

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

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Absent/ Present</u>	<u>Cumulative from 10/20/06</u>		<u>Mandatory Meetings Missed</u>
		<u>(P)</u>	<u>(A)</u>	
Curtiss Berry	P	4	1	0
Desorae Giles-Smith	A	1	3	3
Elizabeth Hernandez	A	2	3	3
Garry Johnson	A	1	4	4
Michael McFarland	P	2	3	3
Delores McKinley	P	4	1	0
William Nielsen, Chairperson	P	5	0	0
Ken Strand	P	5	0	0
Joseph Welsch, Vice Chairperson	P	5	0	0
Don Winsett	P	2	3	3

Ex-officio Members

George Gretsas, City Manager, Absent
 Ray Mannion, Finance Director, Present
 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. and a roll call confirmed that a quorum was present. The minutes of the January 19th and February 16th meetings were approved with two minor spelling corrections to the February 16th minutes (last paragraph of page one).

Chairperson Nielsen asked if there were any questions on the January Monthly Financial Report. Questions were asked again about the overages in overtime. Ms. Love explained we were still awaiting backup from the departments regarding their FEMA costs so that reimbursement can be made. She also noted that some of the overage is due to vacancies, which offsets the overtime costs.

Mr. Winsett noted that the General Fund prior year encumbrances were higher than last year's. Ms. Love stated that these are being reviewed and some funds will be released if the services are no longer needed.

Ms. Singleton-Taylor distributed the staff responses to the questions on the recycling contract, police lieutenants class reinstatement, and the City's public auction process. Mr. Berry requested that a copy of the auction printout showing what was sold be provided to the Board. Ms. Love stated she would do so.

The Police and Fire Pension System presentation was brought up again as still an outstanding item. Mr. Mannion said he attended the most recent pension board meeting and he understood that the Police & Fire Administrator will be sending an official response to the Board. Mr. McFarland asked if the Board could receive a copy of the audited financial statements. Mr. Mannion replied that this should be completed in the next few months and copies could be obtained after that if the Board requests the information.

The Chair asked if there were any questions or concerns. Mr. Welsch asked how we check if departments do what they say they will in their responses to the monthly trend analyses. Ms. Love replied that it is followed up with the next month's analysis.

Mr. Winsett asked what the total vacancies were in the Police and Fire departments. Ms. Love said she would obtain that information.

Mr. Berry made a motion that the Board welcome Commissioner Rodstrom as the new City Commissioner by way of mentioning this in the minutes. Mr. Winsett seconded it and the Board agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

New Action Items

- Provide the Board with a printout from the latest auction showing what was sold.
- Obtain copies of the audited financial statements for the Police and Fire Pension Board when they are completed.
- Provide the Board with the number of vacancies in the Police and Fire departments.

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