



City of Boiling Spring Lakes

Board of Commissioners Budget Workshop Minutes

May 7, 2013 ~ City Hall ~ 5:30 PM

Purpose: The purpose of this workshop was for the Board of Commissioners to discuss the 2013-2014 Budget.

Attendance: In attendance were Mayor Richard D. White, Commissioner Carroll, Commissioner Caster, Commissioner Forte and Commissioner Glidden. Also in attendance were City Manager Jeff Repp, City Clerk Pamela Bellina, Police Chief Bradford Shirley, Building Inspector James Nicholas, and Parks & Recreation Director Mary Green.

Mayor White started the meeting by stating that it was the third budget workshop and believed everyone has had ample time to review the budget. He stated the excess amount was \$31,178. The Mayor then asked the City Manager if he had any opening remarks. The City Manager replied the revised budget reflects the changes made at last work session setting the IT budget at \$48,000 and all other changes requested along with the property tax change.

Commissioner Caster wanted to discuss the request from Chief Grace for the camera for the Fire Department of \$10,694.12.

Commissioner Forte also wanted to discuss the Fire Department's request and make it part of the budget or look at it later.

Commissioner Glidden spoke about the Fire Department Contract. She believed that with the Mayor going to a Mayor's Conference tomorrow, she would like to see what the surrounding cities were currently doing with respect to their contracts with their Fire Departments. She stated the budget could always be changed around and there could be a workshop scheduled once the Mayor compiles the information. She was confused about the article in the newspaper and prefers to hold off until there can be a workshop.

Commissioner Carroll stated he believed they were speaking about two different things, the contract and the camera. He stated when he spoke with the Fire Chief, he had asked that it be looked at timely but was not something that has to be done right away. Commissioner Carroll felt it did not have to be part of the workshop tonight. He felt that the most important thing was to finish the budget workshop and that budget amendments could be made at a later date. He is in support of setting another workshop specifically about the Fire Department request.

Commissioner Glidden thought that they both went hand in hand, the camera and the contract.

The Mayor stated he looked at Kelly Blue Book on the price of the Expedition and the price goes from \$9,000 to \$10,000, the camera was another \$10,000 and the contract was at \$10,000 which

brings us to \$30,000. He did not want to make a decision tonight. Doesn't know what brand the camera is that the Fire Department is requesting but the most expensive one he found was \$9,900. He also thought that if the City bought the equipment, shouldn't the City retain ownership of the equipment. He asked if the camera could be purchased on a State contract and may be less money. He did not appreciate receiving the letter and contract at the last minute.

Commissioner Forte thought that this may be an either or situation. He thought that they should ask the Chief.

The Mayor requested a proposal in a letter format be presented to the City Manager.

Fire Chief Grace admitted that the contract was presented at the wrong time and was not intended for this budget workshop. When he asked last year for financial support he was told by the Commissioners to have a piece of equipment itemized and turned in this year instead of just asking for money at random. That is why he got the quote on the same piece of equipment they already had which was ISG Brand. The Chief provided a document "Estimated Annual Operating Cost for BSLFR If City Owned" which shows how much they save the City each year by being a volunteer fire department. If the Fire Department were owned by the City, it would cost close to \$1,000,000 per year. I did as asked and submitted the quote for the camera. He could get three more proposals if needed but that quote was the lowest he received.

Commissioner Forte again asked Chief Chris would the dollar amount be removed from the contract if the Fire Department were given the camera or visa-versa. Chief Chris stated the contract must be provided by law and they were not asking for both items in the same year. Both parties have 90 days to notify the other of contract amendments or changes to the contract. The last contract was in 2007 and it must be renewed as he was advised by his Board. Every municipality has a contract with the Fire Department if they are not municipally owned. The City must provide fire protection by law. We have a whole year to negotiate the contract.

Commissioner Carroll reminded Chief Grace that he did have a vehicle forthcoming but wanted to get the budget finalized so the Board can look at what is left. He would like to sit down and entertain the request but was not open to do that until the budget was settled.

Chief Grace stated the contract is not something that they must have before tomorrow. He stated he had also asked about ownership of equipment and was told that the EKG monitor was considered a donation and they have to show it as a liability on their books. As long as the Fire Department has the equipment to use, they do not care who owns it.

