

City of Fort Lauderdale  
Budget Advisory Board  
Date: June 16, 2005

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Absent/ Present</u>	<u>Cumulative from 10/11/04</u>		<u>Mandatory Meetings Missed</u>
		<u>(P)</u>	<u>(A)</u>	
Curtiss Berry	P	9	0	0
Mark Dozier	A	1	8	7
Shane Gunderson, Vice Chairperson	P	8	1	1
Elizabeth Hernandez	A	5	4	3
Garry Johnson	P	8	1	1
Michael McFarland	A	6	3	2
Delores McKinley	P	6	3	2
William Nielsen, Chairperson	P	9	0	0
Joseph Welsch	P	1	0	0
Don Winsett	P	5	4	3

Ex-officio Members

George Gretsas, City Manager  
Bernard Wray, Finance Director  
Deputy Director, OMB-Position Vacant

Others

Allyson C. Love, Director, OMB  
Pat Rupprecht, Assistant Budget Director  
Michael Moskowitz, Citizen  
Dave Marshall, Citizen

Chairperson Nielsen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m and the roll call confirmed a quorum was present. He welcomed a new Board member, Mr. Joseph Welsch and Mr. Gretsas introduced Mr. Bernard Wray as the new Finance Director. Both men gave a brief synopsis of their backgrounds.

The May 19th minutes were unanimously approved after a few minor edits.

Discussion ensued on the April Monthly Financial Report. Chairperson Nielsen noted that Vehicle Rental Revenues were down \$1.4 million. Ms. Love stated that she would find out the reason for that. Concern was expressed over the lag time in receiving these reports. Ms. Love replied that it is a manual process, requiring several steps to put this report together, plus the Budget Office staff needs time to analyze it and obtain answers to any areas of question. It is then provided to the City Commission at the first Commission meeting of the following month. Copies of the April Monthly Department Trend Analysis were distributed to the members.

Mr. Gunderson expressed concern about the overages in police overtime. Mr. Gretsas replied that this is due to the number of vacancies and the City Commission's commitment to increase the number of arrests. He stated that departments are generating enough savings to more than cover these costs. He referred to the financial controls that are in place now to be sure salary savings are not being spent for other areas for which approvals have not been obtained.

Mr. Gunderson asked how many police officers were hired last month. Mr. Winsett asked if more people are applying for jobs now, if we have a referral system to assist with recruitment efforts, and when the last pay study was done to determine if our salaries are competitive. Mr. Gretsas said that he would find out that information.

Ms. Love announced that a Budget Workshop will be held at the June 21<sup>st</sup> Commission meeting. Mr. Johnson wondered about the time frame for the Board to provide input on the upcoming budget. Ms. Love & Mr. Gretsas said there would be time after the Budget Message is presented to the Commission in July. Ms. Love stated that the Board would be given the budget message presentation at their July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**New Action Items**

- Research reason for \$1.4 million drop in Vehicle Rental revenues compared to last year at this time.
- Research how many police officers were hired last month, if the number of job applicants is increasing, if the City has a referral system for recruitment efforts, and when the last pay study was done.

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