

**CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH**  
**PROPOSED FY 2013/2014 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

**GENERAL FUND:**

REVENUES:

- Ad Valorem reduced from current rate of 3.2819 (plus debt service of .0878 for a total of 3.3697) to the 2012 millage rate of 2.8569. This will result in a decrease in property taxes of \$51.28 per \$100,000 of taxable value. Property values are anticipated to increase 3.98% in St. Pete Beach according to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser. The net effect of the increase in property values and decrease in millage rate (excluding debt service) is a decrease in ad valorem revenue of \$595,826.
- Projected decrease in franchise/utility tax revenue of \$157,000.
- Projected increase in building permit revenue of \$30,000 and fire inspection fees of \$20,000.
- Projected increase in parking revenue of \$63,000.
- Projected net decrease in Culture/Recreation of \$85,650. Decrease due to the elimination of SPB Classic revenue of \$96,550 which is offset by a decrease in SPB Classic expenditures of \$86,600.
- Projected increase in rent/interest income of \$65,196. Majority of increase due to projected \$48,000 increase in rental income from community center.

EXPENDITURES:

OVERALL PERSONNEL:

1. Projected 2.5% salary increase for all MAPS and CWA employees – no salary increases budgeted for IAFF personnel since they were eligible for steps (salary increases) in FY 13. Projected increased cost totals \$82,100. City is currently bargaining with both unions.
2. Addition of short term disability insurance with a projected cost of \$15,200.
3. Employee Insurance has a projected 14% increase in health insurance and an 8% increase in dental insurance costs which total \$124,600.
4. Projected 10% increase in workers compensation totals \$10,400.
5. Overall change decrease in retirement contributions of \$719,400. This includes a reduction in the amount paid to the police pension plan by \$510,900.

## DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW:

### CITY CLERK:

- Decrease in overall personnel costs due to the elimination of one part time position (currently vacant) and the reclassification of the Deputy City Clerk position (grade 119) to a Recording Secretary (grade 112).

### CITY ATTORNEY:

- Decrease in the extra legal fees of \$30,000.

### CITY MANAGER:

- Increase in professional/contractual of \$7,625 to hire a records management consultant.
- Increase in equipment rental of \$5,788 for the addition of one copier now located in City Manager's area.
- Decrease in promotional activities of \$3,000. No longer budgeting for annual report.
- Decrease in other expenses of \$5,665 due to reduction in amount budgeted for Beach Goes Pops.
- Increase of \$900,000 in the amount to be transferred to the CIP fund.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- Professional/Contractual costs in the Building Services division include \$30,000 for the purchase of new permit tracking system.

### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

#### Information Technology Division:

- Information Technology was reclassified from a separate department to a division within Administrative Services. Personnel were decreased from 2 full time positions to 1 full time position and an outside consultant was hired to address larger networking issues on an as needed basis. This resulted in a decrease in personnel costs of approximately \$100,000 and an increase in professional/contractual of \$30,000.
- Capital equipment includes \$20,000 to be used toward the purchase of a new phone system.

#### Library Division:

- An additional part time person was added to relieve scheduling.
- Facility Maintenance was increased \$2,500 due to continuous repairs on the A/C system.
- Books for circulation were increased \$5,000 to accommodate e-book purchases.

#### Parking Division:

- A full time position was added to handle the selling of parking permits. This position will also cover the front desk and assist the community development department as needed.
- The pay stations are heavily used and in need of replacement. Technology has changed and in order to ease the transition it will be beneficial to have the same style pay stations throughout the community. The purchase will be subject to bid requirements and will be paid either thru a lease/purchase or by obtaining a bank note. This process will take some time and therefore an estimated ½ year cost of \$30,000 has been budgeted based on the prior pay station purchase which was paid over a 5 year span.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT:

- Total costs for law enforcement decreased \$1,724,032 due to contracting with the Pinellas County Sheriff's department. Costs in the law enforcement budget include a payment to the police officer's pension fund of \$612,972.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Capital outlay includes the replacement of a thermal imaging camera (\$12,000), replacement vehicle computer (\$4,000) and replacement of the bay doors on fire station 23 (\$34,000).

#### RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

- Personnel costs include the salaries of two part time employees previously accounted for in the building maintenance department. The positions were moved to the recreation budget since they clean the community center exclusively.
- Contract instructors was decreased \$14,000 with which is offset by a decrease in contract instructor revenue of \$20,000.
- Overall repairs and maintenance costs for building & grounds was increased \$10,000.
- Expenses of \$86,600 relating to the SPB Classic race were eliminated.
- Camp store expense was added in the amount of \$6,000 with offsetting new revenue of \$12,000.
- Other equipment includes replacement of netting, gates and padding on water slides (\$12,000); a new pool pump (\$3,500) and a new treadmill (\$6,000).

#### PUBLIC SERVICES:

##### Administration Division:

- Other Expenses includes an additional \$4,000 for a barge to be used at the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks.

Building Maintenance Division:

- Personnel costs reduced by the salaries of two part time employees previously accounted for in the building maintenance department. The positions were moved to the recreation budget since they clean the community center exclusively.

Parks Division:

- Projected increase in maintenance and tree trimming contracts projected at \$33,627.
- Increased costs for reclaimed water due to an 8% rate increase totaling \$12,120.
- A projected increase in operating supplies of \$5,000 to replace items that had been delayed due to budget constraints.

**WASTEWATER FUND:**

REVENUE:

- The City's policy is to adjust rates based on price index and pass-through costs of wastewater treatment to ensure adequate revenue to offset needed expenditures. Consequently, a 4% increase is included in the proposed budget resulting in an increase of revenue of \$204,431.

EXPENSES:

- Projected increase in wastewater treatment costs of \$279,496.
- Capital expenditures including \$415,000 for the replacement of pumps at lift station #1; \$50,000 for manhole replacement; \$1,150,000 for Lift Station 2; \$100,000 for sewer inflow and infiltration.
- Transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund of \$100,000 to be used toward the Pass-A-Grille Way Project.
- The wastewater fund has paid the general fund back in full and no further transfers are required.

**RECLAIMED WATER FUND:**

REVENUE:

- An 8% rate increase is in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014 resulting in an increase in revenue of \$111,755.

EXPENDITURES:

- Projected increase in professional/contractual of \$25,000 to cover increasing maintenance costs of aging system.
- Transfer of \$62,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund to be used toward the Pass-A-Grille Way (\$50,000) and the Blind Pass Road (\$12,000) projects.

**STORMWATER FUND:**

REVENUE:

- No change in assessment rates

EXPENSES:

- Transfer \$725,000 to the Capital Improvements Fund to be used toward the Pass-A-Grille Way (\$100,000) and Blind Pass Road (\$625,000) projects.