Commissioner Carroll asked if Chief Grace was in agreement with setting a workshop date at the next Board of Commissioner's meeting. Chief Grace stated he was in agreement.

Mayor White, Commissioner Glidden and Commissioner Carroll were all in agreement to leave the camera out of the budget.

Commissioner Caster wanted to revisit the employee raise. He felt it was not fair and was pitting employees against each other. He further stated there was only a \$2,000 difference and that he

supports a 2% increase across the board or a flat rate of \$1,000. Commissioner Caster thought that they were penalizing supervisors and mid-supervisors for their education and experience.

Commissioner Glidden asked Commissioner Caster if he was proposing 2% across the board and 4% for those who make under \$33,000. Commissioner Caster replied that he supported 2% across the board regardless of the salary level.

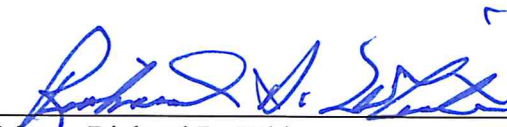
Commissioner Glidden, Commissioner Carroll and Mayor White supported keeping the raise as previously discussed. Commissioner Caster and Commissioner Forte supported a 2% across the board raise.

Commissioner Carroll asked if a workshop should be set for discussion about the Fire Department request. Mayor White asked that the Fire Department present the request and documentation to the City Manager and then the Board can receive it from the City Manager. Commissioner Caster stated the camera is the issue. The contract could be negotiated throughout the year. Commissioner Glidden stated this is still a budgetary item and suggested looking at the whole picture at one time.

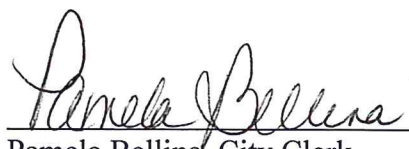
Commissioner Caster stated he felt that with respect to the employees, it was personal and not right and was not even sure it was legal. Commissioner Carroll thought it was equivalent to what the federal government does when it raises minimum wages. It is not fair or right to say publically that we are picking on people and it is reckless. Commissioner Caster stated he did not agree and that he did not know of a government organization who discriminates against employees because they make more money than someone else. Commissioner Glidden does not consider it a personal thing looking at who we have working for us, what their position and responsibilities are and how we can help them.

Mayor White stated that the budget is pretty much finished. The City Manager stated the public hearing for the budget is tonight and the final action will be the Ordinance at the meeting in June.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Glidden to adjourn the budget workshop at 5:53 PM.

