

TOWN OF PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2010

(October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010)

Mayor and Town Council

Jack McDonald, Mayor
David A. Rosow, Town Council President
Gail Coniglio, Town Council President Pro-Tem
William J. Diamond, Town Council Member
Richard M. Kleid, Town Council Member
Robert N. Wildrick, Town Council Member

Town Manager

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TOWN OF PALM BEACH ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

CITIZENS OF PALM BEACH

ELECT



MAYOR
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TOWN COUNCIL



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PRESIDENT PRO-TEM
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DIRECTOR**
H. Paul Brazil



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DIRECTOR**
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Guide for Readers

The following information might be helpful to the reader in finding information in the budget document for programs, services and financial information. The Town of Palm Beach Budget compiles financial and service delivery data in a single source document for easy reference. This guide explains the budget format and will assist in locating information which may be of particular interest. The budget is intended to serve four purposes.

THE BUDGET AS A POLICY DOCUMENT

As a policy document, the Budget indicates what services the Town of Palm Beach will provide during the upcoming fiscal year, and the reasons for these services. The Budget provides goals and objectives for each organizational unit in the Town of Palm Beach as well as the performance measures upon which programs will be monitored for the forthcoming fiscal year. All Town of Palm Beach funds are described in detail in their respective sections.

THE BUDGET AS AN OPERATIONS GUIDE

As an operations guide, the budget indicates how departments and funds are organized to provide services that will be delivered to the community. The Departments' budget sections provide a mission statement, goals and objectives, organization chart, authorized personnel, revenue and expenditure summaries with descriptions, and performance measures for each Town of Palm Beach Department.

THE BUDGET AS A FINANCIAL PLAN

As a financial plan, the budget outlines the cost of the Town of Palm Beach services and how they will be funded. The Revenues and Expenditures Section provides an overview of the Budget including major revenue and expenditure breakdowns and categories for the following Funds: General, Debt Service, Capital, Enterprise, Internal Service Activity and Trust & Agency. The introductory section includes a budget message, a discussion of the Town of Palm Beach accounting structure and financial policies, a description of the budget preparation process and the financial structure. The budget summary section details the approved budget as well as a comparison of financial activity over a multi-year period with an analysis of the Town reserves.

THE BUDGET AS A COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE

The Budget is designed to be user friendly with summary information in text, charts, tables and graphs. A glossary of financial budget terms is included for your reference. In addition to the reader's guide, the table of contents provides a listing of sections in the order in which they appear in this document. The statistical section includes miscellaneous information relevant to the Town of Palm Beach. Should you have a question about the Town of Palm Beach that this document does not answer, please feel free to call The Finance Department at (561) 838-5444. A Budget in Brief is also available from the Finance Department on the Town's web site, www.townofpalmbeach.com or by mail at, 360 South County Road, Palm Beach, Florida 33480.



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A STEP BY STEP GUIDE

Given its size and the variety of information it contains, the budget document can be an overwhelming undertaking to review. The purpose of this section is to provide the reader with a guide to the document's contents: where and how to find the information and how to understand or use the information.

The budget document has been prepared in a summary format intended to be easily understood by the general public. The following describes each of its major sections:

Introduction

The budget message or transmittal letter is the best place to start. It is most important in understanding where we have been and where we are going in the upcoming year. The letter provides a broad perspective of services provided and discusses taxes and millage rates, changes in operations, significant differences in revenues and expenditures, and the focus and direction of the budget year.

The introduction section also includes general information about the Town, its budget philosophy and process, financial policies (which form the foundation of the Town's budget development and financial management processes), and other general information.

Budget Summary, General Fund, Revenues, Expenditures, Departmental tabs and Other

The Budget Summary, General Fund, Revenues, Expenditures including Departmental and Other tabs include various presentations of the general fund budget. The Budget Summary section includes summary budget information for all funds and an analysis of Town reserves. The General Fund section includes a financial trend analysis of Revenues and Expenditures. The Revenues tab includes a detailed five-year general fund revenue history, as well as narrative and charts regarding major general fund revenue history. The Expenditures tab includes an exhibit containing four years of expenditure history by program, as well as summary budget charts.

An overview of each department/program, the largest portion of the General Fund budget, is included in this section. Each department's section may include the following: a revenue and expenditure summary, personnel complements, an organizational chart, mission statement, goals and objectives, performance measures and workload indicators.

Debt Service, Capital, Enterprise, Internal Service and Trust & Agency Funds

These sections include budget summaries, program descriptions, trend analyses and income statement analyses for the Town's governmental (other than general), enterprise, internal service and trust & agency funds.

Appendix

The appendix includes property tax and millage rate schedules, donation reserve account detail, financial policies, historical staffing levels, and other exhibits that may be helpful to the reader.

We sincerely hope this "how-to" has aided in finding and understanding information contained in the Town's budget. If any point is unclear, or if additional information is necessary, please call the Finance Department at (561)838-5444. Should the same requests repeatedly occur, we will make an effort to incorporate clarifications in next year's budget document.



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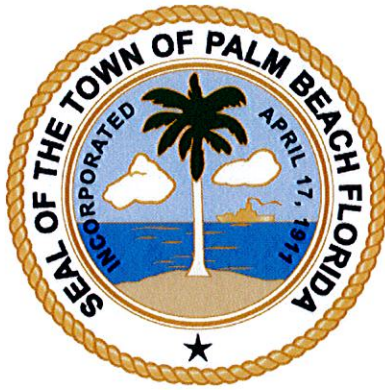
President

Executive Director

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented an award of Distinguished Presentation to the Town of Palm Beach for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008.

In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communication device.

The award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.



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