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Gregg Mims, City Manager

RESIDENTS OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH -

In accordance with Section 5.3(6) of the City Charter, I forwarded to the Commission the tentative Fiscal Year 2017-18 proposed Annual Budget for the City of Indian Rocks Beach. The Commission held one workshop and two public hearings. This budget is balanced in all funds and presents a comprehensive plan for the City's spending activities as well as an overall plan for providing city services during the coming fiscal year. The appropriation levels reflect the requirement to balance the budget while maintaining conservative budgeting principles.



The General Fund expenses total \$3,690,350. According to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Office, our property tax assessed value is expected to increase by approximately 11.69% or 2.22% higher than last year's value. Of the 11.69% increase in taxable values, over 3% is attributed to new construction during the last year. In total, the value of new construction exceeds \$30 million.

The adopted budget provides for maintaining the mill levy at 1.93% which ensures our ranking among the lowest mill rates in Pinellas County, and one of the lowest in the State of Florida. All other revenue sources are stable, or rising slightly, which allows us to accurately make future projections. Our reserve fund remains strong and is significantly higher than the national average. **All of this is accomplished without the benefit of a storm water fee or imposing a utility tax.**

The Five Year Plan could be greatly impacted by the result of the referendum for the renewal of the Penny for Pinellas. Rejection by the voters would result in the loss of a minimum of \$400,000 per year in our capital program.

The budget reflects an increase of 6.7% in our Pinellas County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Service Contract resulting in a cost of service of \$1,002,120 or a \$62,885 increase from the current year. The increase is due to salary cost, pension contributions (as set by the state legislature), insurance cost and vehicle cost.

The budget includes a 3% cost of living increase for all employees.

The budget includes funds to video the City of Indian Rocks Beach Commission Meetings which would then be placed on the internet and linked to our website.

Funds are provided for the installation of IRB SeeClickFix. SeeClickFix is an integrated platform, utilized by nearly 300 governments, for service request collection and management. The platform will provide our citizens with better service while increasing efficiency and reducing cost. The program includes a custom mobile application, web tools and call taker interface. The software is geographic-based and will allow the City to centralize service in one place, as well as offer our citizens an efficient pathway of receiving and addressing their concerns.

I would like to express my appreciation to the City Commission for partnering with the Administration in striving for a professional, well-run organization. In continuing to work together, we can provide the superior services our citizens have come to expect and deserve.

BRENTLY GREGG MIMS
City Manager



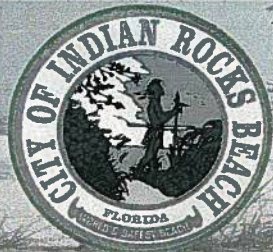
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CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND FIVE YEAR PLAN 2018-2022

	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	Total Funding 2018-2022
Carry Forward Fund Balance	2,027,601	1,024,771	666,771	519,271	518,271	
Sewer Fund Transfer	401,170					401,170
Estimated LOST Fund Revenue Earned	424,000	432,000	440,000	449,000	458,000	2,203,000
Gas Tax Fund Transfer (Road Resurfacing)		60,000			60,000	120,000
Grants - PC Dune Walkovers				50,000		50,000
Grants - SWFWMD			137,500			137,500
Grants - Utility Undergrounding	3,770,180					3,770,180
Total Revenues	4,595,350	492,000	577,500	499,000	518,000	6,681,850
	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	Total Cost 2018-2022
ROAD MILLING, RESURF. & CURBING	500,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	2,100,000
STORMWATER RECONSTRUCTION	175,000		275,000			450,000
DUNE WALKOVERS & UPGRADES				50,000		50,000
CITY HALL UPGRADES	165,000					165,000
NBD WAYFINDING & SIGNAGE	50,000					50,000
MID / UP TOWN STREETSCAPING	100,000					100,000
COMMUNITY CENTER	450,000					450,000
STREET SIGN REPLACEMENT - DECORATIVE	30,000					30,000
1st STREET BOARDWALK	125,000					125,000
GULF BLVD/WALSINGHAM - UNDERGROUNDING	3,770,180	350,000				4,120,180
EAST GULF BLVD NATURE PARK MUSEUM RENOVATION/PARKING	23,000	50,000				73,000
CITY PARK UPGRADES	210,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	410,000
Total Expenditures	5,598,180	850,000	725,000	500,000	450,000	8,123,180
Ending Fund Balance	1,024,771	666,771	519,271	518,271	586,271	



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PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES for FLOOD ZONES

If you reside or own a business in the City of Indian Rocks Beach, your property is in an area that is subject to flooding.

