

Orlando City Council - Workshop
Council Chambers, City Hall - 400 South Orange Avenue
April 14, 2014

In attendance:

Mayor Buddy Dyer
Commissioner Jim Gray, District 1
Commissioner Tony Ortiz, District 2
Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, District 3
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, District 4
Commissioner Daisy W. Lynum, District 5
Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6
Mayanne Downs, City Attorney
Alana C. Brenner, City Clerk
Police Officers Kevin Williams and Edgar Malave, Sergeant at Arms

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The subject of today's workshop is the City of Orlando's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget.

Mayor Dyer opened the workshop by introducing Chief Financial Officer Rebecca Sutton. A Power Point presentation began with a review of the 2014 Fiscal Year Budget: over 60 separate and distinct funds - likened to a strip shopping center - where each fund is responsible for its liabilities. The FY 2014 budget was balanced without a tax rate increase and by incorporating Prior Year Unspent Revenues from FY2012 and projected Unspent Revenues from FY 2013, all while maintaining current service levels to the City's residents. High profile City initiatives such as SunRail, Medical City (Burnham), Orlando Venues (Amway Center, Citrus Bowl, Performing Arts Center and Soccer Stadium), downtown high rise buildings, Creative Village and BLUEPRINT will continue to provide a positive impact to the City and require little to no future funding. Funding sources such as grant revenue was discussed as well as a review of revenue constraints such as property tax, (gas) sales tax and OUC dividend revenue and prior year budget reductions.

Ms. Sutton's presentation concluded at 10:34 a.m. and the floor was opened for questions from Council.

The workshop was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Alana C. Brenner, City Clerk