

# *City of Dania Beach* *Florida*



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**Popular Annual Financial Report  
Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2008**



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# City of Dania Beach

Florida

February 27, 2009

Dear Residents and Taxpayers of the City of Dania Beach:

As an effort to provide accountability of City's government, I am please to present the City's **Popular Annual Financial Report** (PAFR) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. This is the City's first PAFR, and as part of the requirement stated by the Government Finance Officer's Association (GFOA), this report represents a summary of the City's financial positions and operations as of September 30, 2008.

The information presented in the PAFR is derived from the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), a document that contains more detailed information such as the financial statements, notes, schedules and statistical section. The financial information contained in the CAFR is prepared in conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Pages 2 & 3 of this report described the City's Net Assets which includes both Governmental and Business activities. The remainder of the document focuses mainly on the General Fund and excludes analysis on Special Revenue Funds which accounts for, revenue sources that are legally restricted for specific purposes, such as Tree Preservation Fund, Grant Fund, Law Enforcement Trust Fund, I.T. Parker Trust Fund etc. This report also addresses the Water, Sewer and Stormwater Funds. Unlike the CAFR, the PAFR is an un-audited report. The CAFR, which the City has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting since 1999, is available at the City's website [www.daniabeachfl.gov](http://www.daniabeachfl.gov) and the City Clerk's office for review.

Should you have any questions and comments on the PAFR, please contact my office as we truly want to make this report an easy-to-understand version for the citizens of Dania Beach.

Sincerely,

Patricia Varney, CGFO  
Director of Finance

## Profile of the City

The City of Dania Beach was established in November 1904 as the first City in Broward County, Florida. Nested between Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood – our City offers unique opportunities for a wide variety of commerce. The City is located immediately adjacent to Port Everglades (one of the East Coast’s largest seaports) and Ft. Lauderdale International Airport. There are approximately 8.43 square miles of land, with 29,098 in population – from waterfront homes on the east side to suburban communities on the west. The City also has its own marina, a one mile long beach with its own fishing pier and a restaurant on the pier.

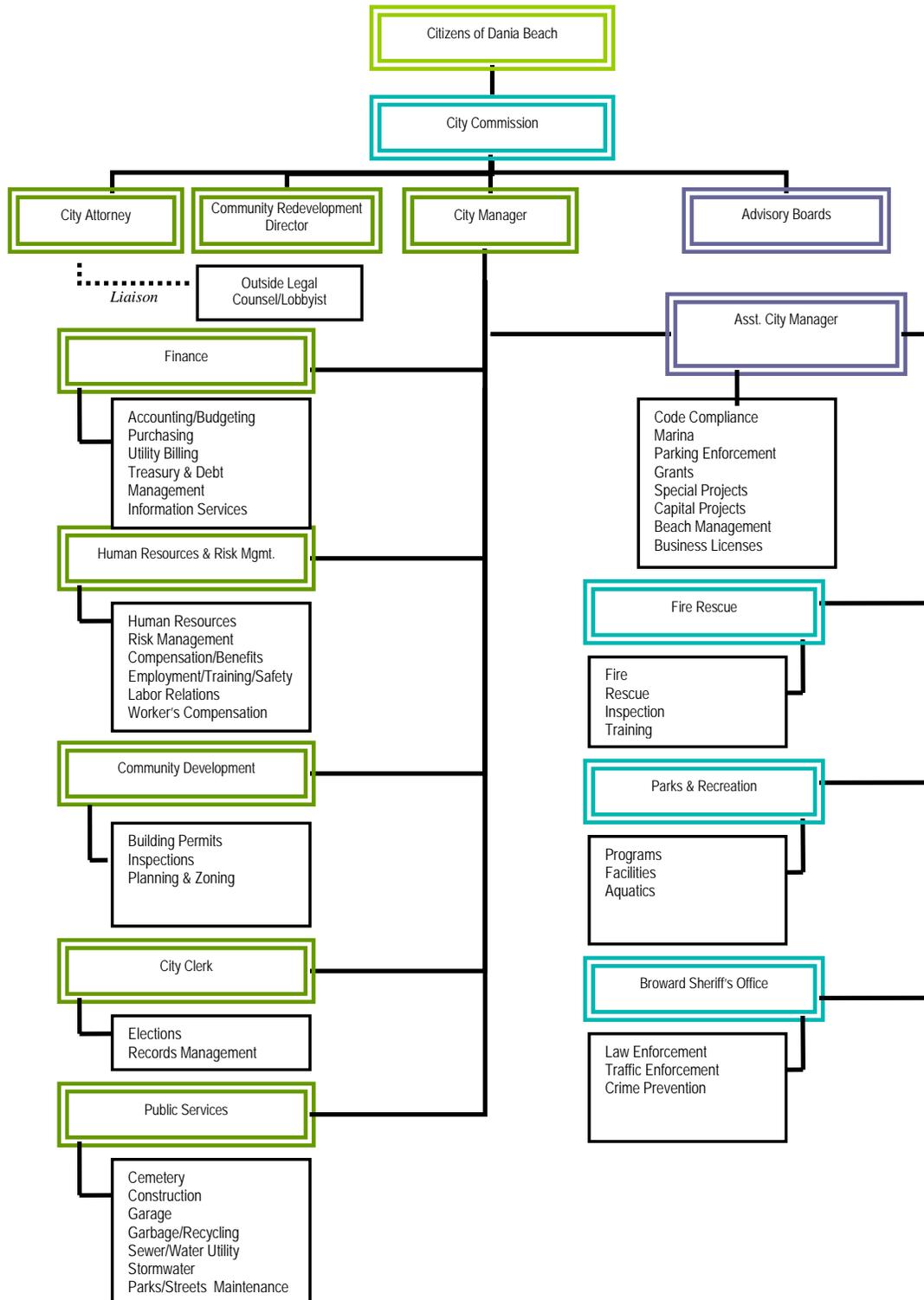
Dania Beach is a major player in South Florida’s academic, marine, and tourism industries. Florida Atlantic University’s nationally recognized oceanographic engineering research facility, known as SeaTech, is located in Dania Beach. In addition, the Raymond T. McKay Center for Advanced Maritime Officer’s Training and the Simulation Training Assessment & Research Center are also located within the City’s boundary, with state of the art bridge and engine room simulators which offer advanced merchant marine training. Bass Pro Shop Outdoor World Fishing and Game Center and the International Game Fish Association Museum and Hall of Fame are major attractions for people interested in boating and fishing. The business district of the City, which is mostly located on Federal Highway, is well known as the Dania Antique District that attracts tourism.

