's budget is tiny compared to the police and has never incurred a single lawsuit or caused the city's insurance to be raised higher and higher. The mayor and councilors need to be brave enough to hold the police accountable for their budget missteps, not take it out on the library because it's the easy way out.
35	Budget the Library fairly first and set it aside then proceed to balance the rest of the budget with an eye on a currently bloated public safety section
36	Does the city have investments? Do you have interest bearing accounts? Recently a city property sold at price that was much less than the city paid for it. This should not be happening. I'd like the city to look into maximizing the properties and other assets the city has.
37	Set fee levels to fully fund programs they support.
38	The Library is an absolute cornerstone of our community. The amount of community activities and free services it provides on an already meager budget is unbelievable. Taking away \$500,000 annually will be crippling. Find the money somewhere else. Make the payroll tax a half a percent higher. Increase traffic fines. We can't sacrifice our library. It's too important to our community.
39	There are still too many vacant or deteriorating properties located throughout the city. The city needs to encourage redevelopment of these properties and new businesses to compete with Eugene's options. Many people have to travel to Eugene for goods and services that should be available locally in Springfield.
40	Did you consider the cost of Kelly days in the Firefighter contract or changes to 24-hour shifts? Isn't it time to stop rolling over on increases in public safety contracts?
41	I have been a lifelong Springfield resident of over 50 years. I would love to have an opportunity to voice my opinion at a meeting that provided meaningful data and numbers.
42	How much does police overtime add to the budget? Why is this happening?
43	Our cops have a proven track record of costing the community in payouts for their malfeasance. Then library only enhances the community. Don't take it out on them. Protect the library. Kids around here have it tough enough.
44	Decrease homeless damage to business fronts by creating a tiny home camp or parking area out near the dump.
45	You're a one sided government. You only care about Democrats. You put illegal immigrants first and you'll literally risk programs for AMERICANS, just to stand up for immigrants!!!! You're letting schools groom children also. Parents have no options for a good, AMERICAN education for their

	kids THE LIBRARY constantly caters to other countries cultures, but rarely IF EVER promote American culture
46	Booth-Kelly is a mess. Tell homeless to get out or be arrested. Clean-up graffiti. Scotch Broome at storm water pond is not being controlled properly. It is seeding out and spreading.
47	Thank you for your dedication to our community. Please cut more from the scary armed police force before cutting from the friendly helpful library.
48	I hope you don't ruin our beautiful town by selling off the wild areas that still exist. "Undeveloped" land is vitally important to the survival of our ecosystems. The river's health and the people's health is linked. Once it's gone, it is never coming back. And for what? A one time payout that will maybe help the government slug along for another year? This isn't a solution, it's a bandaid, and a dirty one at that.
49	I am concerned that cities and Tina Kotek st the state level balancing a budget by shifting increased taxes/costs to citizen when so many are already struggling it is going to push more into homelessness. That becomes a bigger issue to get back to stable living situations.
50	We do not need any traffic circles or roundabouts whatever you want to call them on Main Street they don't make sense
51	Why would it make sense to involve a bunch of "business leaders" literally poisoning Springfield with millions of pounds of cancer causing chemicals every year? Why the heck is International Paper involved in city development?
52	No \$500k cut to the library! Cut only by the percentage of revenue they take from the general fund. 5% not 25%!
53	My name is Melissa Bradshaw and I am a Springfield citizen who also serves at the Oregon State Capitol. I have a doctorate in educational leadership and a background in legislation and policy. I am here to help in any way the city sees fit. I would avoid in every way closing the library on the weekends.
54	The library budget should not be cut! That is a drastic reduction for a foundational institution that benefits Springfield and makes it safer for all by fulfilling basic needs.
55	What would you property tax look like, were it not for past tax limitation efforts? There were serious reasons residents voted for these limitations.
56	Please seriously consider supporting a Fire District model. The mayor telling fire union workers to continue to "be patient" feels like a slap in the face. Firefighters are not asking out of greed, or lack of understanding. They are begging for a solution.
57	cut costs
58	Adding more taxes will not help encourage more business development in Springfield, there is already enough financial challenges we face in Oregon
59	You cannot keep adding taxes to home owners to pay for or bail out anything we just don't have it, especially in this current economy climate. People have worked too hard all their lives to lose

	they're homes because of taxes. You need to realize we might not have everything we want, but some don't even have what they need think long and hard on that.
60	Thank you.
61	I support our police and want them to have all the funding they need. Myself and many others feel as if the area has become less safe, and that the police are very ineffective at preventing or solving property crime or even having a presence to combat traffic crime. My business had thousands of dollars of equipment stolen, the equipment was posted to Facebook marketplace with photos showing our name written on them. They couldn't do anything. Beltline, main st, and pioneer parkway feel like the wild west. Reckless driving, dangerous merging, tailgating, speeding, running red lights and never a police car in site. Where are they?! I want to be optimistic that traffic cameras could at least mitigate some of the red light running, but can we please get an initiative to combat the dangerous driving? It's terrifying as a parent to feel like you're rolling the dice with your kids' life every time you put them in the car. I also believe the library is incredibly important for our community and investing in our future. Our kids need access to books and story times and a free place to play inside when it is rainy or smokey. The library helps the most vulnerable members of our community that often don't get help anywhere else. Cutting library funding is a short sided way to save a buck now and bankrupt our community's future.
62	Thank you for NOT cutting the library budget.
63	The federal government has stripped away basic civil rights over the past several decades. In 2025 this effort has been supercharged under the Trump administration. We don't need our local government following suit.
64	As Springfield faces tough budget decisions, I urge the city to reconsider the proposed \$500,000 cut to our public library system. Libraries are not luxuries—they're lifelines. They nurture literacy, offer safe spaces for learning, and connect generations through shared resources. This cut threatens not only current services, but the future of community-led initiatives that foster curiosity, equity, and belonging. Let's invest in the institutions that make Springfield feel like home.
65	The library is one of few places that engage youth to be educated and act as a part of the Springfield community. All efforts should be made to increase access rather than cut back! With out much knowledge myself, can we cut back funding for the Jail? At 5 million dollars and unique to Springfield within comparable Oregon cities, how can we balance cost of this safety resource?
66	What kind of impact would cutting \$500,000 from the library have on the library? Be specific - hrs, people, programs, etc
67	I understand the budget issues are real and complicated and I appreciate you listening to our concerns. Please recognize how important the library is for the well-being of our Springfield community.
68	Mayor VanGordon, next time you create a task force, make it more diverse and equitable. Stop putting large business interests over the actual residents of this town.
69	People think very highly of the library and often times that high regard gets extended to city leadership as a whole. You're squandering that good will. I am more than happy to pay a slightly

