



Open Government

My family is responsible for our finances and spending priorities, just like yours. We pay bills, balance our checkbook and review bank statements. The money spent by City County Government is *your* money too, and you should know where it's going and have a say in how it is spent.

If elected, I will champion a new transparency in city operations that allows citizens to see – 24/7 online and in real time – just how well the city is doing its work. And, before any major project is undertaken, there should be an open discussion about the pros and cons of all the options.

The current administration made major, long-term commitments by entering into no-bid contracts with little, if any, public discussion.

- The Citizens Energy water deal was negotiated in secret without public input on options.
- At 50 years, the no-bid parking privatization contract deal is so long, I will be 92 years old when it expires.

I will champion the creation of a simple-to-use webpage where you can see how your money is being spent and what work is being done:

Here are some examples of information the webpage could include:

- A simpler, easy-to-use list of all key contracts, including total cost.
- Work schedules (i.e., paving, park improvements, sewer connections, sidewalk upgrades) and a symbol showing if they are early, on time or late.
- Crime statistics, updated weekly and searchable by neighborhood and zip code.
- Snow removal schedule following storms and real-time indication if the routes are on time.

I hope this will be just the start of a new and greater two-way communication between City-County Government and its citizens.

No more decisions made behind closed doors, no more “done deals.”

Let's open the windows at the City-County Council building and let all voices be heard.