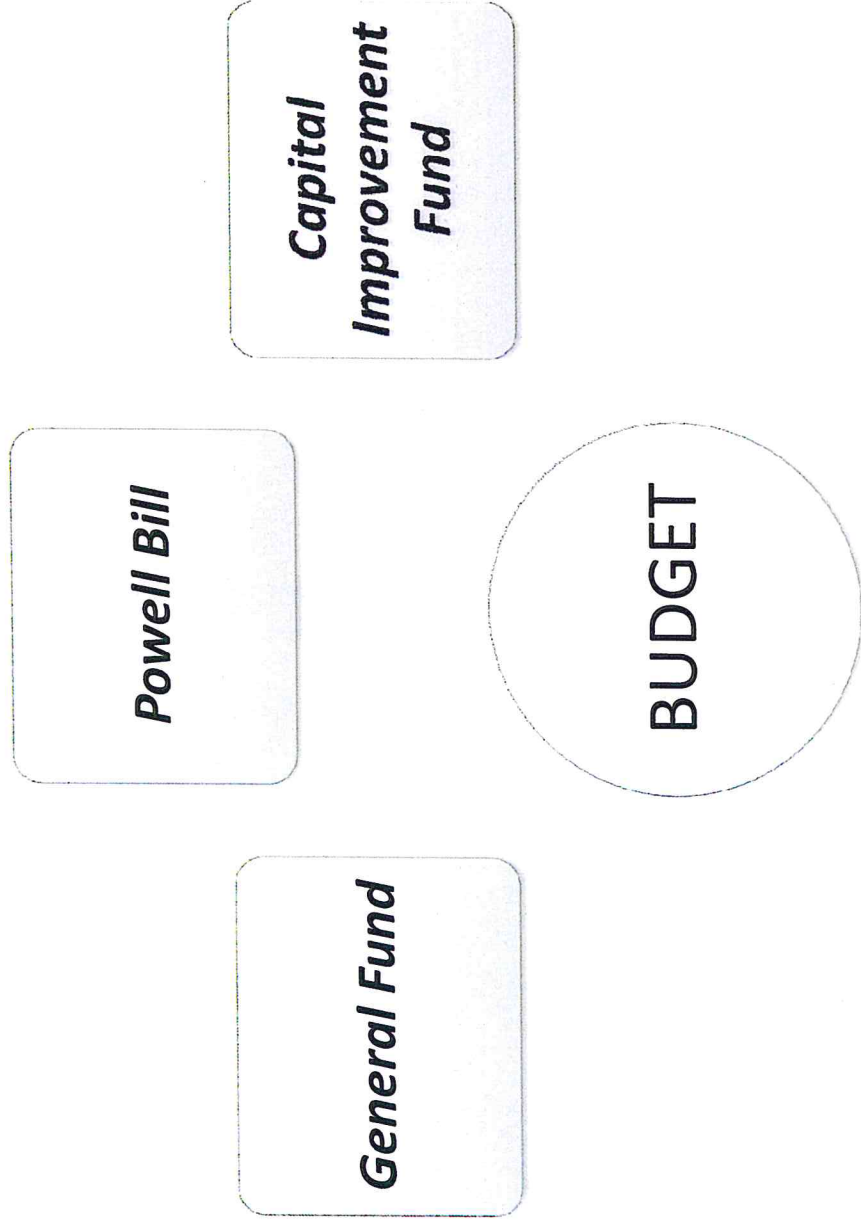


Mayor Richard D. White

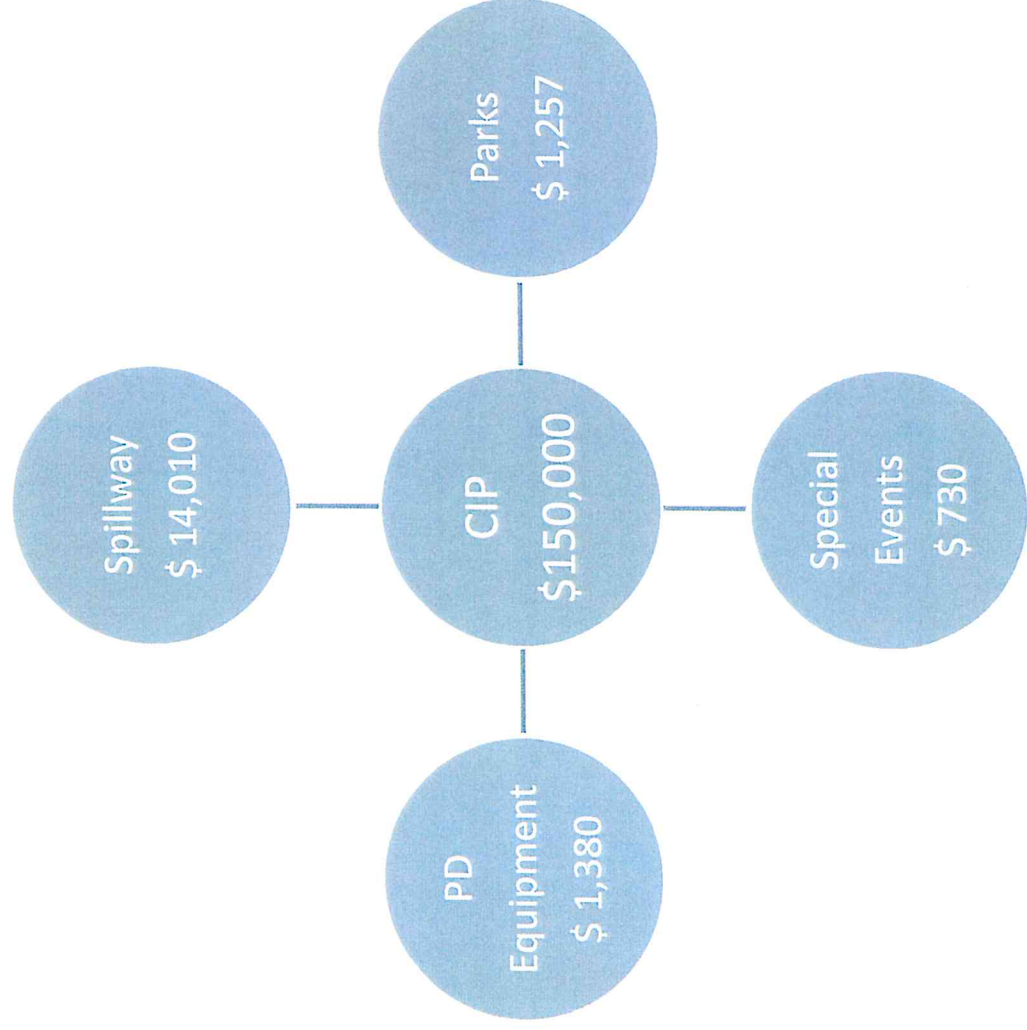


Pamela Bellina, City Clerk

FY 2014 Budget Overview



Capital Improvement Fund (600 Funds)

