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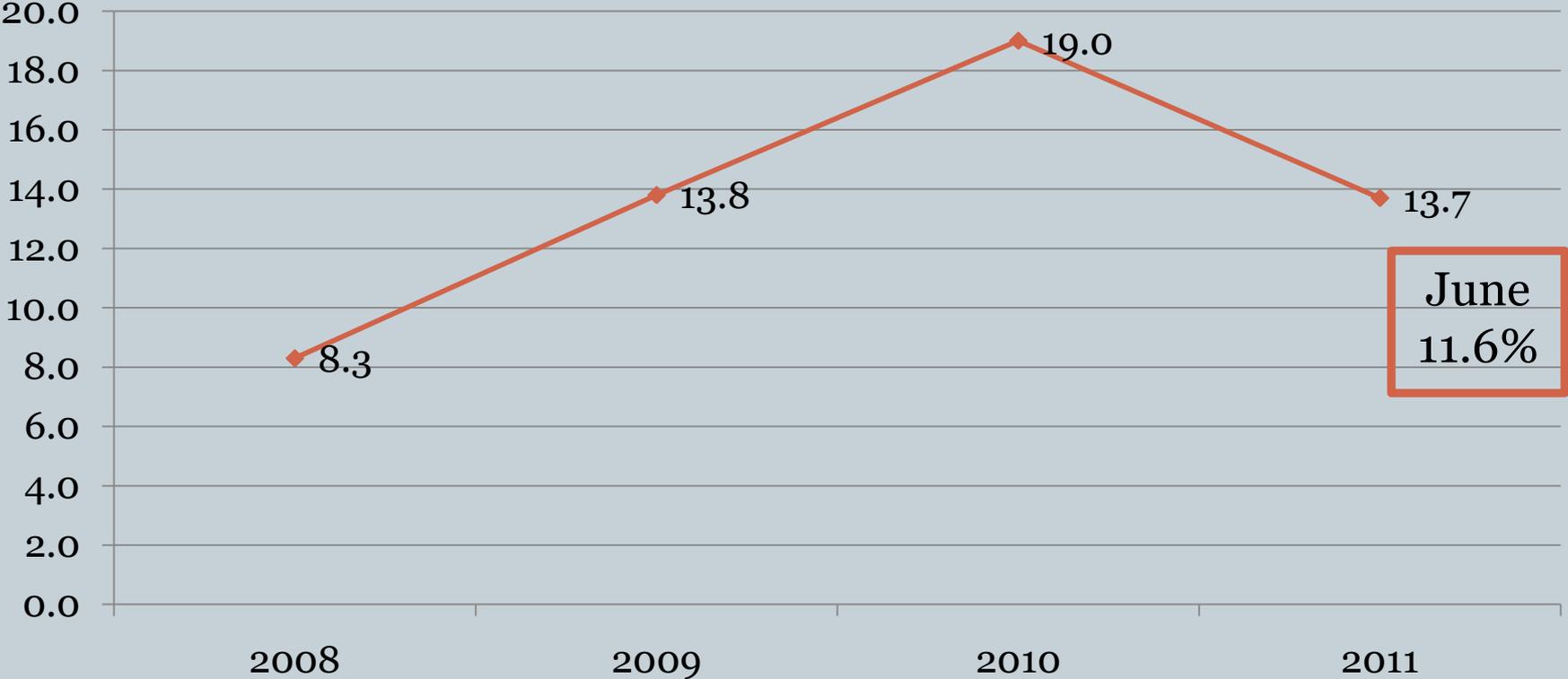
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Rockford, IL Metropolitan Statistical Area

