



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#16-0357

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: March 15, 2016

TITLE: Presentation of Draft 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Draft Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 (FY 2015) is provided for your review and is attached as Exhibit 1. The City's external auditors, Crowe Horwath LLP, audited the financial statements and has issued an unmodified opinion. An unmodified opinion means that the financial statements of the City are presented fairly in all material respects.

Highlights of the CAFR

An overview of the City's financial activities and results of operation for FY 2015 is presented in the Management Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 5 of the report. Please note that the City's total assets and deferred outflows exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows by \$811.7 million. On September 30, 2015, the General Fund balance was \$69.4 million, which was an increase of \$15.8 million when compared to the prior fiscal year. This is primarily due to the City prevailing on the appeal with the Federal Emergency Management Agency over debris removal charges associated with Hurricane Wilma in the amount of \$8.9 million and an increase of \$5.7 million for property tax revenues. General Fund unrestricted balance increased from \$53.4 million to \$69.2 million. At 24.6%, this amount exceeds the minimum unrestricted requirement (16.6% or \$47 million) by \$22.2 million.

In FY 2015, the City adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. This Statement requires governments providing defined benefit pensions to recognize their long term obligation for pension benefits as a liability and to more comprehensively and comparably measure the annual costs of pension benefits. The effect of the change in accounting principle resulted in a decrease of \$340,250,575 in the governmental activities net position and an increase of \$243,145 in the business-type activities net position.

The financial statements were presented and discussed with the Audit Advisory Board at their March 3, 2016 meeting.

Resource Impact

There is no current fiscal impact to the City.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 12:** Be a leading government organization, managing resources wisely and sustainably.
- **Objective 1:** Ensure sound fiscal management.

This item also furthers the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan*: We are Community.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – 2015 Draft CAFR

Exhibit 2 – Crowe Horwath Presentation

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