

Proposed Budget

Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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Budget Preparation Guidelines

- With the Strategic Plan, we tied the budget priorities to your goals.
 - * Goal 1: Keep Venice Beautiful and Eco-Friendly
 - * Goal 2: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services
 - * Goal 3: Ensure a Financially Sound City
 - * Goal 4: Upgrade and Maintain City Infrastructure and Facilities
 - * Goal 5: Preserve the Venice Quality of Life through Planning

Economic Considerations

- US economy continues to recover slowly.
- Housing market improves with significant new construction activity which will increase the ad valorem taxable value when completed.
- Existing property value increases of 5.98% (new construction also increased 1.76%) in stark contrast to the small increase of 3.8% last year following five years worth of property value losses of 0.2%, 5.3%, 9.8%, 13.1 %, 16.4% respectively.

Economic Considerations

- Changes to the health care employee contributions are having a positive impact on these expenses as well as a robust wellness program. The City is beating the health care trend.
- Public Safety Pension Funds modifications have been tentatively agreed to by both the Police Officers and the Fire Fighters Unions. The full cost savings will not be known until the dust settles.

Economic Considerations

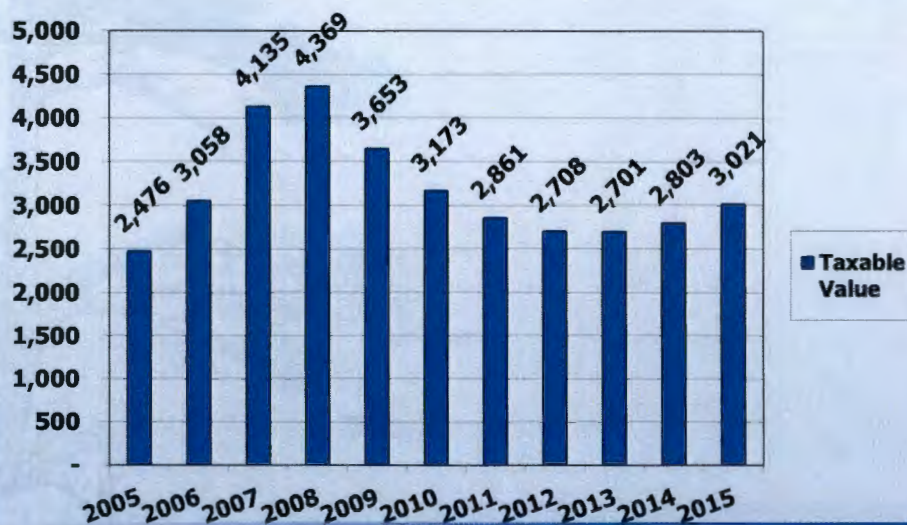
- While still high, the foreclosure rates are slowly declining.
- New construction is straining the staffing levels of our planning, building, and engineering departments.
- Unemployment is declining in the area.
- Rental property is at a premium.

City Manager's Objectives

- Enhance Service Delivery.
- Move Venice into the future with a definitive plan of fiscal strength.
- Ensure that each municipal service is properly staffed to function in an efficient and pro-active manner.
- A renewed focus on City Council's long-term Strategic Plan.

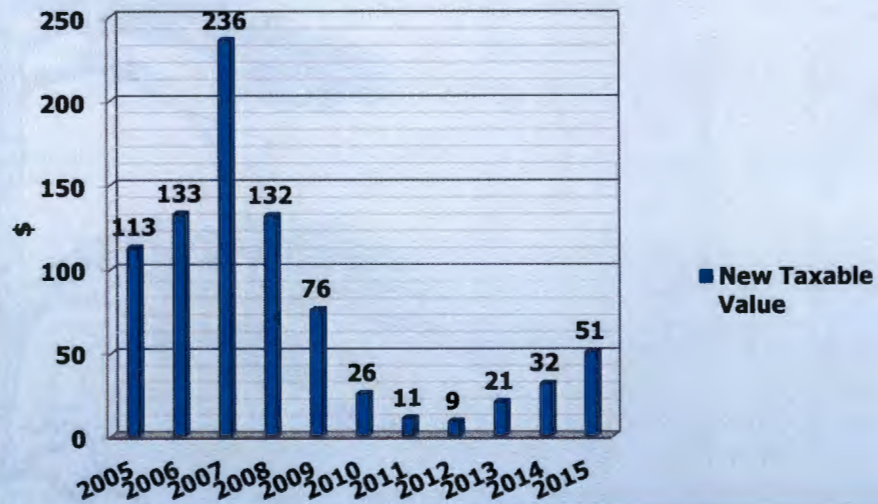
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Taxable Value (amounts in millions)