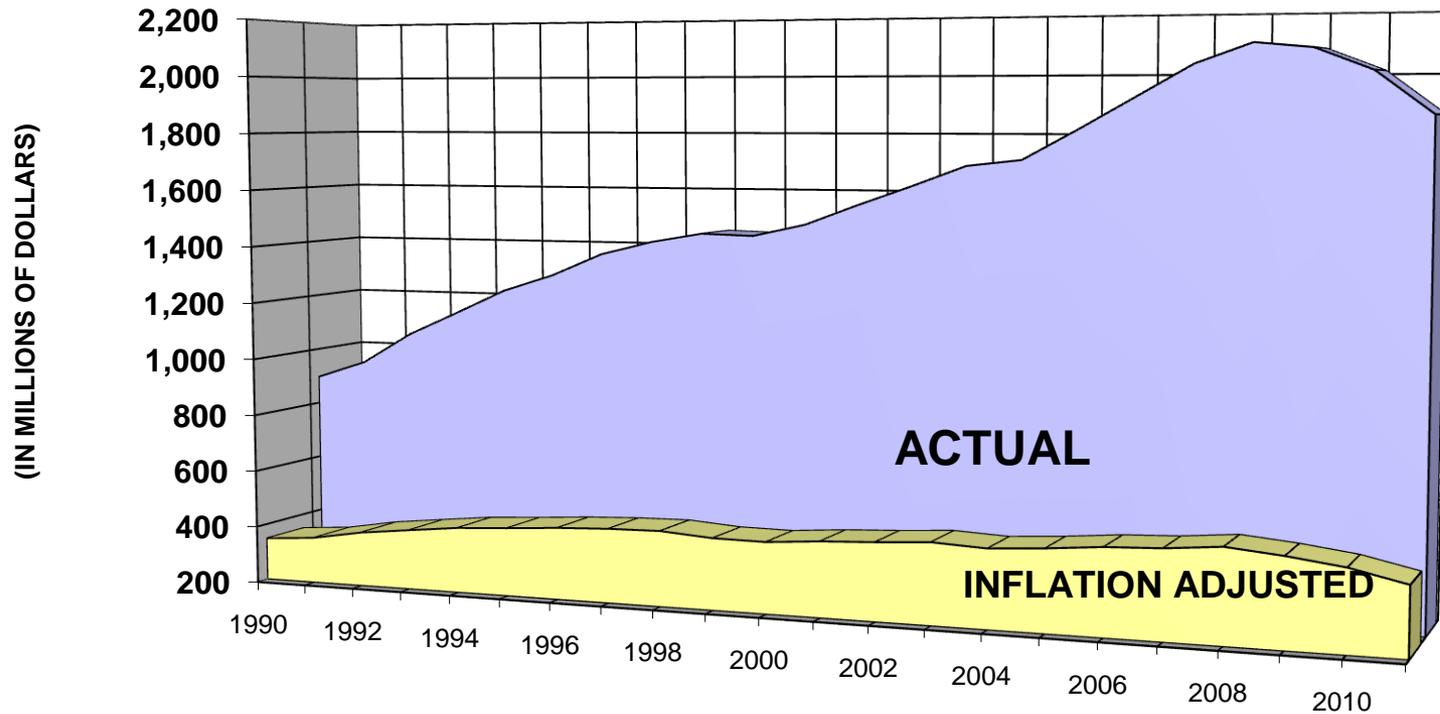


Source: Bureau of Labor & Statistics

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CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION 1990-2011

