

City of Fort Lauderdale  
 Budget Advisory Board  
 Date December 16, 2004

Attendance:	<u>Absent/ Present</u>	<u>Cumulative from 10/11/04</u>		<u>Mandatory Meetings Missed</u>
		(P)	(A)	
Curtiss Berry	P	3	0	0
Mark Dozier	A	1	2	2
Shane Gunderson, Vice Chairperson	P	3	0	0
Elizabeth Hernandez	A	2	1	1
Garry Johnson	P	3	0	0
Michael McFarland	A	2	1	1
Delores McKinley	P	1	2	1
Michael Moskowitz	P	2	0	0
William Nielsen, Chairperson	P	3	0	0
Don Winsett	A	0	3	2

Ex-officio Members

George Gretsas, City Manager  
 Terry Sharp, Finance Director  
 Steven G. Chapman, Deputy Director - OMB

Others

Allyson C. Love, Director, - OMB

Chairperson Nielsen called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. a roll call confirmed that a quorum was present.

Board approved meeting minutes from November 18, 2004 with amendments of Mr. Moskowitz to the attendance roll and the change in attendance status of Ms. McKinley.

At 6:35 p.m. The Board reviewed the October Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 09/30/2005.

Mr. Sharp stated that 09/30/2004 final numbers should be available in January.

Mr. Moskowitz made a comment that some revenues were over budgeted and was concerned that they were also over budgeted for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Sharp explained that some revenues are accrued, some revenues are on 2 month lags, and some revenues have other timing lags. Mr. Sharp felt that with this in mind, revenues have been estimated conservatively for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Moskowitz asked if he could have a detail report of all revenue items. Mr. Chapman will provide electronically.

Other items discussed included Overtime, Pension costs, and Balance Sheet.

The Police booking operation and overall police staffing level was questioned. Mr. Gretsas suggested that Chief Roberts come to the Board and give an overview of current operations. Mr. Chapman reviewed the action items. Mr. Chapman relayed the message that the Parks and Recreation department would like to make a presentation to the Board in the month of February 2005 to address item related to this department. The partial year fire assessment memo has been delayed until January 2005, however fees have been collected since October 2004. Mr. Chapman reported on the parking meters only taking quarters, this is a time saving decision to use these machines in high volume areas vs. the nickel, dime, and quarter machines. Mr. Chapman reported that there was no additional permit fee for dumpsters.

Mr. Gretsas spoke about the many things that were going on to make the City a better place to live. He talked about the "Broken Window Theory", and having departments heads being held to goals and objectives.

Mr. Gunderson had a concern that dumpsters are visible along Sunrise and the neighborhood around Bally's. He said that all along Sunrise there seems to be many code violations. Mr. Gretsas asked Mr. Chapman to email this question to him after the meeting.

Mr. Berry handed out an article stating that 25 firefighters responded to a yacht fire. He asked why so many firefighters?

Mr. Berry had concerns about the City streets in 3 locations, 33<sup>rd</sup> and S. Andrews, 17<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 19<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mr. Chapman will forward these concerns to the Public Works department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

### **New Action Items**

Request for revenue information on Sanitation. Do other Cities charge a permit fee and usage fee?

Provide a detail of revenue line items.

How much revenue is collected from speeding tickets?

Invite Chief Roberts to a future Board meeting to talk about booking and other staffing issues.

Why so many firefighters responding to a yacht fire?

**Outstanding Items**

Building Department to present to Board its progress. Will present at January meeting.

Partial Year Fire Assessment Fee – Memo due for January meeting.

Parks and Recreation Department Presentation to include:

Request for utility expenses by individual park.

Update by Parks and Recreation of the grant applied for to do a tree inventory.

Description of the Park Ranger program.

Can the sprinkler system on Los Olas be put on timers?

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