The City operates under the commission-manager form of government. Five Commission members, elected at large on a non-partisan basis for four year terms, determine policy, adopt legislation, approve the City budget, and set taxes and fees. The Commission appoints the City Manger who is responsible for implementing policies adopted by the City Commission.

The City provides its residents with many municipal services. For public safety, it includes Police, Fire and Code Enforcement. Public Services provides street maintenance and improvements, neighborhood improvements, parks improvements, and some engineering services. Other municipal services include planning and zoning services, comprehensive land use, recreational services which owns and operates two pool facilities, general administration and support services. Further, the city also owns and operates a Marina and two cemeteries. The City has three enterprise funds: water, sewer and stormwater. All these services are under the supervision and leadership of the City Manager.

In March of 2008, the City engaged the first Community Redevelopment Director who reports directly to the CRA Board/City Commission. It is the intent of the Commission to revitalize the areas running parallel to US1 and its adjacent neighborhoods. The CRA and the City of Dania Beach are working hard to attract new businesses and new development while at the same time maintains its small town charm. Over the past few months the City has accomplished much on its road to redevelopment; it has applied for grants in order to beautify the City and attract new development. It has designated the expanded CRA boundaries as a brownfield area so that property owners, business owners and developers will have access to state and federal funds for cleanup and remediation; and the CRA has applied to become a Community Development Entity (CDE) which will allow for the City of Dania Beach to offer New Market Tax Credit incentives to developers. Finally, the City has also established an enterprise zone which offers additional incentives to attract commercial business.

# Organizational Chart



# Financial Highlights

The City's financial information is divided into Governmental activities and Business Type Activities. The Governmental activities include most of the City's basic services such as police, fire, public services, community development, parks, and administrative departments. These services are principally supported by property taxes, franchise fees and utility taxes, license and permit fees, intergovernmental revenues, special assessment and state and federal grant revenues. The Business-type activities are services for which fees and charges are implemented with the intention to cover all or significant portion of the related costs. These services include water, sewer and stormwater systems.

At the close of fiscal year 2008 the assets of the City exceeded its liabilities by \$89,110,553 (net assets). Of this amount, \$ 29,360,387 (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens.

Over this last year the total net assets increased by \$ 4,610,596. Of this amount, approximately \$ 4.17 million of the increase took place in the governmental activities and \$440,415 was generated from business-type activities.

At the close of fiscal year 2008, the City's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$ 34,862,653, a decrease of \$ 2,261,317 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 49.4% of the total amount, or \$ 17,223,046, is available for spending at the City's discretion (undesignated fund balance). This represents 45.51% of the General Fund budget.

The General Fund reported an operating surplus for budgetary purposes of \$ 6,783,081 for fiscal year 2008, before transfers and other financing sources. The revenue sources were \$ 313,203 more than budgeted and expenditures were \$ 2,613,001 lower than budgeted in the General Fund. After inter-fund transfers, the General Fund generated a net decrease of \$1,123,029 which is mainly due to transfers to the Capital Projects Fund.

For the City's business-type activities, the City experienced an operating income of \$844,185 which after inter-fund transfers generated an increase in net assets of \$ 440,415.