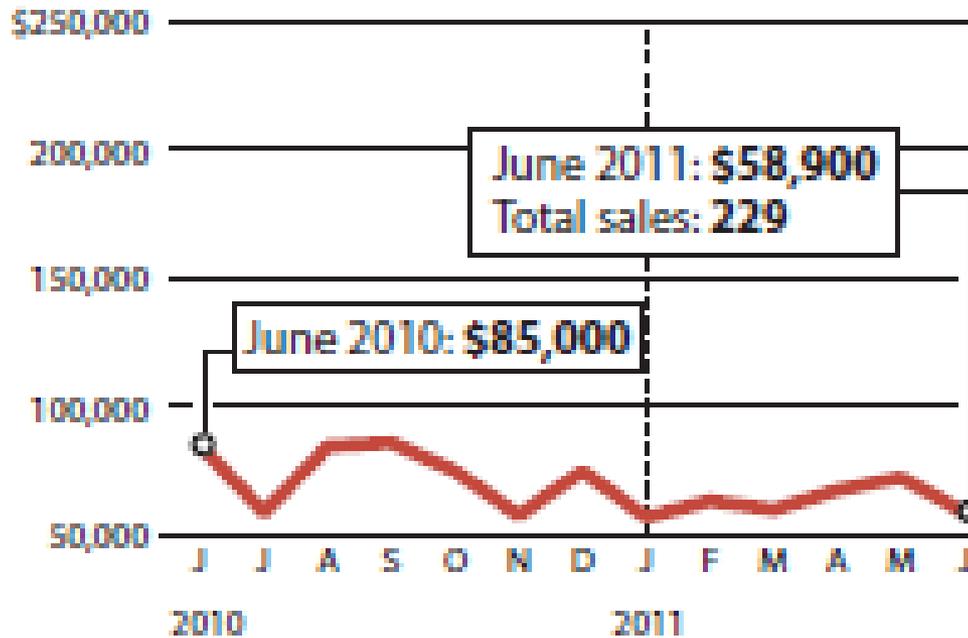


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June 2011 change

-30.7%

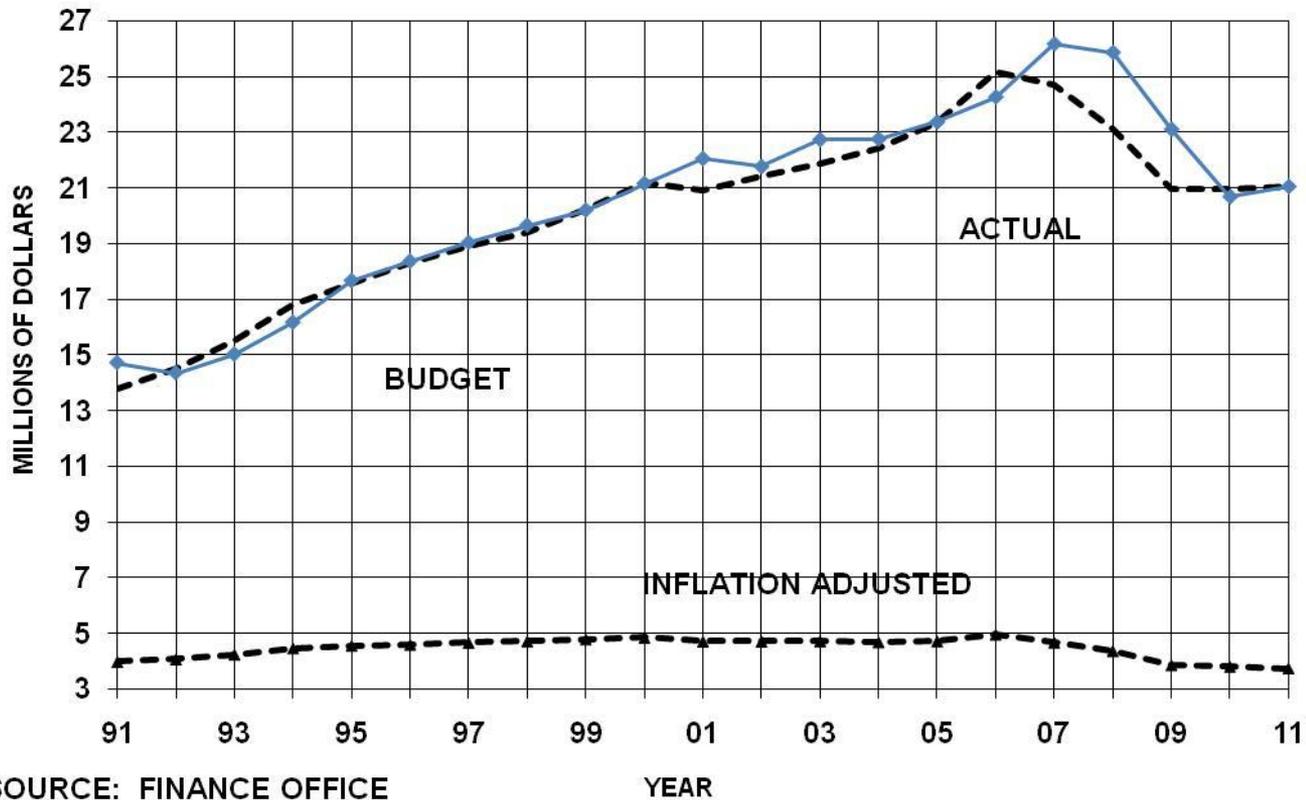


Source: RR Star July 16, 2011

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CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS GENERAL FUND SALES TAX REVENUES 1991-2011



SOURCE: FINANCE OFFICE

YEAR

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| Department | 2008 | 2011 | Change |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Public Works | 198 | 173 | - 25 |
| Community Development | 54 | 39 | - 15 |
| Human Services | 201 | 183 | - 18 |
| Legislative & Mgt (Mayor/HR/Legal/IT/Finance) | 79 | 60 | - 19 |
| Police (Sworn Only) | 305 | 285 | - 20 |
| Fire (Sworn Only) | 274 | 270 | - 4 |

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*Lawrence J. Morrissey
Mayor*

**State of Illinois
Cities and Villages Committee Hearing
Room 122B Capitol Building
March 15, 2011 4:00PM**

Public Testimony Regarding Manning

Written Testimony Provided by Lawrence J. Morrissey, Mayor, City of Rockford, Illinois

Mr. Chairman Riley and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony today in advocacy of House Bill 3044. Your action on this bill would support the City's efforts to address significant public safety labor cost increases that the City's revenues can no longer support.