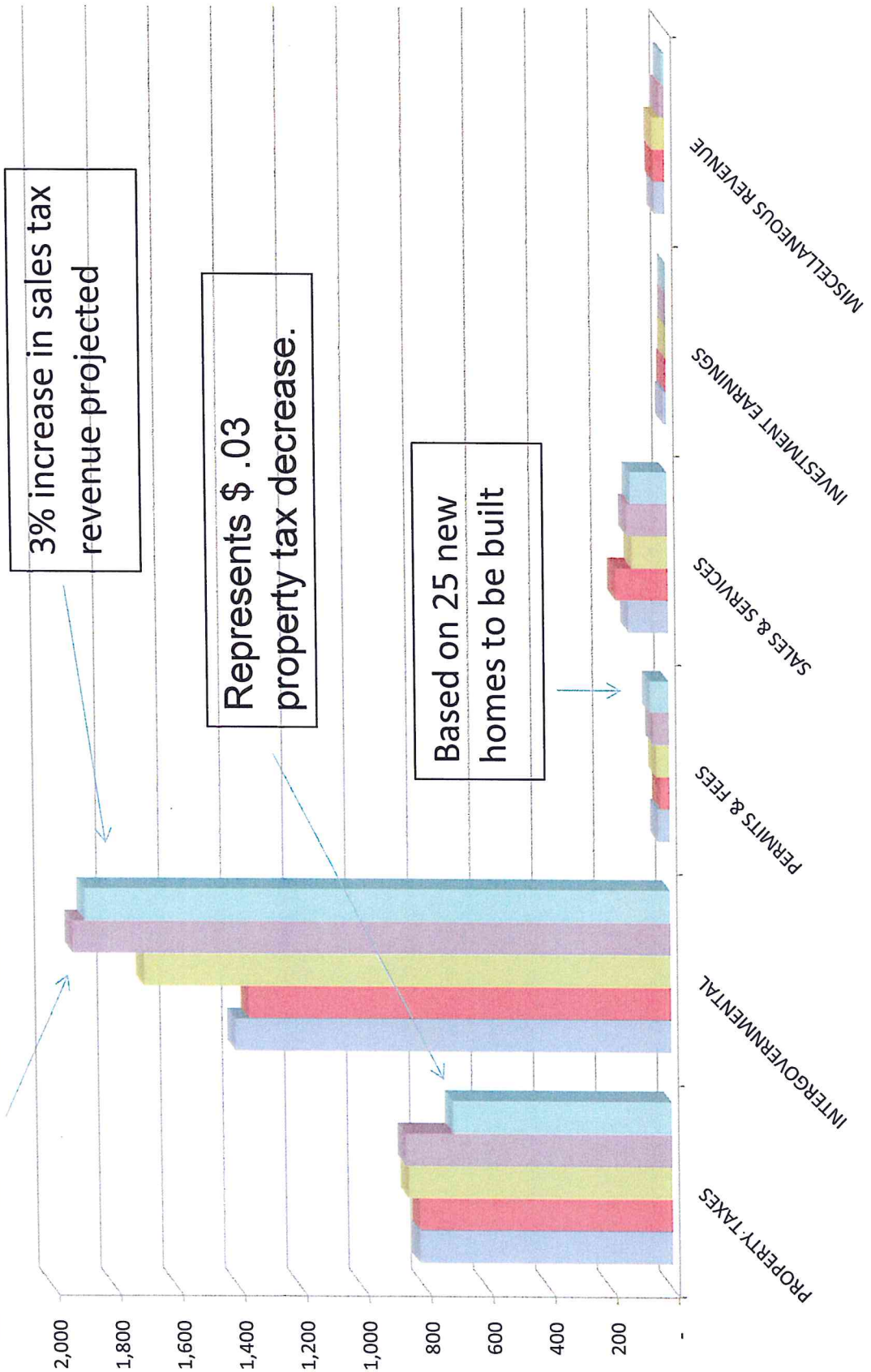


General Fund/Powell Bill



Includes \$ 93,470 one time state shared revenue and 11% increase in sales tax.

REVENUES



Property Tax Revenue

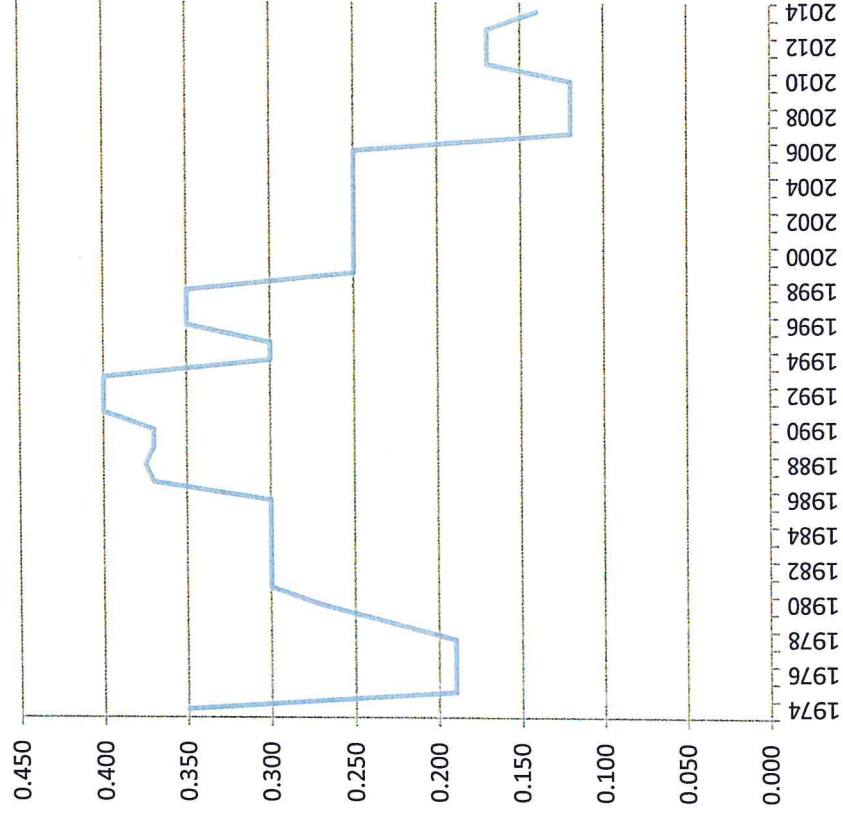
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Tax Collection Calculations