City-wide depreciation expenses recorded during the year amounted to \$ 2,868,369. Total capital assets net of related debt was \$ 48,322,072 at year end.

| <b>Net Assets</b>              |                         |                      |                          |                      |                      |                      |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| As of September 30, 2008, 2007 |                         |                      |                          |                      |                      |                      |
| (Net of Depreciation)          |                         |                      |                          |                      |                      |                      |
|                                | Governmental Activities |                      | Business-type Activities |                      | Total                |                      |
|                                | 2008                    | 2007                 | 2008                     | 2007                 | 2008                 | 2007                 |
| Current and other assets       | \$ 38,488,588           | \$ 40,586,935        | \$ 11,385,214            | \$ 11,031,991        | \$ 49,873,802        | \$ 51,618,926        |
| Capital assets                 | 43,941,230              | 38,579,289           | 22,644,496               | 21,255,324           | 66,585,726           | 59,834,613           |
| Total assets                   | <u>82,429,818</u>       | <u>79,166,224</u>    | <u>34,029,710</u>        | <u>32,287,315</u>    | <u>116,459,528</u>   | <u>111,453,539</u>   |
| Long-term liabilities          | 13,327,515              | 14,473,350           | 8,118,127                | 6,594,963            | 21,445,642           | 21,068,313           |
| Other liabilities              | 4,493,149               | 4,253,901            | 1,410,184                | 1,631,368            | 5,903,333            | 5,885,269            |
| Total liabilities              | <u>17,820,664</u>       | <u>18,727,251</u>    | <u>9,528,311</u>         | <u>8,226,331</u>     | <u>27,348,975</u>    | <u>26,953,582</u>    |
| Net assets:                    |                         |                      |                          |                      |                      |                      |
| Total net assets               | <u>\$ 64,609,154</u>    | <u>\$ 60,438,973</u> | <u>\$ 24,501,399</u>     | <u>\$ 24,060,984</u> | <u>\$ 89,110,553</u> | <u>\$ 84,499,957</u> |

## Financial Highlights (continued)

| Changes in Net Assets                             |                         |                      |                          |                      |                      |                      |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| For Fiscal Year Ended Septemebr 30, 2008 and 2007 |                         |                      |                          |                      |                      |                      |
|   | Governmental Activities |                      | Business-type Activities |                      | Total                |                      |
|   | 2008                    | 2007                 | 2008                     | 2007                 | 2008                 | 2007                 |
| <b>Revenues:</b>                                  |                         |                      |                          |                      |                      |                      |
| Program revenues:                                 |                         |                      |                          |                      |                      |                      |
| Charges for services                              | \$ 9,894,489            | \$ 10,169,157        | \$ 8,279,187             | \$ 7,538,461         | \$ 18,173,676        | \$ 17,707,618        |
| Operating grants                                  | 448,122                 | 1,311,215            | -                        | -                    | 448,122              | 1,311,215            |
| Capital grants                                    | 166,553                 | 662,682              | -                        | -                    | 166,553              | 662,682              |
| General revenues:                                 |                         |                      |                          |                      |                      |                      |
| Property taxes                                    | 17,452,748              | 17,691,570           | -                        | -                    | 17,452,748           | 17,691,570           |
| Utility taxes                                     | 4,332,499               | 4,013,192            | -                        | -                    | 4,332,499            | 4,013,192            |
| Franchise fees                                    | 2,306,262               | 2,311,503            | -                        | -                    | 2,306,262            | 2,311,503            |
| Intergovernmental                                 | 3,357,296               | 3,096,652            | -                        | -                    | 3,357,296            | 3,096,652            |
| Miscellaneous                                     | 233,861                 | 195,941              | -                        | -                    | 233,861              | 195,941              |
| Investment earnings                               | 1,561,622               | 1,973,323            | 228,822                  | 425,019              | 1,790,444            | 2,398,342            |
| Total revenues                                    | <u>39,753,452</u>       | <u>41,425,235</u>    | <u>8,508,009</u>         | <u>7,963,480</u>     | <u>48,261,461</u>    | <u>49,388,715</u>    |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                                  |                         |                      |                          |                      |                      |                      |
| General Government                                | 8,874,100               | 8,146,290            | -                        | -                    | 8,874,100            | 8,146,290            |
| Public Safety                                     | 17,651,948              | 16,739,064           | -                        | -                    | 17,651,948           | 16,739,064           |
| Highway and Streets                               | 2,710,987               | 2,620,652            | -                        | -                    | 2,710,987            | 2,620,652            |
| Culture & Recreation                              | 3,503,091               | 3,077,045            | -                        | -                    | 3,503,091            | 3,077,045            |
| Physical environment                              | 2,493,452               | 2,416,031            | -                        | -                    | 2,493,452            | 2,416,031            |
| Community Redevelopment                           | 231,915                 | -                    | -                        | -                    | 231,915              | -                    |
| Interest on long-term debt                        | 605,738                 | 645,326              | -                        | -                    | 605,738              | 645,326              |
| Water   | -                       | -                    | 2,544,161                | 2,580,820            | 2,544,161            | 2,580,820            |
| Sewer   | -                       | -                    | 4,305,175                | 3,317,021            | 4,305,175            | 3,317,021            |
| Stormwater  | -                       | -                    | 730,298                  | 742,391              | 730,298              | 742,391              |
| Total expenses                                    | <u>36,071,231</u>       | <u>33,644,408</u>    | <u>7,579,634</u>         | <u>6,640,232</u>     | <u>43,650,865</u>    | <u>40,284,640</u>    |
| <b>Increase in net assets</b>                     |                         |                      |                          |                      |                      |                      |
| before transfers                                  | 3,682,221               | 7,780,827            | 928,375                  | 1,323,248            | 4,610,596            | 9,104,075            |
| Transfers   | 487,960                 | 478,334              | (487,960)                | (478,334)            | -                    | -                    |
| Increase in net assets                            | 4,170,181               | 8,259,161            | 440,415                  | 844,914              | 4,610,596            | 9,104,075            |
| Prior Year Adjustments                            | -                       | 239,037              | -                        | -                    | -                    | 239,037              |
| Net assets, beginning of year                     | <u>60,438,973</u>       | <u>51,940,775</u>    | <u>24,060,984</u>        | <u>23,216,070</u>    | <u>84,499,957</u>    | <u>75,156,845</u>    |
| Net assets, ending of year                        | <u>\$ 64,609,154</u>    | <u>\$ 60,438,973</u> | <u>\$ 24,501,399</u>     | <u>\$ 24,060,984</u> | <u>\$ 89,110,553</u> | <u>\$ 84,499,957</u> |