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Limitations on City Council Management Rights

- Minimum Manning Requirement
- Anti-Substitution Law Passed in 2007
- “Ability to Pay” Loophole: Arbitrators Can Attempt to “Induce” Tax Increase to Cover Pay Raise

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HB 1849 Introduced by Rep. Dave Winters

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED: 5 ILCS 315/14 from Ch. 48, par. 1614

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. With respect to peace officers, fire fighters, and security employees, provides that, in the absence of an agreement, an arbitration panel's consideration of the unit of government's ability to meet costs is limited to existing revenues. Also requires the arbitration panel to consider the impact of an arbitration award on the municipality's staffing and funding of other operations.

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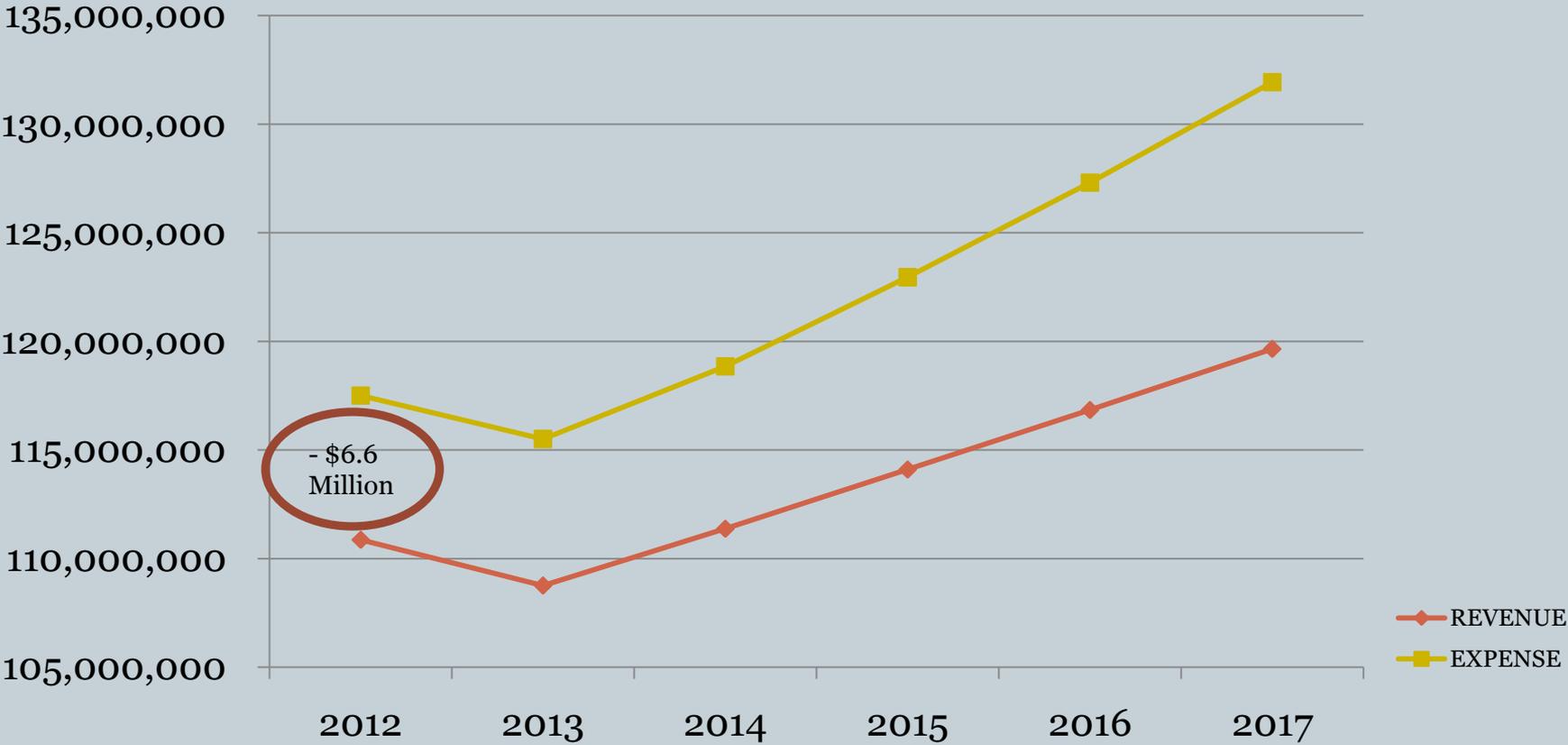
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Tax Increase to Cover Pay Raise
- ✓ 6% Pay Raise Awarded to Firefighters Union
- ✓ Where do we go from here?