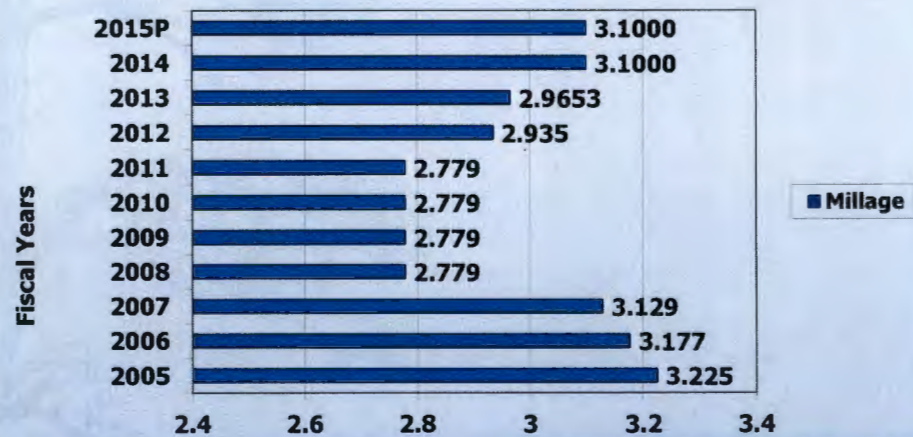
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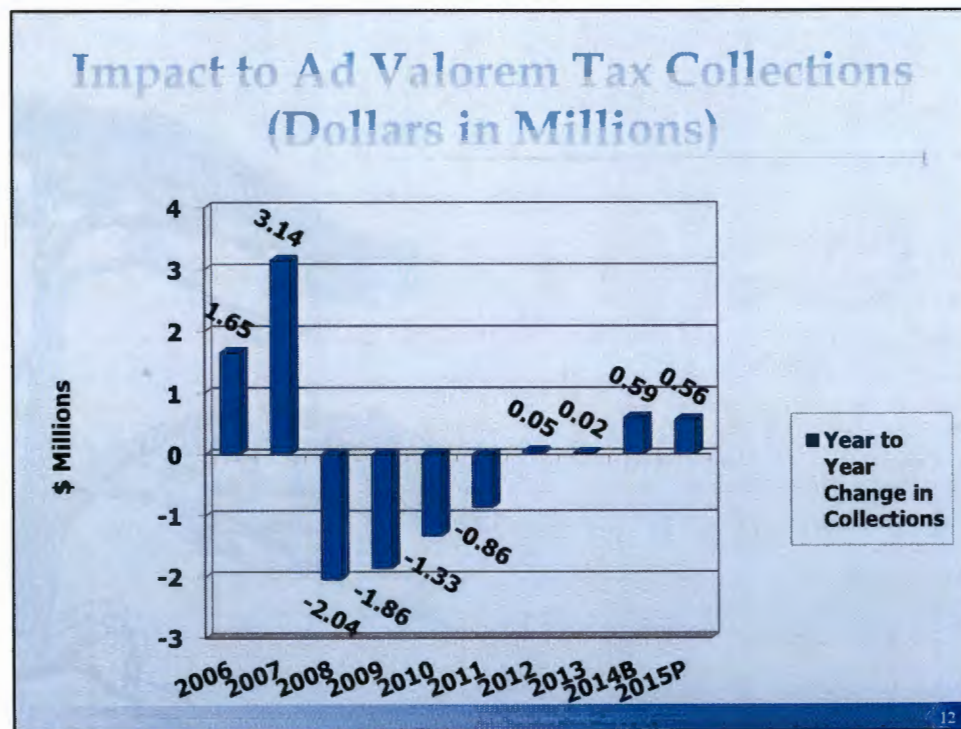
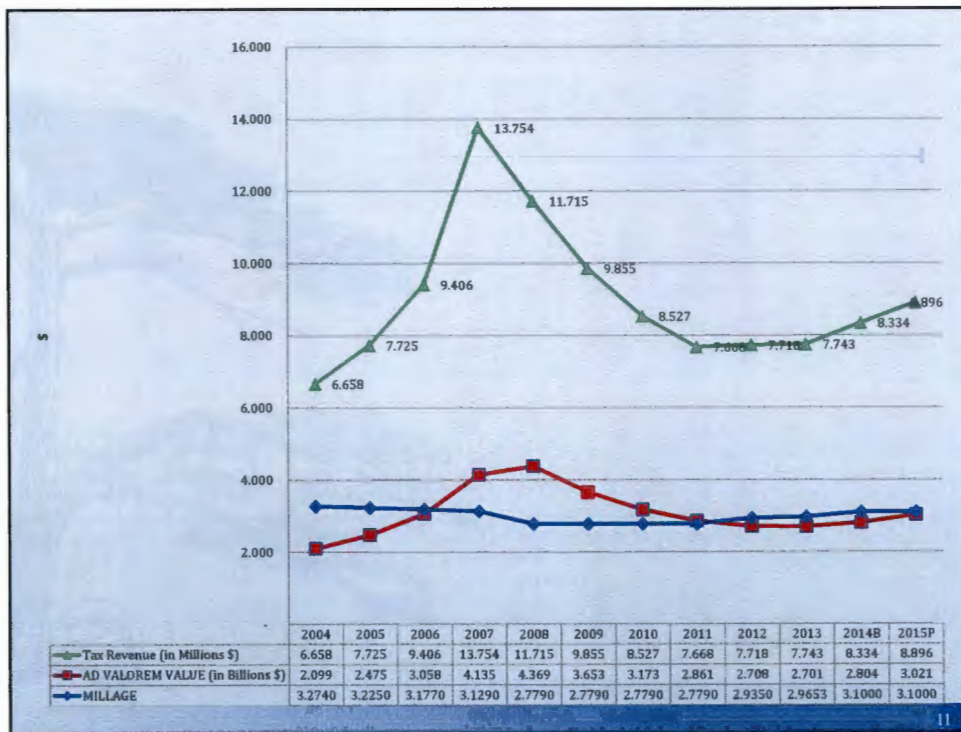
New Construction/Additions (amounts in millions)