Governmental activities increased the City's net assets by \$ 4.17 million or 90.45 % of the total growth in net assets of the City. The reasons for the changes are as follows:

- \$ 2.53 million is attributed to increase in City's capital assets net of related debt. In fiscal year 2008, there were many park and recreation center improvements. These improvements include a new patio structure at Frost Park and new playgrounds at C.W.Thomas, Chester Byrd, Malaleuca and Mullikin Parks. A new Fire Station is under construction and is scheduled to be completed by December 2008. Installation of new sidewalks, traffic calming devices and solar lighting were also completed in fiscal year 2008. The City also purchased a vacant parcel adjacent to City Hall at 109 Park Street, which is proposed for a public/private joint venture to build a parking garage and retail/office use.
- \$ 2.48 million increase in the restricted net assets is attributed to reserve for capital projects such as the construction of public works facilities, a mausoleum, and neighborhood improvements which consist of sidewalks and lighting projects.
- Unrestricted net assets reflect a decrease of \$ 838,299 which is partly attributed to the purchase of 109 Park.

# Financial Highlights (continued)

## General Fund

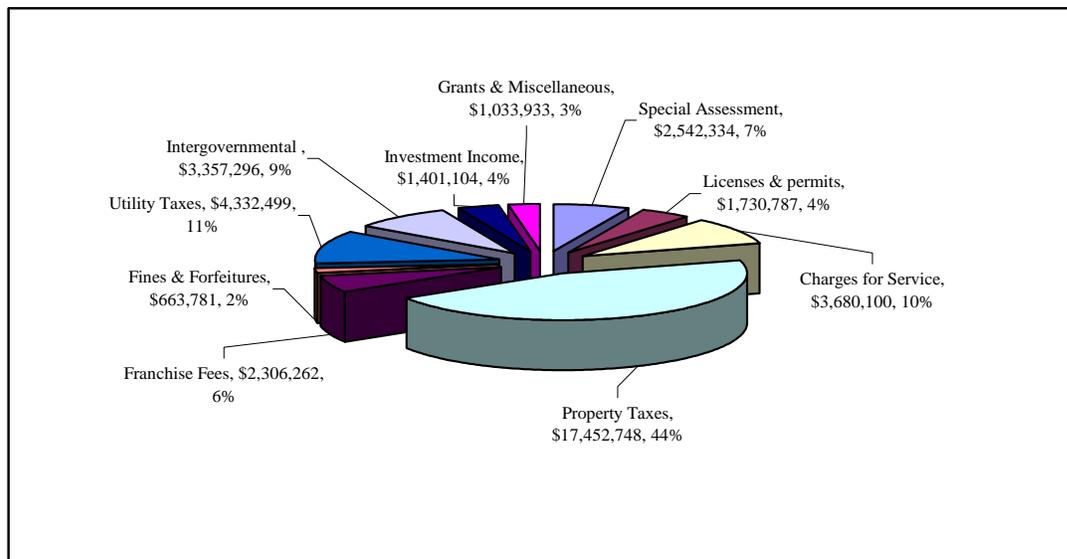
The General Fund accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with the general operations of the City providing services such as public safety, planning and zoning, building, code compliance, streets, recreation and general government. At the end of fiscal year 2008, the fund balance was decreased by \$1.12 million for a total fund balance of \$26,058,215, of which \$17,223,046 is unreserved undesignated fund balance. This decrease is mainly attributed to the cash purchase of 109 Park. The \$17 million unreserved undesignated fund balance equates to 47.2% of the operating budget or 172 days of operations. The Commission has also designated \$500,000 for future expenses for airport related issues, approximately \$1.0 million for fire equipments and capital projects and \$1.8 million for disaster recovery.

