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Crossroads of Flagler County

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It is easy to cast aspersions cloaked in the darkness of anonymity. Fortunately for the tax payers of Bunnell the City government walks in the light of transparency.

To Bunnell Taxpayers:

Here are the True Facts about the City of Bunnell's Financial Health.

The Budget is Balanced!

Florida Statutes require all municipalities to adopt a balanced budget.

F.S. 166 - The governing body of each municipality shall adopt a budget each fiscal year. The budget must be adopted by ordinance or resolution unless otherwise specified in the respective municipality's charter. The amount available from taxation and other sources, including balances brought forward from prior fiscal years, must equal the total appropriations for expenditures and reserves. At a minimum, the adopted budget must show for each fund, as required by law and sound financial practices, budgeted revenues and expenditures by organizational unit which are at least at the level of detail required for the annual financial report under s. 218.32(1). The adopted budget must regulate expenditures of the municipality, and an officer of a municipal government may not expend or contract for expenditures in any fiscal year except pursuant to the adopted budget.

The City adopted the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget by Resolution Number 2019-18 with Exhibit A at a public hearing on September 23, 2019. As is required, this Resolution was sent to the Florida Department of Revenue and was found by DOR to be in compliance with Florida Statutes per a letter dated October 28, 2019.

Florida Statutes require municipalities to submit an annual financial report prepared by an independent auditing firm.

F.S. 218.32 Annual financial reports; local governmental entities.

(1)(a) Each local governmental entity that is determined to be a reporting entity, as defined by generally accepted accounting principles, and each independent special district as defined in s. 189.012, shall submit to the department a copy of its annual financial report for the previous fiscal year in a format prescribed by the department. The annual financial report must include a list of each local governmental entity included in the report and each local governmental entity that failed to provide financial information as required by paragraph (b). The chair of the governing body and the chief financial officer of each local governmental entity shall sign the annual financial report submitted pursuant to this subsection attesting to the accuracy of the information included in the report. The county annual financial report must be a single document that covers each county agency.

(b) Each component unit, as defined by generally accepted accounting principles, of a local governmental entity shall provide the local governmental entity, within a reasonable time period as established by the local governmental entity, with financial information necessary to comply with the reporting requirements contained in this section.

The last annual financial report is for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and is dated September 30, 2018, and is posted on our website. Go to the www.BunnellCity.us, click on the Departments menu and click on Finance. The budgets and financial statements are listed in the lower right of the page. The Fiscal Year 2018-2019 audit is underway.

Reserve Accounts are Growing

According to the City’s latest Financial Report dated 9/30/18 Reserves are growing. The City policy is to reserve at least 14.8% of the City’s operating budget. The projection for the Fund Balance Reserves for Fiscal Year 2018—2019, currently being audited, is expected to increase the reserves on hand.

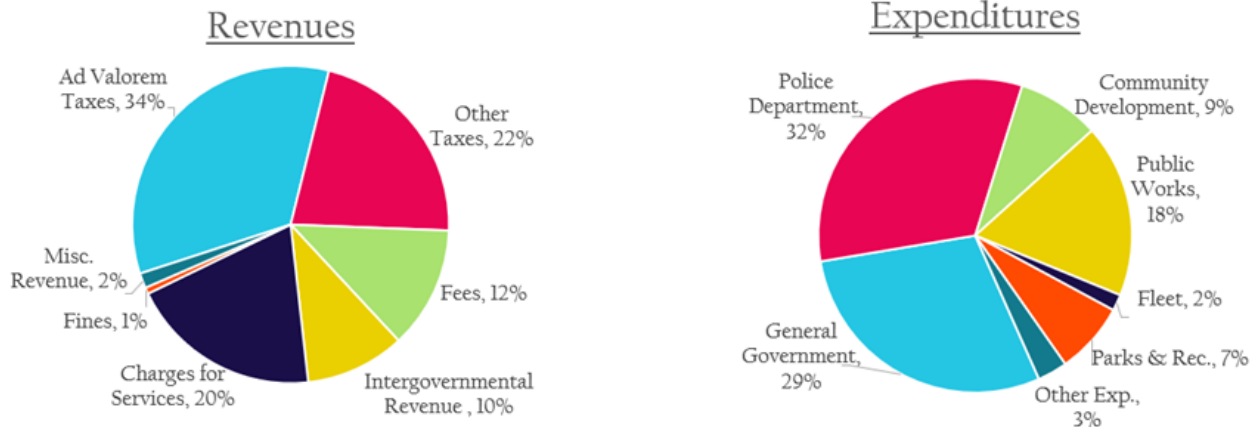
Operating Fund	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
General Fund	42%	51%
Water / Sewer Fund	83%	86%
Solid Waste Fund	14%	19%

The Police Department Continues to Grow

The Police Department’s budget has grown over the last 5 fiscal years 65.2%. The Police Department, as with all departments, requests budgets generally higher than what is approved. It is the City Manager’s task working with the Directors, and the City Commission to prioritize these increases, and fund only what can be balanced in the budget.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Est. 2019</u>	<u>Budget 2020</u>	<u>5-Year Change</u>
General Government	\$ 830,602	\$ 867,144	\$ 943,766	\$ 990,013	\$ 1,148,115	38.2%
Police Department	\$ 777,828	\$ 888,285	\$ 827,874	\$ 1,160,429	\$ 1,284,711	65.2%
Fire Department	\$ 113,599	\$ 112,407	\$ 89,391	\$ -	\$ -	-100.0%
Community Development	\$ 167,875	\$ 174,394	\$ 209,230	\$ 267,120	\$ 336,391	100.4%
Public Works	\$ 811,409	\$ 606,494	\$ 575,267	\$ 883,759	\$ 705,741	-13.0%
Fleet Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,054	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 260,258	\$ 206,402	\$ 256,464	\$ 265,559	\$ 292,165	12.3%
Other Expenditures	\$ 116,522	\$ 236,100	\$ 214,707	\$ 16,319	\$ 121,534	4.3%
TOTALS	\$ 3,078,093	\$ 3,091,226	\$ 3,116,699	\$ 3,583,199	\$ 3,954,711	28.5%

Fiscal Year 2019—2020 Budget



City Manager Form of Government

The City of Bunnell operates under the City Manager Form of Government. Which, as stated in the City Charter **Article IV Section 4.01 City Manager** provides the City Manager the authority to act as the Chief Administrative Officer of the City and be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the City. The Charter also prohibits City Commissioners and the Mayor from giving orders to any officer or City employee, either publicly or privately in **Article III Section 3.09 Prohibitions**