Consider these property protection measures:

- ◆ Retrofitting structures to make them flood proof is a different approach, as the property itself remains subject to flooding while the building on it is modified to prevent or minimize flooding of habitable space. Call the Indian Rocks Beach Building Department, at 727/517-0404, for information on what would be an appropriate flood protection level.
- ◆ Check your building for water entry points such as doors, low windows and dryer vents. These can be protected with low walls, berms or temporary shields.
- ◆ Install a floor drain plug, standpipe, overhead sewer, or sewer backup valve to prevent sewer backup flooding.
- ◆ Create floodway openings in non-habitable areas such as garage doors.
- ◆ Mark your fuse or breaker box to show the circuits to the floodable areas. Turning off the power *before* a flood can reduce property damage and save lives.
- ◆ Elevate furniture and other valuables above flood stage levels.
- ◆ Find more information at FEMA's website, www.ready.gov/floods, and at the Indian Rocks Beach Public Library.
- ◆ Note that some flood protection measures may need a building permit and others may not be safe for your type of building, so be sure to talk to the City's Building Department at 727/517-0404.
- ◆ You can visit FEMA's website, www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance, for information about grant programs.
- ◆ Purchase a flood insurance policy – it will help pay for repairs after a flood and in some cases, it will help pay the costs of elevating a substantially damaged building.

Purchase a flood insurance policy today:

- ◆ Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Because our community participates in the NFIP, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. You can purchase flood insurance for your building and/or for the contents of the building. This insurance is available to everyone, even properties that have been flooded. Because our community participates in the Community Rating System, you will receive a discount on the insurance premium.
- ◆ Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. Be sure you have contents coverage.

CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH LIBRARY

Story Time for Children, between the ages 1 and 5, happens at the Library on Tuesdays at 11 a.m., and includes songs, finger play and a story.

"Barks for Books" continues with our dog pal, Agape, 11 a.m. - 12 Noon on Saturdays; come and practice reading with Agape!

An *IRB Writers' Group* meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is October 3rd at 4:15 p.m. in the library. Anyone 18 and older and interested in writing is welcome.

NaNoWriMo is coming in November! The *National Novel Writing Month* challenge is coming to the library this year. Sign up online and meet the 50,000 word challenge in November. For more information about this event, check out www.nanowrimo.org or stop by the library.

The IRB Library is accepting *volunteer applications*. You can pick up an application at the Library, located at 1509 Bay Palm Blvd, or call 727/596-1822, for more information.



2017 QUARTERLY MEETING CALENDAR

Tue	10/10	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Tue	10/17	7:00p	Board of Adjustments & Appeals
Thu	10/19	6:00p	LPA/Planning & Zoning Board
<i>Fri</i>	<i>11/10</i>		<i>Veterans' Day - City Hall CLOSED</i>
Tue	11/14	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Thu	11/16	6:00p	LPA/Planning & Zoning Board
Tue	11/21	7:00p	Board of Adjustments & Appeals
<i>Thu-Fri</i>	<i>11/23-24</i>		<i>Thanksgiving - City Hall CLOSED</i>
Tue	12/12	7:00p	City Commission Meeting
Tue	12/19	7:00p	Board of Adjustments & Appeals
Thu	12/21	6:00p	LPA/Planning & Zoning
<i>Fri</i>	<i>12/22</i>		<i>Christmas holiday - City Hall CLOSED</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>12/25</i>		<i>Christmas Day - City Hall CLOSED</i>

2017 QUARTERLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sat	10/07	11:00a	Scavenger Hunt/Pub Crawl	Citywide	IRB Homeowners' Assoc.
Tue	10/10	7:30a	Coffee With A Cop	Crabby Bill's	City of IRB
Sat	10/14	11:00a	Oktoberfest	Kolb Park	Action 2000 Inc
Sat	10/21	8:00a	Florida Coastal Clean Up	18th Ave Access	Keep Pinellas Beautiful
Sat	10/21	10:00a	Hallowfest	Kolb Park	City of IRB
Sat	11/04	12:00 Noon	Historical Museum Lunch	@ Museum	IRB Hist. Museum Board
Sat	11/11	4:00p	Taste of IRB	Chic-A-Si Park	IRB Homeowners' Assoc
Mon-Wed	11/13-15		Community Clean Up	Citywide	City of IRB
Sat-Sun	11/25-26		Citywide Garage Sales	Citywide	City of IRB
Fri	12/01	7:00p	Holiday Tree Lighting <i>w/Special Guest Santa Claus</i>	12th Ave Park	City of IRB
Sun	12/03	1:00p	Holiday Street Parade	Citywide	City of IRB
Sat	12/09		Holiday Home Tour	Select Homes	IRB Homeowners' Assoc
Sat	12/16	6:30p	Holiday Lighted Boat Parade	Intracoastal WtrWay	City of IRB