### Revenues

The amount of General Fund revenue by type, their percent of the total and the amount of change compared to last fiscal year are shown in the following schedule:

|                       | Current<br>Year<br><u>Actual</u> | Prior<br>Year<br><u>Actual</u> | Variance<br><u>Amount</u> | Variance<br><u>Percent</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ad valorem taxes      | \$ 17,452,748                    | \$ 17,691,570                  | \$ (238,822)              | -1%                        |
| Special assessments   | 2,542,334                        | 2,955,494                      | (413,160)                 | -14%                       |
| Franchise fees        | 2,306,262                        | 2,311,503                      | (5,241)                   | 0%                         |
| Utility taxes         | 4,332,499                        | 4,013,192                      | 319,307                   | 8%                         |
| Licenses and permits  | 1,730,787                        | 1,780,133                      | (49,346)                  | -3%                        |
| Intergovernmental     | 3,357,296                        | 3,443,954                      | (86,658)                  | -3%                        |
| Charges for services  | 3,680,100                        | 3,464,697                      | 215,403                   | 6%                         |
| Fines and forfeitures | 663,781                          | 772,232                        | (108,451)                 | -14%                       |
| Interest              | 1,401,104                        | 1,558,819                      | (157,715)                 | -10%                       |
| Grants                | 377                              | 561,719                        | (561,342)                 | -100%                      |
| Miscellaneous         | 1,033,556                        | 1,041,456                      | (7,900)                   | -1%                        |

### WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM



# Financial Highlights (continued)

## General Fund

Operating revenues in the General Fund amounted to \$ 38,500,844, a decrease of \$ 1,093,925 when compared to fiscal year 2007. The explanation for the variance is as follows:

- Decrease in ad valorem taxes is attributed to House Bill 1B passed by the Florida legislature which requires local governments to generate the same amount of ad valorem tax revenue generated in FY 2006-07 minus 0-9% depending on the per capita taxes levied in 2001 and 2006. For fiscal year 2008, the City had to roll back the millage rate to 5.4044 instead of 6.0679 in fiscal year 2007.
- In fiscal year 2007, the City received over \$381,845 in Recreation Impact fees, while nothing was received in fiscal year 2008, resulting in the decrease in special assessment.
- Increase in utility taxes is attributed to the audit performed by Department of Revenue on telecommunication taxes, of which the City had been under paid by \$139,410 for the past two years. Fee increases in water utility and electricity generated additional utility taxes for fiscal year 2008.
- The increase in charges for services is attributed to increase in parking revenue of \$47,000, fire inspection fees of \$ 75,000 and EMS transport activities of \$76,000. The reduction in fines and forfeitures is mainly attributed to code enforcement fines and reduction in grants due to FEMA reimbursement for Hurricane Wilma.

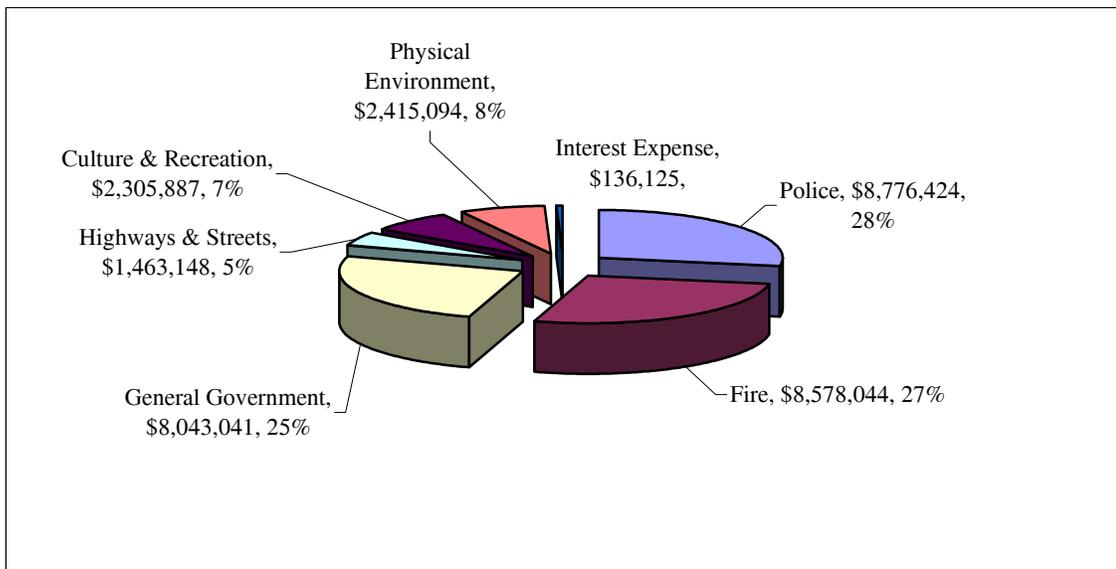
### *Expenditures*

The amount of General Fund expenditures by category, their percent of the total and the amount of change compared to last fiscal year are shown in the following schedule:

