

City of Fort Lauderdale  
Budget Advisory Board  
Date: February 16, 2006

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Absent/ Present</u>	<u>Cumulative from 10/20/05</u>		<u>Mandatory Meetings Missed</u>
		(P)	(A)	
Curtiss Berry	P	3	1	0
Desorae Giles-Smith	A	1	2	0
Elizabeth Hernandez	A	2	2	0
Garry Johnson	A	1	3	3
Michael McFarland	A	1	3	3
Delores McKinley	A	3	1	0
William Nielsen, Chairperson	P	4	0	0
Ken Strand	P	4	0	0
Joseph Welsch, Vice Chairperson	P	4	0	0
Don Winsett	A	1	3	3

Ex-officio Members

George Gretsas, City Manager, Absent  
Bernard Wray, Finance Director, Absent  
Shonda Singleton-Taylor, Deputy Director, OMB

Others

Allyson C. Love, Director, OMB  
Pat Rupprecht, Assistant Budget Director

Chairperson Nielsen called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. A roll call confirmed that a quorum was not present so minutes could not be approved.

Chairperson Nielsen asked if there were any questions on the December Monthly Financial Report. Mr. Welsch wondered why some departments had only spent a very small percentage of their budgets in the first quarter and asked if their budgets would be reduced accordingly. Ms. Love responded that they may have one time expenses that occur later in the year and that we look at the spending patterns for the majority of the year before deciding whether to reduce the budget for next year.

Chairperson Nielsen noted that Charges for Services was down from the prior year. Ms. Singleton-Taylor replied that is due to the decrease in insurance rates.

Ms. Love and Ms. Singleton-Taylor gave a power point presentation that provided an update on the Office of Management and Budget. This included the department's vision, mission, fiscal fitness awards, website, revenue manual, interim budget reviews and the upcoming budget schedule. The monthly trend analysis was also included and a copy of the first quarter trend analysis was distributed to the board members.

Ms. Singleton-Taylor distributed the staff response to the question raised last month about Sanitation Fund salary and wages. Mr. Strand said his neighborhood was experiencing problems getting recycling picked up. Ms. Love stated the City is having problems with that contractor but has met with them and they hope to have the situation resolved. Mr. Strand asked when the contract was up for renewal. Ms. Love replied she would have to get back with him on that.

The Police and Fire Pension System presentation was brought up as still an outstanding item. There has been no response to the Chairperson's letter to them last month requesting their attendance at a future board meeting. Mr. Welsch suggested the Chair send a copy of the letter to the City Manager and the Chair agreed to do so.

The Chair asked if there were any questions or concerns. Mr. Strand said he heard that the Police Department was going back to adding twelve lieutenants and he wondered how that was going to effect the budget. Ms. Love replied that that was a recommendation made by the police study that was recently done. She will find out the status of implementing the recommendation.

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Mr. Berry had a copy of a brochure on the City's upcoming public auction of vehicles. He was concerned that the City was giving away vehicles with low mileage. Ms. Love said she would find out more information on this. Chairperson Nielsen suggested this topic be put on a future agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**New Action Items**

- Determine when the recycling contract is up for renewal.
- Determine the status of implementing the police study's recommendation to bring back the rank of lieutenants.
- Schedule a presentation on the City's public auction process and how it is determined what vehicles to sell.

**Old Action Items**

- Schedule a presentation from the Police and Fire Pension System.

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