Millage Rates

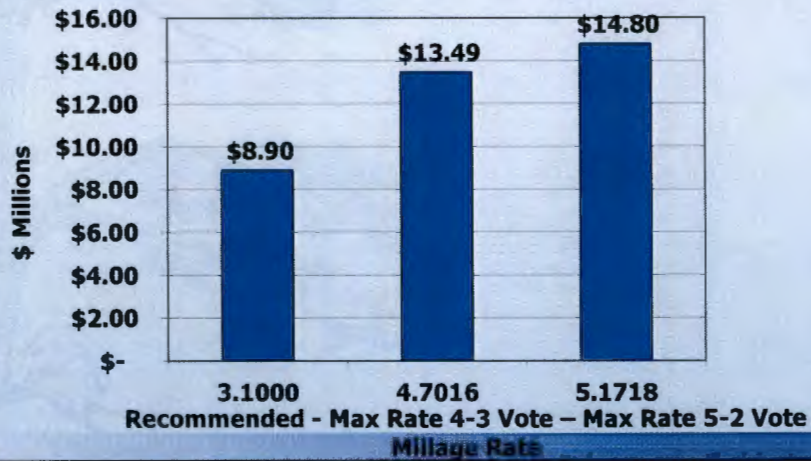
Millage Rate History





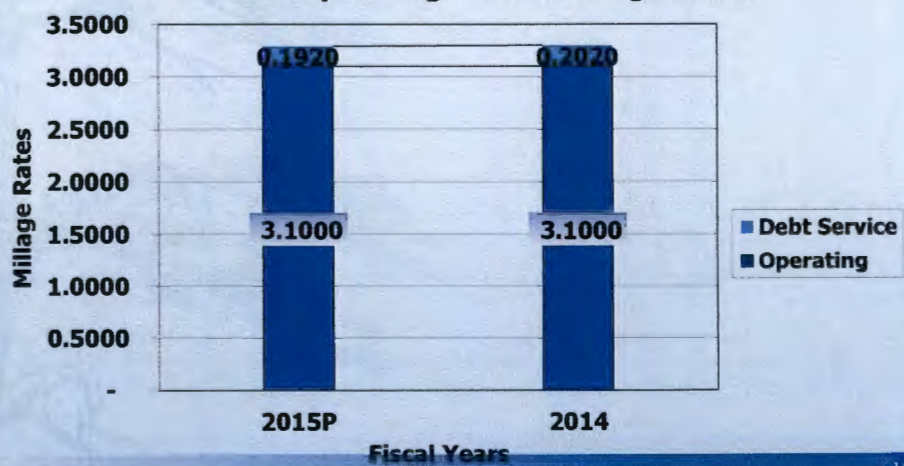
Current Situation

Ad Valorem Taxes to Millage Rates

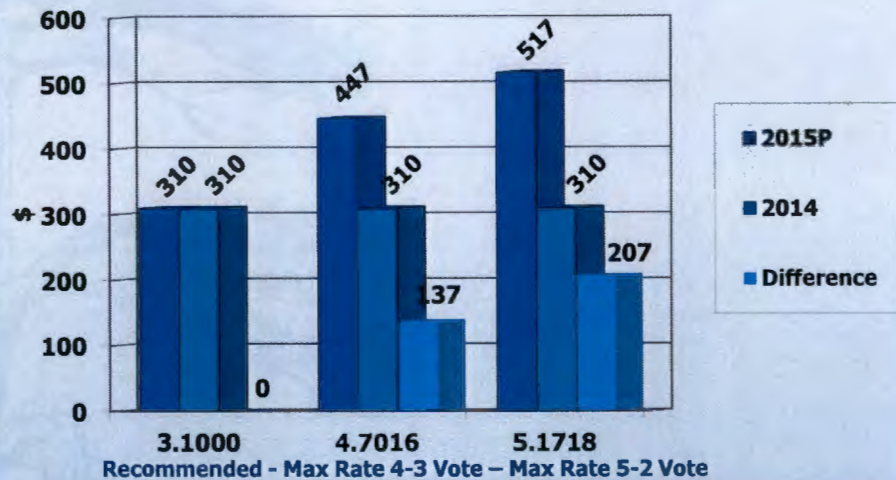


Combined Millage Rates FY 2014 vs. FY 2015 Proposed

Combined Operating & Debt Millage Rates



Millage rate impact on \$100K taxable value

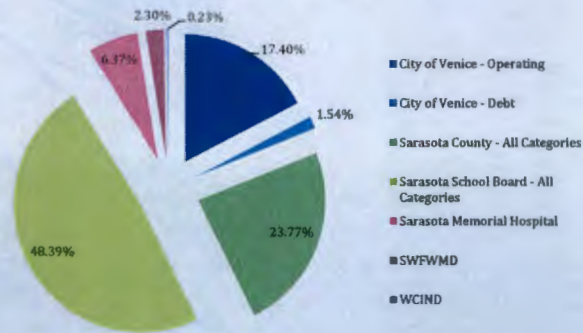


Ad Valorem Taxes to Average Venice Property Owner

Assessed Valuation	\$	501,478		
Homestead Exemption		50,000		
Taxable Value		451,478		
	Millage Rate	Ad Valorem Taxes	Percentage of Tax Bill	
City of Venice - Operating	3.1000	\$ 1,339.57	17.40%	
City of Venice - Debt	0.2020	118.36	1.54%	
Sarasota County - All Categories	4.0512	1,830.12	23.77%	
Sarasota School Board - All Categories	7.9700	3,726.26	48.39%	
Sarasota Memorial Hospital	1.0863	490.73	6.37%	
SWFWMD	0.3818	177.45	2.30%	
WCIND	0.0394	17.80	0.23%	
Totals	16.8307	\$ 7,700.29	100.00%	

Millage Rate to Property Owner

Tax Bill by Agency



Average Property Owner

Assessed Value = \$501,478

Homestead exemption = \$50,000

Taxable Value = \$451,478

City of Venice Operating Tax = \$1,339.57 or \$111.63/month

What does your \$111.63 per month get you?

For just \$111.63 per month, the average household in the City of Venice receives these basic services.



Average Property Owner

As a comparison to the \$111.63 monthly taxes, the average American family spends \$1,260 per month on these other basic goods and services.



Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad Valorem Change in Taxes Fiscal Year 2014 Budget to 2015 Proposed Budget

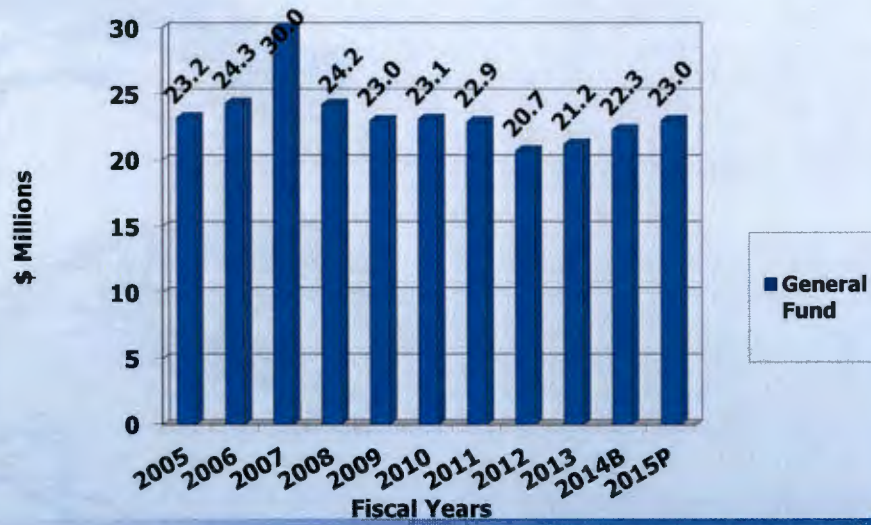
General Fund:

FY 2015 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Revenues	\$ 8,895,930
FY 2014 Budgeted Ad Valorem Tax Revenues	8,334,292
Change in Ad Valorem Tax Revenues Projections	561,638

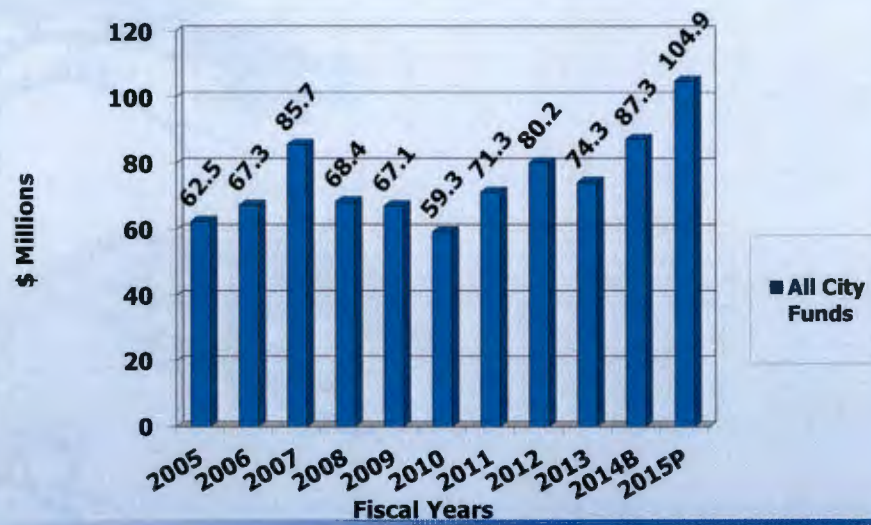
Increase proposed to be spent on:

Absorbing Temporary Employees from FY 14	452,338
End of Workers Compensation Vacation	261,983
Total Uses	714,321
Amount Remaining/(Requiring additional resources)	\$ (152,683)