|                        | Current<br>Year<br><u>Actual</u> | Prior<br>Year<br><u>Actual</u> | Variance<br><u>Amount</u> | Variance<br><u>Percent</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Current:</b>        |                                  |                                |                           |                            |
| General government     | \$ 8,043,041                     | \$ 7,759,750                   | 283,291                   | 4%                         |
| Public safety          | 17,354,468                       | 16,365,413                     | 989,055                   | 6%                         |
| Highways and streets   | 1,463,148                        | 1,370,962                      | 92,186                    | 7%                         |
| Physical environment   | 2,415,094                        | 2,318,169                      | 96,925                    | 4%                         |
| Culture and recreation | 2,305,887                        | 2,078,627                      | 227,260                   | 11%                        |
| <b>Debt service:</b>   |                                  |                                |                           |                            |
| Principal              | 113,490                          | 136,096                        | -22,606                   | -17%                       |
| Interest               | 22,635                           | 27,749                         | -5,114                    | -18%                       |

# Financial Highlights (continued)

## HOW WAS THE MONEY SPENT



Operating expenditures in the General Fund amounted to \$ 31,717,763, an increase of 5.5% over the preceding year.

- Increase in general government is attributed to an agreement with Florida Atlantic University (FAU) for \$ 346,280 to relinquish the lease agreement established in 1996 and return the Marina back to the City.
- Increase in public safety is partially attributed to the contractual increase of 5% for the Broward Sheriff's Office which equates to \$ 238,238, and additional required pension contributions of \$ 13,621. The remaining increase is from the Fire Department. Salaries and fringe benefits increased by \$ 639,109 were attributed to cost of living allowance, step increase and accrued buyback. For fiscal year 2007, personnel costs are lower as the Fire Chief position was vacant for a full year.
- Increase in highways and streets is attributed to road resurfacing and sidewalk repairs.
- Increase in culture and recreation is attributed to the opening of the C.W. Thomas Park Recreation Center in October 2007 for a total operating cost for fiscal year 2008 in the amount of \$144,570. The remaining increase is attributed to salaries and fringe benefits increases as well as a contractual increase of approximately \$ 24,000 for life guard service.
- Decrease in debt service is attributed to one note being paid off in fiscal year 2008.

# Financial Highlights (continued)

## Enterprise Funds

The Enterprise Funds account for the revenues and expenditures in the water, sewer and stormwater fund. Fees or charges are implemented to cover the costs of these activities similar to private businesses.

The impact fees received, which can only be used for capital improvements due to expansion, debt service requirements, and renewal and replacement, are classified under restricted retained earnings. The retained earnings as of September 30, 2008 are as follows:

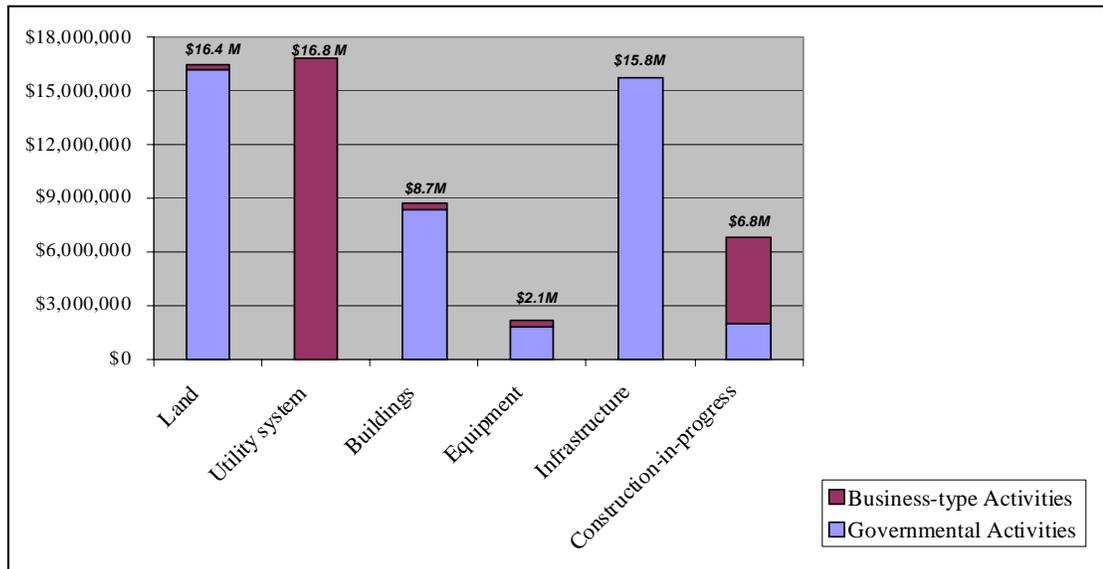
|            | \$<br>Unrestricted<br><u>Retained Earnings</u> | \$<br>Restricted<br><u>Retained Earnings</u> |
|------------|--|--|
| Water      | 3,131,985                                      | 1,991,401                                    |
| Sewer      | 781,503  | 2,293,540                                    |
| Stormwater | 1,530,754                                      | 0  |