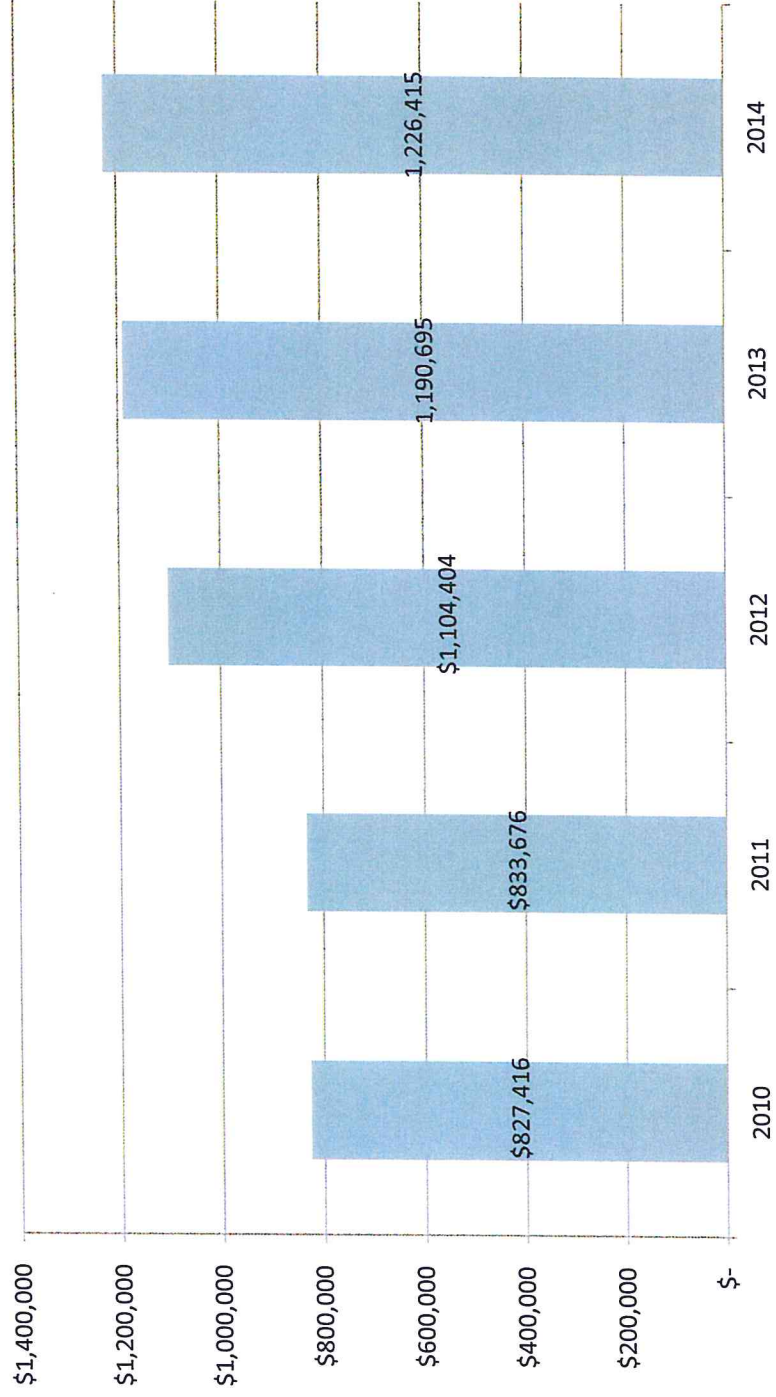
July 1 2013, Through June 30 2014

	Gross Valuations	Exemptions	Net Taxable Value
FY 2012-2013 \$	533,424,031	\$ 61,490,192	\$ 471,933,839
FY 2013-2014 \$	533,140,075	\$ 66,213,302	\$ 466,926,773
Proposed Tax Rate		\$ 0.14	
Gross Tax Collections Available		\$ 653,697	
Less: Allowance for Uncollectable Taxes		5%	\$ (32,685)
AD Valorum Taxes-Current Year			\$ 621,013