Budget History General Fund

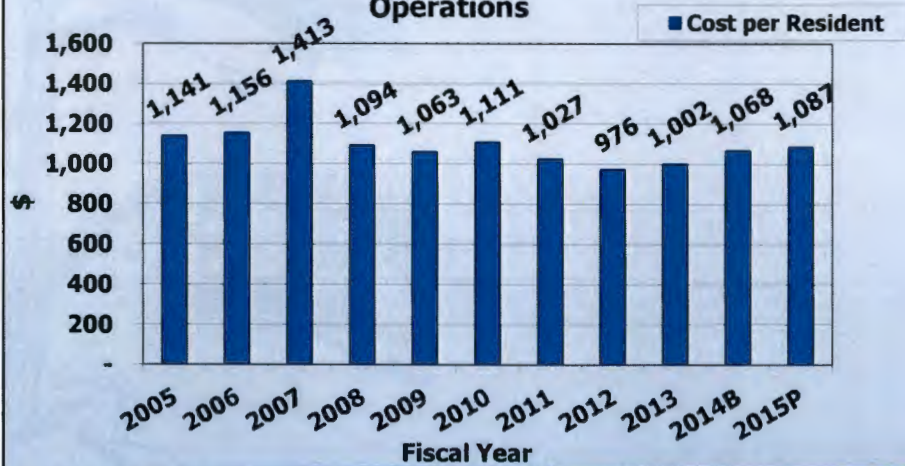


Budget History All Funds

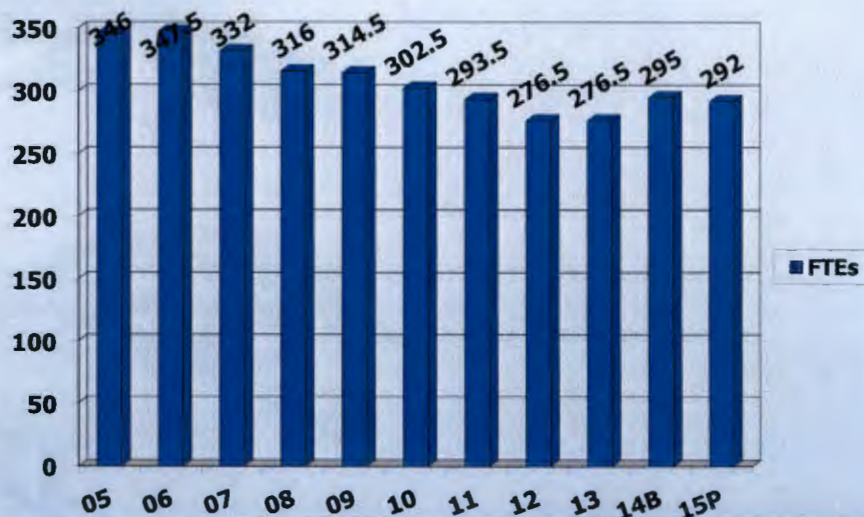


Budget History

Cost per Resident per Year for General Fund Operations



History of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Employees (October 1)



Proposed Staffing Changes FY 2015

- Absorb the temporary employees added during FY 2014 and make them full-time regular employees:
 - * A Collections Manager/Curator – Historical Resources.
 - * Two Municipal Service Workers II – Parks Maintenance.
 - * Three Firemedics – Fire Dept.
 - * A Information System Support Tech – IT Dept.

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Proposed Staffing Changes FY 2015 (all amounts in 000's)

Position	Gen	Build	Airport	Storm	Util	Solid	Total
Collections Mngr-1	\$55	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55
MSW II's - 2	93	0	0	0	0	0	93
Firemedics - 3	242	0	0	0	0	0	242
Info System Tech-1	62	0	0	0	0	0	62
Total to Permanent	\$452	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$452

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Proposed Staffing Filling Vacancies FY 2015

- Fill the following open full-time regular positions:
 - * One Assistant City Manager – City Manager's Dept.
(Funded in part by the following funds – General, Building, Airport, Stormwater, Utilities, and Solid Waste.)
 - * One Police Officer – Police Dept.
 - * One Planning/GIS Technician – Planning Dept.
 - * Increase Administrative Aide to full-time -Planning Dept.
 - * One Stormwater Engineer Analyst – Stormwater Fund.

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Proposed Staffing Filling Vacancies FY 2015 (all amounts in 000's)

Position	Gen	Build	Airport	Storm	Util	Solid	Total
Asst City Mngr - 1	\$31	\$39	\$46	\$15	\$16	\$8	\$155
Police Officer - 1	88	0	0	0	0	0	88
Planner/GIS - 1	63	0	0	0	0	0	63
Admin Coord – 0.5	30	0	0	0	0	0	30
Stormwater Tech-1	0	0	0	64	0	0	64
Total Open Permanent	<u>\$212</u>	<u>\$39</u>	<u>\$46</u>	<u>\$79</u>	<u>\$16</u>	<u>\$8</u>	<u>\$400</u>

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Proposed Staffing Additions FY 2015

- Authorize and fill the following full-time positions:
 - * One Code Enforcement Supervisor – Planning Dept.
 - * One Fleet Manager – Public Works Dept.