- The Water Fund produced an increase of \$ 1,078,697 in retained earnings. Due to a dry season, the South Florida Water Management District imposed water restrictions. The City levied a surcharge in the Water Fund to encourage citizens to conserve water consumption and have recognized additional revenue of approximately \$140,000. The remaining is savings in engineering fees and establishment of reserve for future debt payments of the state revolving loan for infrastructure improvements.
- The Sewer Fund experienced a decrease of \$ 1,058,918. This is partly attributed to water restrictions with less consumption generating approximately \$ 200,000 less in revenue. Also, the City purchases sewer treatment services from the City of Hollywood. The true up of the cost for fiscal year 2007 which was paid in fiscal 2008, was approximately \$ 673,000. There was also a fee increase which left the total cost for the treatment service short by \$ 916,567.
- The Stormwater Fund experienced an increase of \$ 420,636. The City digitized commercial and industrial properties which provide more accurate records of equivalent residency units (ERU) for stormwater assessment. An additional \$200,000 has been recognized in fiscal year 2008 compared to fiscal year 2007 at the same fee of \$ 23.00 per ERU.

# Financial Highlights (continued)

## Citywide Capital Assets

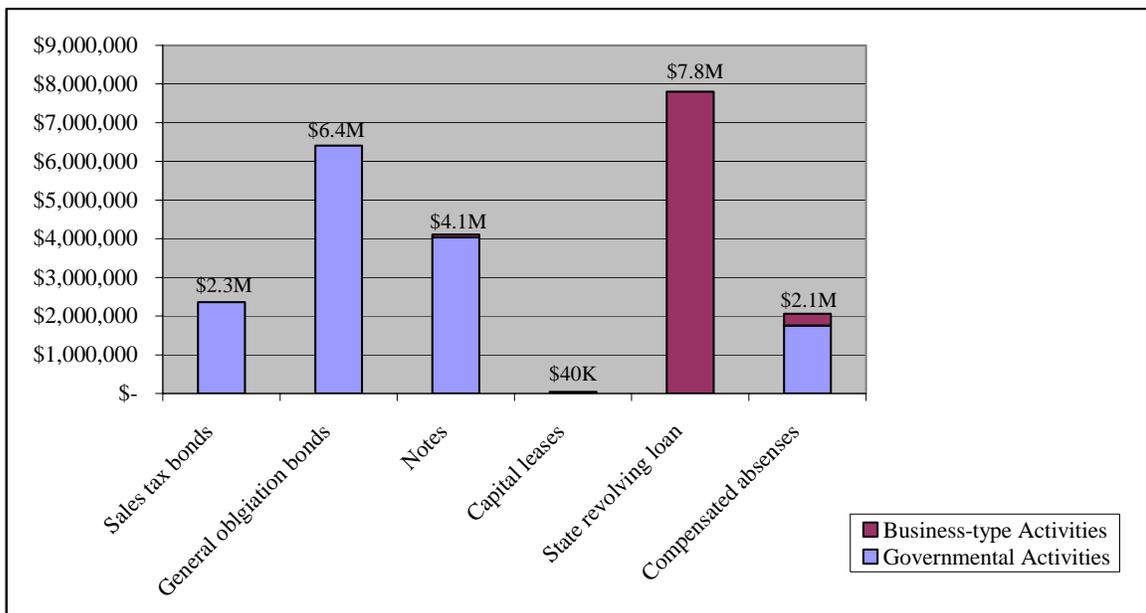
|                          | Governmental<br>Activities | Business-type<br>Activities | Total                |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Land                     | \$ 16,184,221              | \$ 220,976                  | \$ 16,405,197        |
| Utility system           | -                          | 16,792,270                  | \$ 16,792,270        |
| Buildings                | 8,297,154                  | 395,402                     | \$ 8,692,556         |
| Equipment                | 1,771,419                  | 346,282                     | \$ 2,117,701         |
| Infrastructure           | 15,757,002                 | -                           | \$ 15,757,002        |
| Construction-in-progress | 1,931,434                  | 4,889,566                   | \$ 6,821,000         |
|                          | <u>\$ 43,941,230</u>       | <u>\$ 22,644,496</u>        | <u>\$ 66,585,726</u> |



