Mayor’s Proposed Budget

- Mayor’s Proposed FY14 Budget is a $297 million spending plan, a 2.7% increase over the FY13 forecast.

- No broad-based tax increases.

- Limited bonding … $15.7 million … to invest in infrastructure.

- Funding for 35 new firefighters, 28 funded through the Safer Grant, and the addition of another emergency medical ambulance.

- Funding for the Homelessness Office to coordinate services and intervene where needed, a goal identified by the Mayor’s Commission on Homelessness.

- $5 million to purchase land and design a new senior citizens center.

- $150,000 for multi-use fields to accommodate soccer, football, field hockey, lacrosse and more.

- Funding for youth activities including the “I Do’ initiative and camps for children with mental and physical disabilities.

- $117,000 to improve maintenance of our greenways in neighborhoods.

- $300,000 in the historic courthouse to make critical repairs while we plan for its future.
- Invest $250,000 to match private fund-raising to update the Kentucky Theatre.

- Increase strategic police overtime funds for neighborhoods, where even the threat of crime must be vigorously addressed.

- Improve public safety by improving their equipment – police cruisers, fire trucks, EMS buggies, radios, clothing and cardiac monitors.

- Add a Chief Information Officer, a commissioner-level position, to lead our information technology initiatives, strategically and operationally, with a focus on transparency and innovation.