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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM**: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE**: February 21, 2017

**TITLE**: Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending December 31, 2016

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Investment Policy, effective October 1, 2013, states that the Investment Advisor shall provide the City with quarterly investment reports. This report shall include all cash and investments of the City's operating, capital, and bond reserve funds.

The objectives of the City's Investment Policy are the safety of principal, the maintenance of liquidity and the return on investment. The portfolios are managed to meet anticipated cash flow requirements and specific benchmarks on returns. The attached investment report compares each portfolio's rate of return for the quarter to the corresponding benchmark. In accordance with the City's Investment Policy, the Lipper Money Market Fund Index is used as the benchmark for short-term investments. The Total Florida Municipal Investment Trust Policy is used as the benchmark by Florida League of Cities, Inc. for the Florida Municipal Investment Trust. Lastly, the Bank of America Merrill Lynch 1-3 year Government/Corporate A-Rated and Above Index and the Treasury Index are the benchmarks for longer term investments.

As directed by the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Board of Directors, a solicitation for an investment manager was released October 27, 2016 and responses were received November 30, 2016. On February 13, 2017, the evaluation committee heard presentations from the top four proposers. A meeting of the OPEB Trust Board will be scheduled in conjunction with the City Commission meeting of March 21, 2017; the recommendation will be made at that time.

Below are the investment portfolio summaries including:

- Combined City Funds (operating, capital and bond reserve funds)
- Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)
- OPEB Trust Fund
- Cemetery Trust Fund
- General Employees Retirement System (GERS)
- Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS)

The projected rate of return (last column) for Combined City Funds is estimated based on a blended rate of the total portfolio using historical data. Past financial performance is not a guarantee of future results. The projected rate of return for OPEB, Cemetery Trust Fund, GERS, and PFRS are based on the assumed actuarial rate of return.

				Investment Performance Review City of Fort Lauderdale As of December 31, 2016		
Investment Performance Review						
	Market Value	Current Quarter	Fiscal YTD	Trailing 12 Months	Fiscal Year Projected Rate of Return	
City Operating Funds	\$508,006,936	-0.21%	-0.21%	1.19%		
CRA Fund	\$63,786,158	-0.45%	-0.45%	N/A		
Benchmark		-0.41%	-0.41%	1.07%		
Total City of Fort Lauderdale Funds	\$571,793,094	-0.24%	-0.24%	1.10%	1.10%	
Benchmark		-0.43%	-0.43%	0.89%		
OPEB Trust Fund	\$12,807,136	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	7.00%	
Benchmark		0.07%	0.07%	0.13%		
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$27,216,067	0.08%	0.08%	7.39%	5.00%	
Benchmark		0.42%	0.42%	7.38%		
General Employee Retirement System (GERS)	\$596,326,506	0.8%	0.8%	8.7%	7.50%	
Benchmark		1.4%	1.4%	9.3%		
Police & Fire Retirement System (PFRS)	\$834,880,182	1.43%	1.43%	7.09%	7.50%	
Benchmark		1.40%	1.40%	8.03%		

The detailed investment activities related to the Cemetery Trust Fund, GERS, and PFRS are not included in the attached report as those portfolios are the responsibility of their respective boards.

## Resource Impact

There is no 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 advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We are United.

## **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Operating Funds Investment Performance Review

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