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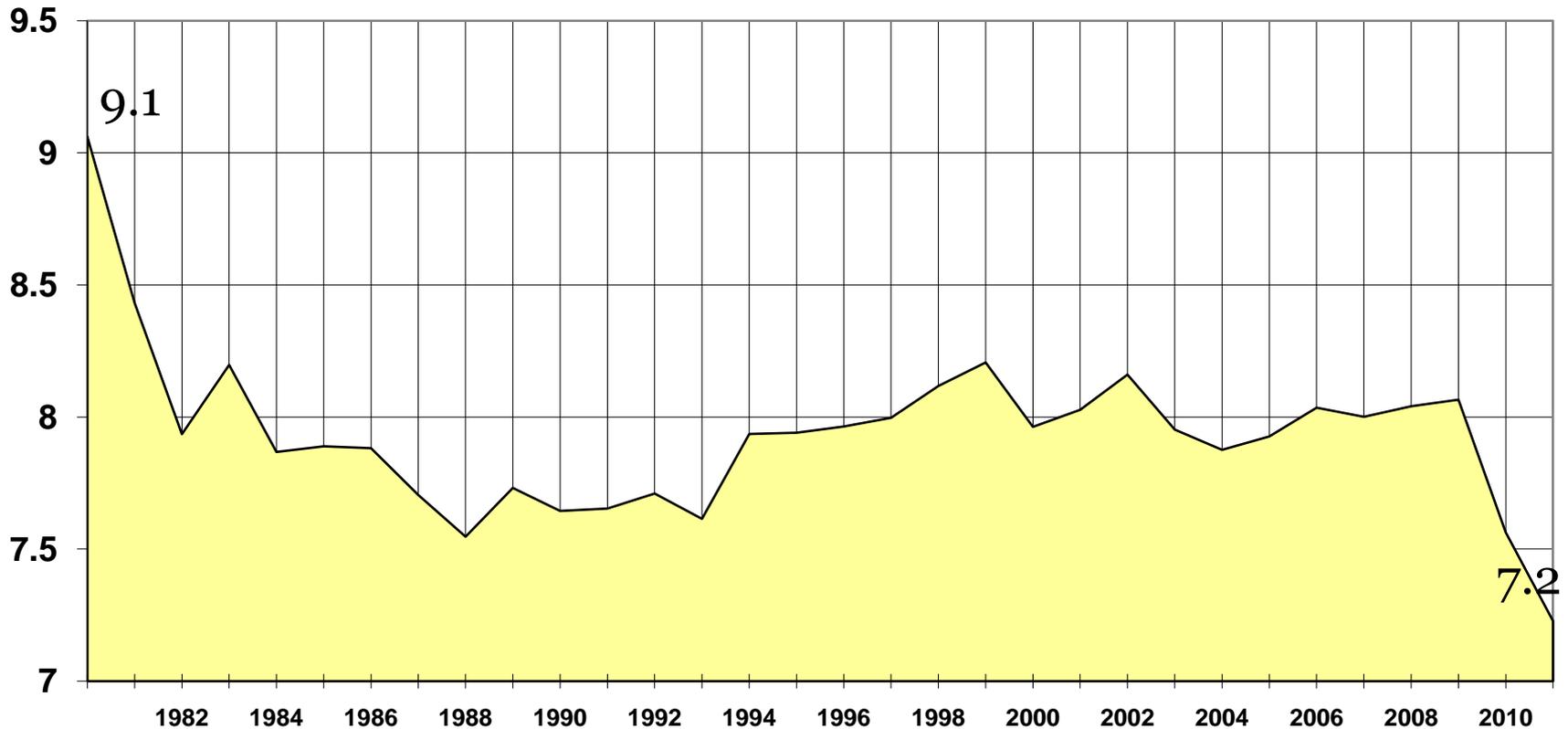
General Fund Projection



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CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS EMPLOYEES PER 1,000 RESIDENTS YEARS FROM 1980



SOURCE: FINANCE OFFICE

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| Department | FTE Deficit Reduction Required |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Legislative & Mgt (Mayor/HR/Legal/IT/Finance) | 7 |
| Public Works | 15 |
| Community Development | 3 |
| Fire | 0 |
| Police | 49 |

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Which promise or promises are we supposed to break?

