

City of Fort Lauderdale
 Budget Advisory Board
 Date: July 21, 2005

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

Ex-officio Members

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

Others

Stephen Scott, Assistant City Manager
 Allyson C. Love, Director, OMB
 Pat Rupprecht, Assistant Budget Director
 Shonda Singleton-Taylor, Financial Management Analyst

Chairperson Nielsen called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and the roll call confirmed a quorum was present. Shane Gunderson had sent an e-mail saying he resigned from the Board.

Mr. Gretsas gave some opening remarks on his FY 2005-2006 Proposed Budget and then turned it over to Ms. Love who proceeded to show the power point presentation on it that was presented to the City Commission on July 19th.

Mr. Welsch asked how much of an increase was needed to return to the staffing levels before the layoffs. Mr. Gretsas replied that reorganization changed the way services are being delivered so staffing levels can't really be compared. Mr. McFarland asked about the elimination of the insurance deficit and about pension for the Police & Fire. Mr. Wray responded that previously the Insurance Fund had a \$22 million deficit. By the end of FY 06, it is projected to have a \$400,000 positive balance. He said the Police & Fire pension is funded at 75%. Mr. McFarland expressed concern about the 75% funding level. Mr. Wray replied that it is based on a formula provided by the actuary, which amortizes loss over a 30-year period. Mr. McFarland asked if there was a 10-year history of the unfunded liability. Mr. Wray said it is part of the actuary's study which he would make available to the Board.

Mr. Welsch inquired if the proposed thirteen new police officers would bring the Police Department back to their previous staffing levels. Mr. Gretsas replied that the staffing study indicated we didn't need to go back to the previous staffing levels and that he would provide the Board with a copy of that study. Chairperson Nielsen, however, noted that the study was available on-line. Mr. Welsch also asked how the grants and real estate offices would work. Mr. Gretsas said that he was still evaluating this. Mr. Welsch requested a breakdown of the elections cost. Ms. Love replied that she would obtain that from the City Clerk.

Mr. Welsch asked how the Board provides input to the City Manager on the budget. Chairperson Neilsen stated that the Board makes recommendations via the minutes or as a separate letter. Mr. Gretsas said that the Board could let him know of any other ideas or special projects they were interested in.

Chairperson Neilsen moved on to the previous agenda item which was approval of the June 16 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The monthly financial report was then discussed. Mr. Welsch asked what was the City's annual cost for retirees. Mr. Wray said that was part of the Actuary's Report which he will mail to them.

Mr. McFarland asked if the Pension Administrator could be invited to the next meeting. Chairperson Neilsen felt that since the Board would be putting together comments/recommendations for the proposed budget, the Pension Administrator should be deferred to a later meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

New Action Items

- Provide a copy of the Actuary Report to the Board members.
- Provide a copy of the Police Staffing Study to the Board members.
- Obtain a breakdown of the election costs.

Old Action Items

- Research reason for \$1.4 million drop in Vehicle Rental revenues compared to last year at this time.

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