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Did you know, in the past two years, Council increased Centennial's administrative expenses by more than 400%?

This is untrue! There is nothing in any of the City's budgets nor the 2006 Annual Audit that shows a 400% increase in any department or office. It is unclear what she could be referring to here. Verified by City budgets and 2006 Audit on the City's website.

Did you know, in the past two years, council increased the City Manager's total compensation from \$168,700 to \$262,600?

This is untrue! The actual budget for 2006 for the entire City Manager's Office was \$262,600 which included the City Manager and the Administrative Assistant, plus expenses. Jacque Wedding-Scott's salary is \$145,000, plus an auto allowance of \$400.00 per month (\$4,800/yr) and benefits typically calculated at 18% of salary. Verified by City budget on the City's website.

Salary	\$145,000
18% benefits	26,100
Car Allowance	<u>4,800</u>
	\$175,900 Total Compensation/benefits

Did you know, that even though in 2003 you raised your sales tax a full percent and earmarked 50% of it to bring the Public Works budget back to pre-incorporation service levels, Council continues to make cuts in this important service area?

This is untrue! The City Council has **increased the Public Works budget** each year to ensure an adequate service level for public works services. The 2003 increase in sales tax earmarked 50% of the revenues for acquisition, construction, operation, maintenance and financing for transportation and drainage systems not to exceed \$2.8 million annually. All of these funds are fully accounted for in the contract with Arapahoe County Public Works. Verified by all budgets and annual reports (public documents) on the City's website.

You're being taxed through franchise fees imposed without your consent on gas and electric, a new storm water authority, and your cable service?

This is untrue! Franchise fees and storm water fees, by State Law, are not taxes.

The new Southeast Metro Storm Water Authority (SEMSWA) was formed after Arapahoe County, Centennial and a number of special districts decided to work together to conform to **unfunded, federally mandated standards** for water quality from storm water run-off. The joint authority imposes a fee that is based on the non-permeable surface on each property. The City's storm water public works department budget was actually reduced from \$592,000 in 2006 to zero in 2007 due to the transition of the program to SEMSWA.

The City of Centennial, like most cities, imposes a 3% franchise fee on gas and electric utility companies doing business in the City. The fee is considered a "rental or lease" charge for using the City's rights of way (ROW) for placement of gas/electric lines.

Centennial, like most cities, also imposes a 5% franchise fee on cable services as the cable providers also use the City's rights of way for placement of their cable systems. Again, this is a "rental or lease" charge for using the City's ROW.

Verified by City Public Records and State Statues.

Centennial is spending \$75,000 to conduct a survey to find out how you feel about Council's performance?

This is untrue! Among questions in a recent survey, Centennial voters were asked if they believed the city is headed in the right direction. The survey of about 15 questions was taken to find out what the citizens of Centennial want their city to be in 2030, as part of the Centennial visioning project: *Our Voice. Our Vision. Centennial 2030*. The cost of the survey, by Hill Research Consultants, was part of the total visioning project cost and amounted to **\$15,000** which included all expenses and expert analysis of the results.

Verified by City budget on the website (actual expenses).