



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

APPROVED
BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
8th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, 33301
AUGUST 15, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.

Board Member	Attendance	10/2017 through 9/2018	
		Cumulative Attendance Present	Absent
June Page, Chair	P	9	0
Drew Saito, Vice Chair	P	7	2
Brian Donaldson	P	3	0
Gregg McKee	P	9	0
James McMullen	P	7	2
Fred Nesbitt	P	8	1
David Orshefsky	P	9	0
Johnnie Smith	P	7	2
Wesley Parker	A	7	2

Also Attending

- Stanley Hawthorne, Assistant City Manager
- Chris Lagerbloom, Assistant City Manager
- Rhoda Mae Kerr, Fire Chief
- Laura Reece, Budget Manager
- Charmaine Crawford, Budget Division and Board Liaison
- Lian Chan, Prototype Inc.

Communications to the City Commission

None.

Purpose: To Provide the City with input regarding the taxpayers’ perspective in the development of the annual operating budget; to review projections and estimates from the City Manager regarding revenues and expenditures for upcoming fiscal year; to advise the City Commission on service levels and priorities and fiscal solvency; and to submit recommendations to the City Commission no later than August 15 of each year regarding a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Budget Advisory Board was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. July 18, 2018

Mr. Orshefsky had a question about the minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Orshefsky, seconded by Mr. McKee, to table the minutes to next month. In a voice vote, motion passed 8-0.

IV. Floor Open for Neighbor Input

Rhoda Mae Kerr, Fire Chief, introduced herself and described her experience.

V. Old Business

- Infrastructure Task Force (ITF) Update

Mr. Orshefsky provided an update. He said the ITF had done two things: approved the interim report and added 10-12 more meetings for the next 10 months. He said they would be recommending finance mechanisms because this had been included in the resolution.

Ms. Reece had distributed a chart showing cumulative tax losses since 2007 and Mr. McKee objected to this because it included the housing bubble, so it was not a good benchmark. Ms. Reece explained that the chart was meant to show revenue collected at the same millage rate over that period of time.

VI. New Business

A. Water and Sewer Rate Study Presentation

Postponed.

B. FY 2019 Budget Balancing

Ms. Reece confirmed the City Commission have not met since the presentation of the FY 2019 Proposed Budget held on July 10, 2018. The current plan was to increase the millage rate over four years to replace the ROI. Mr. Feldman was reviewing areas to

cut \$5 million from the budget instead of the millage rate increases: service level enhancements, non-mandatory capital projects and not-for-profit contributions. Mr. Orshefsky thought the Board could discuss these and make recommendations on the cuts, but they could not make a recommendation on the budget itself because there was not a budget yet. Mr. Donaldson asked if staff wanted the Board to make recommendations for the cuts and Ms. Reece stated the Board had asked Mr. Feldman for this information at their last meeting. The Board wondered if the City Commission wanted a recommendation from the Board regarding these cuts. Mr. Orshefsky did not feel it appropriate to make specific recommendations for cuts but they could indicate their preference for the Commission to focus on.

C. Budget Advisory Board Recommendation to Commission regarding the City Manager's Proposed FY 2019 Budget.

Mr. Nesbitt said they had a choice: to support the budget as presented, without elimination of the ROI or support the budget with the \$5.1 million reduction. He felt Mr. Feldman should consider eliminating positions that had been vacant for a long time.

Mr. Nesbitt felt their only options were to support the budget with \$5 million in reductions or a budget with no reductions and a tax increase.

Mr. Hawthorne recalled that the Board had historically made recommendations that were general and they should continue in this vein.

Mr. Nesbitt asked if excess Water and Sewer Fund monies could be moved into the operating budget and designated for infrastructure improvements instead of rebated. Mr. Lagerbloom explained that City Code stated the excess funds must be reimbursed to customers, but the City Commission could repeal that ordinance. The Board discussed their options for a recommendation since the City Manager had not made specific recommendations for cuts yet.

Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to support the budget as proposed by the City Manager. In a roll call vote, motion passed 5-3 with Mr. Orshefsky, Mr. Nesbitt and Mr. McMullen opposed.

Mr. McMullen said the vote was meaningless because this would not be the final budget. This was why he had opposed the motion. Chair Page suggested sending more information to the City Commission.

