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CITY OF MANASSAS PARK ANNOUNCES INITIAL BUDGET IMPACTS

MANASSAS PARK, VA – On Tuesday, March 9, 2010, the City of Manassas Park’s Governing Body approved the City’s Staff recommendation to reduce the City’s workforce by 13 filled positions. Also, seven vacant positions will remain unfunded and unfilled in the effort to balance the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget. This further reduces City staffing cuts through a workforce reduction of three employees last year and 13 other positions left unfunded and unfilled as a result of a hiring freeze implemented in January of 2008.

“City Staff has attempted to provide the Governing Body with a proposed budget that is balanced without a real estate tax rate increase. We realize that there will be an impact to service delivery to our citizens, as well as a significant adverse impact to our employees, especially the 13 valued employees and their families directly affected by this reduction in force; however, in the tough economic times that our citizens are facing, we believe this to be the best approach”, said City Manager, Mercury T. Payton.

The reduction in City workforce will have immediate impacts. The City’s Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue offices will be closed to the public from 1:30 p.m. through 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning on Monday, March 29, 2010.

The employees of those two offices will work during that 90 minute period each day on responsibilities related to State of Virginia and other administrative requirements. Citizens will continue to have access to the existing City drop box and will still be able to make payments online during that 90 minute period.

There may be other impacts to City services; although, some of those impacts will relate to how the City does its internal work. Any impacts to citizens and customer service will be relayed to the public in advance of its implementation.

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