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Mayor Stephanie A. Miner Delivers Budget Proposal to Syracuse Common Council

Syracuse, NY – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner presented her 2010-2011 budget proposal to the Syracuse Common Council this afternoon.

The proposal includes:

- A \$2.4 million reduction in City spending. A \$2.0 million increase in Syracuse City School District spending. This results in a total combined budget that includes a reduction of about \$.5 million.
- A total appropriation of \$633,179,322. Of this amount, \$278,693,857 (44%) funds City operations and \$354,485,465 (56%) is allocated to the School District.
- A 5.4% property tax increase. A typical \$70,000 city home without any exemptions would see a tax bill increase of \$95.
- A 9% increase to fees charged for water and sewer services. This will increase the average household's water and sewer bill by about \$30 annually.
- A plan to establish an overtime committee that will authorize overtime requests in an effort to reduce these costs.
- Workforce reductions of 91 positions, effective July 1, 2010. All but 14 of these positions are currently vacant. The Syracuse Fire Department will not be filling its 20 vacancies and the Syracuse Police Department will not be filling 20 vacancies.
- This budget contains the funds required to fulfill the terms of all current labor agreements, including all raises scheduled for July 1, 2010. However, the budget does not contain funds for any additional raises in 2011.

The budget maintains all current program levels including:

- \$350,000 in funding for the Say Yes to Education program
- Cash capital spending at the recommended 2010-2011 level of \$3.1 million per the approved City Capital Improvement Plan
- Maintain the \$1 million commitment to the demolition of unsafe buildings
- Easier access to the City permit process

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The six goals that define this year's spending for City services include:

- Workforce reduction of 91 positions
- Overtime reduction of \$1.4 million
- No budgetary growth of expenditures
- Maintaining current service levels
- Sharing the burden between property taxpayers and water/sewer users
- Reducing the City's use of surplus to fund services

The Syracuse Common Council will now begin its review of the proposal. In accordance with the City Charter, the Common Council must pass the final budget by May 10, 2010.

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