	higher payroll tax to avoid cuts to the library and I am insulted that business and city leaders would pretend keeping the payroll tax low is about protecting me - the average Springfield citizen. Bullshit.
70	Underlying tax reform is the cleanest and most sustainable solution. The budget problem is clearly on the revenue side of the budget.
71	It doesn't look like the City analyzed the possibility of a Sugar Sweetened Beverage tax or fee or potentially increasing fees/taxes/licensing costs for tobacco retailers. Please consider these.
72	The library is a lifeline in the community. Cutting the library budget should be a last resort.
73	Selling unused properties is a top tier idea. It gets the maintenance costs off the tax payers, gets an immediate influx of cash on the sale, then collects property taxes ongoing, assuming only sale to private parties rather than non-profits or other government agencies.
74	There are so many community members who are kit on social media. Putting something on facebook is not sufficient. For those of us who do not work flexible hours or have young families, a couple days notice is not sufficient to get time off work and attend town hall meetings
75	Hiring more police will increase overtime as arrests will increase and out of regular work time tasks such as going to court, booking late in day, etc. will increase. Decrease overtime by laying off police. Look at Vera Institute report on effects of expanding jails in small towns.
76	Please do not cut any fire or police services or their overtime as a first or even middle choice for cuts. Those public protection services cannot be constrained into a 9 - 5 time-frame. The situations they deal with don't happen always within office hours, whether it's a sudden brush or house fire or someone invading a business or residence. Insurance companies also tend to shy away from covering areas with limited access to good police and fire protection.
77	How many of the Task Force Members have and regularly use Springfield Library Cards? How many of the City Council Members have, and regularly use Springfield Library Cards. Those that do not, should not be able to vote on this singular issue.
78	Would a business retention and expansion strategy place an emphasis on attracting and supporting independently owned businesses?
79	Just as the task force was charged with having everything on the table, the mayor, council and staff should take a further look - with their counterparts in Eugene and Lane County - to determine if there is a better, more cost-effective way to deliver police, fire, jail, other public safety and library services, and even consider changes to governance. If we can and should think big about how public services are funded, we should likewise challenge ourselves with at least contemplating changes in how we govern this metropolitan area. We are one economic market, and just because I-5 helps to separate jurisdictional boundaries doesn't mean there isn't a better way to govern ourselves.
80	The mayor claimed crime went down in Springfield because of the jail being built. But crime went down everywhere in Oregon (and has been trending downwards nationally for decades) over the same time period. Even though only one other city runs a jail. Getting honest about what our police force and jail costs seems to be political kryptonite in this town but just know that we see you refusing to discuss the police budget.

81	Stick with what the residents of Springfield say they really want, and what they could do without.
82	Please make sure you are not falling prey to the idea that there needs to be unequal emphasis on minority groups when you make these decisions. Look at the actual demographics of Springfield and do what's right by ALL of them.
83	Why don't you select a random group of Springfield citizens to evaluate your options? Secondly, I have been hearing about the budget crisis since Mayor Lundberg and City Manager Grimaldi. The City Council, Mayor, and City Leadership are largely responsible for kicking the can down the road for years and now announcing a crisis. Thirdly, the Task Force does not even suggest a sustainable path forward that gets the city out of a deficit. Why don't you propose solutions that actually get the city out of a deficit instead of these half measures? Are you hoping for a miracle or for the current leadership to be gone by the next crisis?
84	Please be serious when considering police OT with the union. This is a touchy issue but boundaries should be set.
85	Let's not spend a ton on blue LED street lights that pollute our homes of circadian rhythm. Not contract with Flock cameras invading residential privacy. And let's contract with more efficient contract contractors who aren't taking a full year to do one street Mill St. and the underlying infrastructure that is ridiculous. In any other state that street would be done and the water and sewer would be complete in two months.
86	We don't need more law enforcement we need affordable housing, housing for the homeless, landlords to stop raising prices, a cap on rent, employment, and taxing the wealthy.
87	If the City of Springfield offers tax breaks to national corporations that want to set up shop and do business here, that needs to stop. If Springfield is that attractive to them, they should pay their fair share (if not a premium) for the privilege of gaining profits from Springfield citizens.
88	I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns and opinions. I hope the Mayor and City Councilor seriously consider the feedback they receive from community members.
89	The library tracks the interacts it has with patrons. How many other departments (aside from police and fire) have as much interaction with the public?