Mr. Orshefsky said the Board had consensus to favor cuts in positions that had been open more than 180 days. He said they also agreed there should be no cuts to capital projects. They could choose to take a position or not on non-profit contributions and a

General Fund increase. The Board could not agree on cutting expenses because they did not have specifics.

Chair Page wanted to change her vote on the previous motion, saying she could not support the proposed budget “knowing that ... the expenses that we were given , they’re in the budget and they’re going to be cut.”

Mr. Saito agreed that they did not know the ultimate specifics of the budget and so could not vote to support or oppose it.

Motion made by Chair Page, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to reconsider the Board's vote on the previous motion. In a roll call vote, motion passed 5-3 with Mr. Donaldson, Mr. McKee and Mr. Nesbit opposed.

The Board re-voted on the **motion** to support the budget as proposed by the City Manager. In a roll call vote, motion failed 4-4 with Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. McMullen, Mr. Orshefsky and Chair Page opposed.

E. Joint City Commission Budget Workshop Preparation

- Monday, August 27, 2018 at 12noon

Talking points:

If cuts are to be made:

- The Commission should start with vacant positions
- The Board did not favor cuts to capital projects
- Increases in the 2019 operating budget should be closely examined

If there was to be a millage rate increase:

- A one-time increase should cover the entirety of the lost ROI funds

D. Updated Budget Advisory Board Recommendation Matrix

Ms. Reece had updated the Board’s matrix and sent it to Board members.

VII. Communications to/from the City Commission

None

VII. Board Member Comments

Ms. Reece said they had met with the water and sewer rate study consultant earlier and they needed to examine how they were distributing costs and ensure that costs were appropriate for the classes. The goal was to have the study no later than January.

IX. Adjourn

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Minutes written by J. Opperlee, Prototype Inc.

Budget Modifications Included in Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget

Department/ Charter Office	Budget Modification Request Title	New Positions Funded	General Fund Impact
City Attorney	Replace Furniture at City Prosecutor's Office		36,511
City Auditor	NEW Position - Assistant City Auditor III	1.00	142,570
City Manager	Special Neighbor Survey Structural Innovation	0.00	25,000
City Manager	Professional Services Professional Standards	0.00	50,000
City Manager	Open Data Platform (Software) Structural Innovation	0.00	100,000
City Manager	Continual Development Opportunities to Advance Structural Innovation Programs	0.00	22,000
City Manager	Food Repurposing Program Two (2) NEW Positions Administrative Assistant I and Part Time Driver	1.50	131,152
City Manager	Chief Education Coordinator	1.00	117,348
Finance	Increase the efficiency of Accounts Payable and increase electronic payments NEW Position - Accounting Clerk	1.00	22,790
Finance	P-Card Audit	0.00	25,000
Finance	Increase the number of compliant businesses in the City - NEW Position - Office Supervisor Business Tax	1.00	(78,963)
Finance	Lien Search Fees Treasury	0.00	(172,500)
Finance	Bloomberg Terminal Subscription Service Treasury	0.00	24,000
Fire-Rescue	Emergency Management Equipment Replacement and Upgrades	0.00	805,000
Fire-Rescue	Administrative Staffing NEW Position - Administrative Assist I	1.00	11,354
Fire-Rescue	Fire Administrative Vehicles - Additions to Fleet Inventory Three (3) Additional Reserve Vehicles	0.00	90,000
Parks & Recreation	Three (3) - Utility Cargo Vans - Missing Vehicles from FY 2015 Budget Request Facilities	0.00	137,794
Parks & Recreation	NEW Position - Procurement Specialist II Administration	1.00	87,323
Parks & Recreation	NEW Position - Recreation Program Coordinator Carter Park	1.00	83,756

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Department/ Charter Office	Budget Modification Request Title	New Positions Funded	General Fund Impact
Parks & Recreation	Two (2) NEW Positions - Appr Municipal Maintenance Workers Snyder Park	2.00	106,208
Parks & Recreation	NEW Position - Municipal Maintenance Worker II Tennis Centers	0.00	17,783
Parks & Recreation	NEW Position - Irrigation Technician Parks Maintenance	1.00	(38,127)
Parks & Recreation	Building Community through Programs and Events Parks	0.00	102,552
Parks & Recreation	Enhanced Median Maintenance	0.00	650,000
Public Works	City-Wide Pavement Alley Ways, and Sidewalks Management System Project Management	0.00	180,000
Sustainable Development	BEAMs Expansion and Establishment of a Business Conduit NEW Position - Economic Development Representative	1.00	158,033
Transportation & Mobility	Improving Traffic Flow Split Fund Existing Parking Position Clerk III (50/50 Split)	0.00	75,000
Transportation & Mobility	Annual Speed Radar and Mobility	0.00	45,000
Transportation & Mobility	Annual Box Wrap Program	0.00	20,000
Transportation & Mobility	Blue Tooth Sensors Annual Purchase	0.00	116,250
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		11.50	\$3,092,834

Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed General Capital Projects

Project #	Project Title	FY 2019
FY 20130184	Annie Beck Park Improvements	89,148
P12117	Riverwalk Park Improvements	200,000
P12164	Facilities Assessment - Interior Repair/Construction	200,000
FY 20160400	NW 15th Avenue Complete Streets Project	200,000
P12161	Facilities Assessment - Roofing Priorities	250,000
P12163	Facilities Assessment - Exterior Repair/Construct	250,000
P12056	Citywide Camera Initiative	300,000
P12315	Aquatics Complex Renovations	337,711
P12223	Annual Asphalt Resurfacing	388,262
FY 20150229	Restroom Renovations, Jimmy Evert Tennis Center	404,060
P12435	Breakers Avenue and Birch Road Improvements	410,000
P12248	City-Wide Playground Replacements	497,250
P12344	Fire Alerting System - Replacement	500,000
FY 20190765	Walkability NE 4th, 3rd Avenue to US 1	500,000
P12342	Police Marine Patrol Vessels	710,000
P11082	Mills Pond "Green" Improvements	749,300
P12010	Bridge Restoration	750,000
P12134	Sidewalk and Paver Replacement	1,000,000
P12162	Facilities Assessment - HVAC Properties	1,300,000
	TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$9,035,731

**Not-For-Profit Grant Participation Agreement Funding
Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget**

Organization	FY 2016 Funding	FY 2017 Funding	FY 2018 Funding	FY 2019 Proposed Funding	Purpose of Organization
Broward League of Cities Installation Dinner	-	-	-	5,000	Raising awareness and resolving issues facing Broward County's 31 cities and municipalities at the local, county, and state level.
Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Security	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	Support the Downtown Ambassador's Security Program; a critical link between the economic development and physical development objectives of Downtown Fort Lauderdale.
2-1-1 Broward	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	Provide approximately 19,500 contacts in Fort Lauderdale, including supportive listening, crisis intervention, and information and referrals that help residents to access social program services.
Aging & Disability Resource Center of Broward County	46,568	46,568	46,568	46,568	Provide services benefitting an estimated 125 homebound frail elders living in Fort Lauderdale and approximately 25,000 congregate meals to about 150 Fort Lauderdale residents.
Broward Regional Health Planning Council	41,249	41,249	-	-	Provide subsidized child care for approximately 2,500 Fort Lauderdale children of eligible low income families. <i>(Funding moved to Early Learning Coalition of Broward County in FY 2018).</i>
Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.	-	-	41,249	41,249	Provide subsidized child care for approximately 2,500 Fort Lauderdale children of eligible low income families.
Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival, Inc.	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	Promote and host the Annual Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Parade & Festival of community organizations, support the associated volunteer presentation, and provide education on Irish culture for the benefit of the community.
NSU Museum of Art	-	-	-	500,000	New in FY 2019 - No Scope at this point.
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc.	150,000	150,000	225,000	275,400	Responsible for the programming, beautification, and revitalization of Riverwalk Park. Annual holiday lighting event, Riverwalk Magazine and the Day of the Dead.
Sister Cities International	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	Creates relationships based on cultural and educational exchanges, economic partnerships, and humanitarian assistance.
Sistrunk Historical Festival	70,000	-	-	-	Provide cultural, social, political and educational events that help to increase awareness of the contributions of a diverse community. Annual cultural parade and festival.
Summer Youth Employment Program	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	Provide Broward County's young men and women with a summer-long adventure with lessons about how to obtain a job, how to keep a job, and how to turn any job into an investment of time and effort for the future.
Winterfest, Inc.	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	Administer the Annual Boat Parade and to build a festival and full complement of events around the Greater Fort Lauderdale area.
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 671,817	\$ 601,817	\$ 676,817	\$ 1,232,217	