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I just saw my proposed property tax online a few days ago and while aghast, it's seems business as usual in the state.

The Mayor's proposed tax levy must be tamed for absolute necessities.

I believe that if you can't provide years of salaries and upkeep of facilities like parks/rec centers we already have, you do NOT build more. Our tax money should go to projects such as residential, not just major artery street repair, and sidewalks. Beautification of streets and sidewalks seems moot, when they are in terrible shape. When I am visiting a new city I DO look at how their streets and sidewalks are kept. Not the flowers that adorn.

We need funding to deal with the Snelling/University situation—drug dealing, loitering, vacant buildings such as CVS. I feel terrible for the store owners in that neighborhood and those who have to witness the area's degradation. We want to be SAFE in our city. I think citizens would vote that Number One of the agenda, not a city water walk.

It feels like the city's lower and middle income families who need to live in St. Paul are stuck with taxes assessments, high rents or property that are very difficult to tolerate(along with the almost 10% sales tax).

I hope you and the other council people band together and bring a "reality" check to the mayor that makes our constituents proud of the leadership, not fearful of shelling out more dollars and not seeing enough in return.

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