- Are we going to keep our *State's* promise to our public safety employee pensioners or our *local promise to our local citizens* to keep them safe?
- Are we going to keep our promise to *live within our means* or are we going to *pass the costs* of these outrageous pension and management flaws onto our people through higher taxes?
- Are we willing to stand up right now for democracy and capitalism and demand change?

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Legislative Calls to Action:

- ✓ *Pension Reform: Current as well as Future Employees*
- ✓ *Collective Bargaining and Arbitration Reforms:*
 - ✓ Eliminate “Minimum Manning” Provisions.
 - ✓ Clarify that “ability to pay” is based on current revenues.
 - ✓ Repeal the 2007 “Anti-Substitution” Law that prevents Rockford from using part-time firefighters.

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METROCENTRE

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MetroCentre finances improve; RAVE still has plenty of work

“The operating budget for this fiscal year was an improvement of \$600,000 compared to the previous year...

...On top of that, the budget we just approved for the new year reduces the loss by another \$400,000. So effectively, at the end of 24 months or two years this board and SMG will have effectively reduced the expenses of the MetroCentre by \$1 million.”

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CITY MARKET



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Rockford City Market drawing big crowds this summer

“The Rockford City Market, with food, art and live music, is packing in thousands of visitors each Friday afternoon this summer. Organizers hope to use the City Market, championed by the Rock River Development Partnership, as a breeding ground for new businesses.”

“Through the first eight weeks of the season, the Rockford City Market has attracted an estimated 20,174 visitors, an average of about 2,522 a week. Attendance reached a season high of 3,022 on June 17.”

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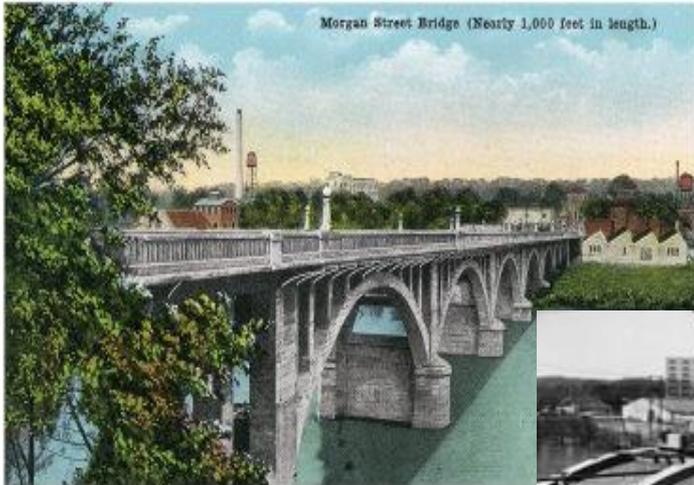
Rockford is perfect for Embry-Riddle, Embry-Riddle is perfect for Rockford.

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RIVERWALK

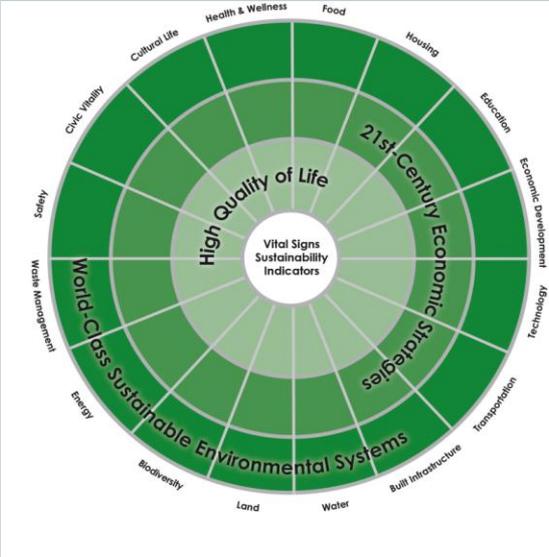
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MORGAN STREET BRIDGE



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...The Coalition launched a community-wide campaign with local citizens taking the lead to advocate for the casino. This collaborative effort allows citizens to speak with one loud voice so they are heard by Governor Quinn. As the campaign moves forward, it continuously gains more followers, making the voice and cause even stronger.

THANK YOU



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