Real Property Tax Rate History



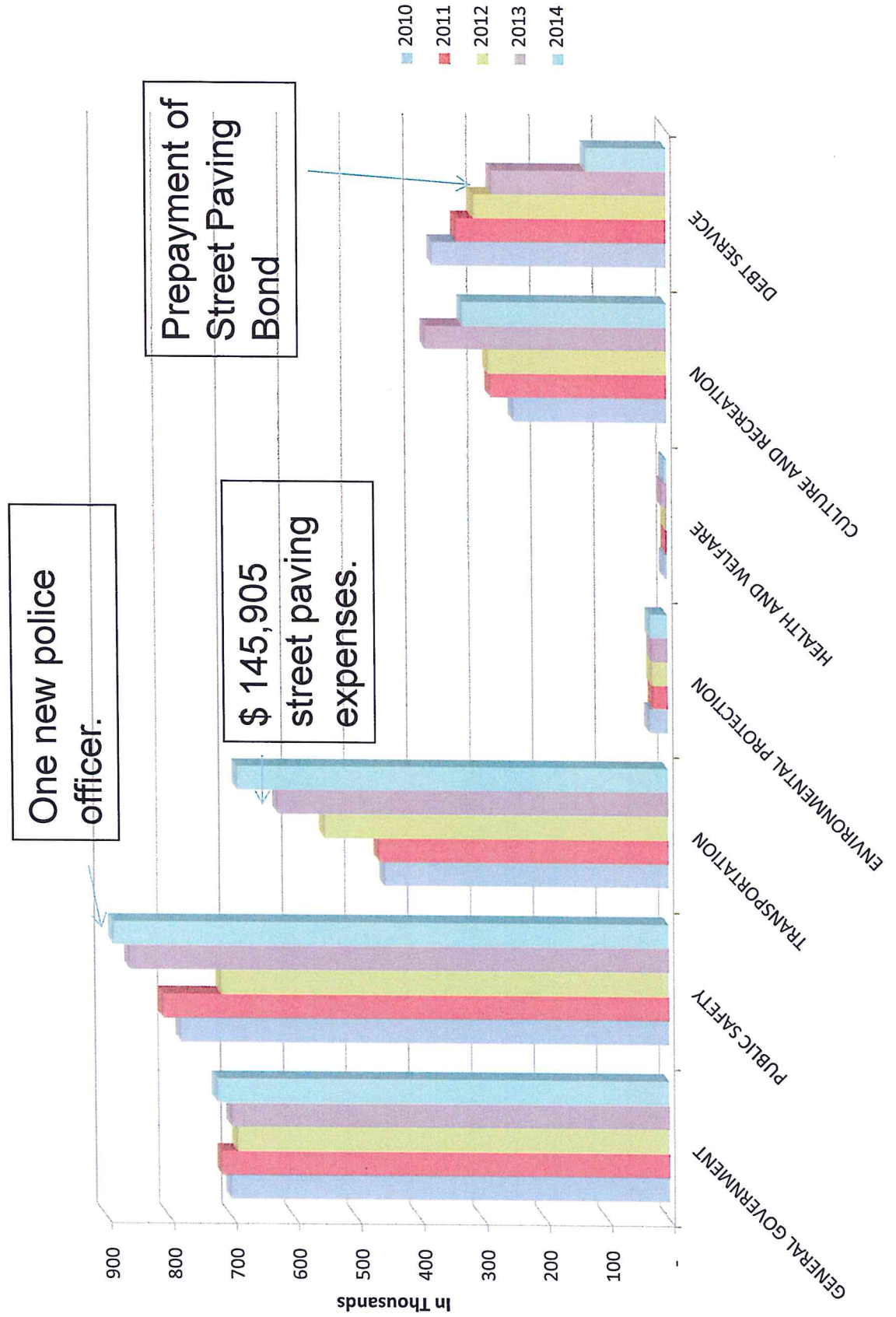
Sales Tax Revenue History



Personnel Costs

- 4%/1% COLA w/ \$ 33K break
- 2% Inc. in Health Care
- .3%/.5% Inc in Retirement

EXPENSES



Capital Purchases

General/Powell Fund

DEPT	ITEM	COST
PARKS		
	Treadmill	6,000
	Elliptical Machine	4,400

POWELL BILL	
Road Paving	145,905

BLDG/GROUNDS	
Sewer Assessments	17,884
IT Improvements	19,650

Total	174,189
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Capital Improvement Fund

- ADA Floating Dock
 - \$ 17,260
- Schneider's Park Equip.
 - \$ 14,100

Ending Fund Balance

