

Fiscally Strong and on The Move!

The Fort Lauderdale community is a source of much pride and dignity. We continue to achieve successes that sustain our City as, "The City you never want to leave!" This past year has been notable for the City with property values increasing by 9.68%, new construction valued at \$329 million, area tourism at an all-time high of 14.3 million visitors, and the crime rate at its lowest levels since 1974. Working together, we have built a better, stronger organization and a more vibrant community.



Commission Annual Action Plan

The FY 2016 Budget includes funding to make meaningful progress on this year's City Commission Annual Action Plan initiatives, which are carefully identified to address challenges and opportunities that face the City. These initiatives are integrated into the Budget as focused priorities. A few highlights of the new initiatives prioritized for this fiscal year and the associated action taken in this budget include:

Beach Traffic Management Plan

The Budget includes the addition of a Mobility Project Manager, a Neighborhood Mobility Planner, and a Traffic Calming Coordinator position within our Transportation and Mobility Department to improve the City's traffic management and mobility options. Eight (8) motorcycle officers dedicated to traffic management and enforcement throughout the City have also been included.

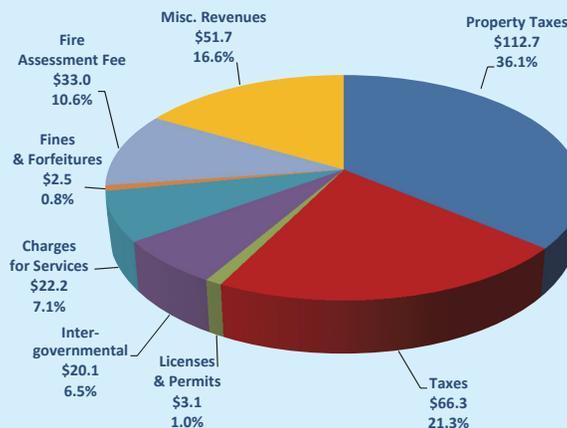
Development Density Policy

The Budget includes funding for a Senior Urban Designer and a Zoning Associate to work with developers to shape urban development outcomes through creative thinking, sound civic planning, and urban design solutions.

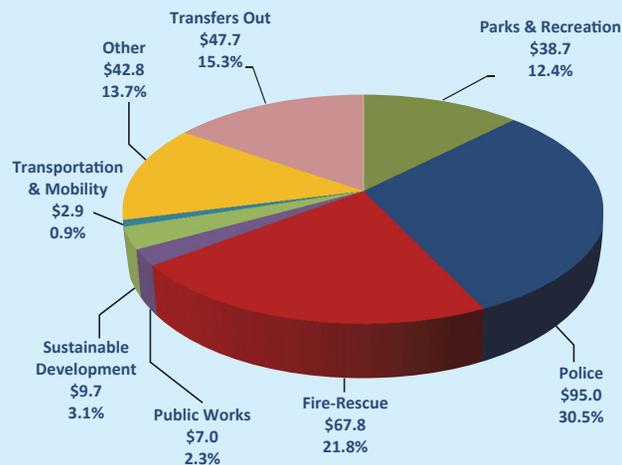
Community Redevelopment Agency

The Budget includes strategic funding for the continued revitalization of the three areas including \$100,000 for rezoning and development standards and criteria for a new mixed-use zoning district in the Central City area.

Where the Money Comes From In Millions



Where the Money Goes In Millions



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Exciting Funding Enhancements

In addition to the Commission Annual Action Plan priorities, the FY 2016 Budget includes funding enhancements where needs have been identified. A few highlights of these enhancements include:

Urban Planning and Design

New positions to ensure the increased development activity within the City contributes to the City's sense of place and improves our neighbors' quality of life.

New Fire Boat and Police Boat

These boats will be partially funded through a grant to safely and efficiently respond to marine emergencies.

Fire-Rescue Peak Demand Unit

Funding for a downtown rescue unit to ensure timely response to peak time calls for service.

Facilities Preventative Maintenance Team

This team will take a proactive approach to maintaining the City's 140 facilities to ensure adequate preventative maintenance for aging City infrastructure.

Sidewalk, Streets, Bridges, & Walkability

The FY 2016 Budget includes \$6.3 million for various capital projects designed to improve infrastructure and mobility throughout the City.

Neighborhood and Business Community Investment Program

Funding to continue our investment in neighborhoods and businesses through our Neighbor Services community grant match program.

Stormwater Management Program

\$5.2 million allocated for a variety of stormwater community investment projects to address citywide drainage and flood challenges.

Fast Facts About the Budget

- ✓ Ninth consecutive year maintaining our current low tax rate of 4.1193 mills
- ✓ The Budget maintains or enhances all current service levels
- ✓ The aggregate millage rate (operating and debt service) is 4.2990, which represents a .37% decrease from the prior year rate of 4.3151.
- ✓ Citywide property values increased 9.68% over last year
- ✓ Total operating Budget for FY 2016 is \$594 million
- ✓ General Obligation Bonds rating improved to AA+ based on "Strong budgetary performance..." and "Very strong management, with strong financial policies and practices" according to Standard and Poor's Rating Services
- ✓ General Fund personnel complement of 1,643 remains significantly lower than the FY 2010 level of 1,904 full-time employees.



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