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Proposed Staffing Additions FY 2015 (all amounts in 000's)

Position	Gen	Build	Airport	Storm	Util	Fleet	Total
Fleet Manager - 1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$103	\$103
Code Enforcement Supervisor - 1	83	0	0	0	0	0	83
Total Newly Authorized	\$83	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$103	\$186

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Proposed Staffing Additions FY 2015 (all amounts in 000's)

Category	Gen	Build	Airport	Storm	Util	Solid	Fleet	Total
Temporary to Regular	\$452	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$452
Open to Filled	212	39	46	79	16	8	0	400
Newly Authorized	83	0	0	0	0	0	103	186
Grand Totals	\$747	\$39	\$46	\$79	\$16	\$8	\$103	\$1,038

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Staffing Changes During FY 2014

- City Council approved consolidating Police Dispatch with Sarasota County which reduced staffing by nine employees, saving the City General Fund more than \$400,000 per year.
- City Council approved adding three additional employees to the Building Department to maintain their high level of service. These positions are:
 - * A Deputy Building Official.
 - * A Multi-Trades Building Inspector.
 - * An Administrative Assistant.

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Staff Recommendations

- Staff is recommending adopting an operating millage rate of 3.1000 which is equal to current year rate of 3.1000.
- Staff is recommending adopting a Debt Service Millage of 0.1920 which is a 0.0100 decrease over current year 0.2020.
- Combined millage rate declined from FY 2014.

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Staff Recommendations

- General Fund Reserves are healthy and projected to be approximately \$3.0 million more than need for emergency reserves (\$5.6 million) at the end of the current fiscal year.
- One-time revenues should be used to fund one-time expenses.
- Through prudent planning the City is adequately prepared to meet potential emergencies.

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Outcomes

- Funding for the final installment of Performing Arts Center included.
- The Wellness Committee has made a positive impact on the City's work force. Resulting in better than anticipated Health Care experience which regularly beats the industry trends.
- In accordance with the voter referendum funding Utility infrastructure improvements \$1 million from 1¢ Sales Tax

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Outcomes

- * Workers' Compensation payment vacation for all City departments is over resulting in an increase City-wide of \$421K.
- * Staff the fleet service fund with a Master Mechanic for assisting all departments to better manage our fleet of vehicles.
- * Total proposed capital project requests exceed \$38 million for FY 2014-2015
- * Capital Project Funds have \$4.1 million in proposed capital project requests.

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Outcomes

- Utility Fund has \$22.2 million in proposed projects.
- Airport Fund has \$10.4 million in proposed projects.
- Storm Water Fund has \$1.3 million in proposed projects.
- Special Revenue Funds have \$0.3 million in proposed projects.
- Proposed General Fund cost per City Resident \$1,087 vs. \$ 1,141 the cost per resident in 2005.

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Outcomes

- All four union contracts tentatively agreed to changes in health care contribution rates.
- Sweeping Public Safety Pension modifications will positively impact future City budgets.
- Raises of three percent for all City employees are included in proposed budget.
 - * First time cost of living raises have been proposed in more than five years.

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Outcomes

- The General Fund component of this Proposed Budget meets the Article V. Sec. 5.02 of the City of Venice Charter titled - Submission of proposed budget and budget message.
- The General Fund component of the FY 2015 Proposed Budget is 2.76% greater than the FY 2014 adjusted Adopted Budget.

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Final Comments

- Unemployment rate in Sarasota County 6.0% compared to 7.1% one year earlier (source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Economy at a Glance based upon 3/14 statistics).
- Investment returns continue to be extremely low.
- We anticipate interest rates to increase slowly.

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Final Comments

- It generally takes two to three years for general government to see the benefits of an improving economy.
- There is an uptick in the construction permits which indicates that we are going to improve our financial position significantly.
- Utility improvements are happening at an amazing pace to replace outdated infrastructure.

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Final Comments

The good news:

- We have an awesome, very capable staff.
- All staff members are doing more with less.
- All staff members are actively striving to cut costs.
- The City still has reserve funds from which to draw.
- Venice remains the BEST city in Florida!!!

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Closing

- Questions???