

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE



To: Cheryl Brown, Council Secretary/Director

From: Glenn Hansen, Budget Officer

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Please include the attached "Notes to the General Fund Revenue and Expenditure Forecast FY 2015 - 2019".

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## Notes to the General Fund Revenue and Expenditure Forecast

FY 2015 – 2019

### Revenues

- Property taxes assume the current millage rate of 11.4419 for the forecast period. Growth of 2% in FY16 and 1% in FY17 through FY19.
- Sales and Use taxes are projected to grow at the assumed inflation rate of 2% each year from FY15.
- Franchise fees and utility service taxes are projected to remain constant from FY16 through FY19. This reflects a recovering economy and declining unit sales.
- The State Shared Half-Cent sales tax is projected to grow modestly at 2% over the forecast period like other State Shared revenues. Amazon.com started collecting taxes on purchases made by Floridians on May 1, 2014.
- Contributions from other local units will increase at the contract rate of \$2.5 per year through FY16.
- Fire and Rescue fees (primarily ambulance fees net of uncollectable accounts) are held flat over the forecast period.
- Departmental revenues are generally projected to increase 1 % annually.

### Expenditures

- Salaries and Wages: Projected to increase 1% per year for FY16 and FY17; 2% per year (to account for inflation) for FY18 and FY19.
- Health Care: Projected to increase at the rate of 5% FY16-17 and 6% & 7% through FY18-19 respectively.
- Pension costs are allocated on regular salaries using actuarially determined values.
- Internal charges and residual expenses are generally projected to grow at the rate of assumed inflation (2%). Fire and Rescue and Office of the Sheriff projected to increase at historical rates.
- Head count held constant.