# Financial Highlights (continued)

## Citywide Long Term Debt

|                          | Governmental<br>Activities | Business-type<br>Activities | Total                |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Sales tax bonds          | \$ 2,360,000               | \$ -                        | \$ 2,360,000         |
| General obligation bonds | 6,405,000                  | -                           | 6,405,000            |
| Notes                    | 4,037,556                  | 68,190                      | 4,105,746            |
| Capital leases           | 40,470                     | -                           | 40,470               |
| State revolving loan     | -                          | 7,804,090                   | 7,804,090            |
| Compensated absences     | 1,751,739                  | 308,150                     | 2,059,889            |
|                          | <u>\$ 14,594,765</u>       | <u>\$ 8,180,430</u>         | <u>\$ 22,775,195</u> |



- ❖ The Sales Tax Bond is issued in 1994 in the amount of \$3.25M for the construction of a fishing pier at the Beach. The bond will be paid off in 2025.
- ❖ The General Obligation Bonds approved by the voters in 2005 is issued in the amount of \$6.8 million for the construction of a new Fire Station, Recreation Centers and improvements and Neighborhood Improvements which includes traffic calming devices, new sidewalks and lighting projects. The Bond will be paid off in 2035.
- ❖ Various notes and capital leases were issued for financing the construction of Frost Park, the pier restaurant, expansion of the City Hall Complex, Fire Station #1, equipment and vehicles. The notes will be paid off between 2012 to 2016.
- ❖ State Revolving loan is mainly issued for water and sewer utility improvements which includes water main replacement, water main looping, water tank and high service pump, force main, and sewer infiltration and inflow system. The loan is for 20 years and will be paid off in 2028 and 2029.

# Accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2008

The City of Dania Beach continues to adhere to its Mission Statement of “committed to providing a unique, small-town quality of living for all of its residents and guests. We do so by maintaining beautiful neighborhoods and vibrant commercial centers throughout the City while being fiscally responsible and having a diverse population and business community”. During the fiscal year 2008, the City achieved many significant accomplishments in furtherance of the goals and objectives established by the City Commission. Some of the accomplishments are as follows:

- Obtained \$3.01 million from Broward County to build a downtown library and parking facility.
- Completed City Hall Atrium and other office renovations.
- Successfully negotiated the return of the Marina back to the City from Florida Atlantic University.
- Reassigned Business License Division from Community Development Department to the control of the Code Compliance Unit Manager, under direction of the Assistant City Manager.
- Reduced the processing time for a business license from 8 weeks to 3 weeks.
- Completed renovations to C.W. Thomas Community Center including the playground and reopening of the pool.
- Completed laser grade & re-sodding projects for C.W. Thomas, Frost, and P.J. Meli parks.
- New concrete light poles are installed at Frost Park.
- New patio structure was constructed at Frost Park.
- Completed the construction of the Marina offices and public beach bathrooms.
- Code Compliance Unit issued over 3,200 violation notices and removed or confiscated over 5,500 illegal signs from public properties and rights of ways.
- Completed ADA bathroom, new patio structure, and installed concrete light poles at Frost Park.
- Re-broadcast City Commission meeting on Thursday.
- Established the First CERT Citizen Emergency Response Team for Dania Beach.
- Fire Prevention Division has reached a 98% business occupancy annual inspection completion rate.
- Installed solar lighting for Ravenswood area.
- Completed construction of the 2.0 million gallon water storage tank.
- Completed construction of the 12” water main on Dania Beach Blvd., from US-1 east to Gulfstream Road.
- Completed construction of the 12” water main to Melaleuca Gardens, directional drill under the Dania Cut Off Canal.
- Completed construction of the 12” water main relocation on Stirling Road.
- Completed construction of sanitary sewer force main, replacement of 14” with new 16” on Dania Beach Blvd., between SE 2<sup>nd</sup> and SE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Completed installation of the new traffic signal at SE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Dania Beach Boulevard.
- Completed the City’s Water Supply Plan.
- Completed Comprehensive EAR Based Amendments.
- Confirmed over 16,500 addresses for the complete count “Local Census Address Updated” program with the U.S. Census Bureau.
- Completed adoption of variance process for Single Family homes.
- Completed revisions to the administrative variance, appeals, variance and special exception procedures.
- Consultant engaged and work plan developed for the Neighborhood Master Plan.
- Consultant engaged and work plan developed for the Unified Land Development Code.

## For the Future & Economic Outlook

Although fiscal year 2008 was a year of significant accomplishments, the City is faced with many challenges especially with the downturn of the economy. The City is faced with declining revenues from the state, declining property taxes attributed to Amendment 1, and declining utility taxes and investment earnings and at the same time must tackle rising personnel costs, pension contributions, health insurance costs and other operating expenses. Also with the declining economy, the City, as well as many other state and local governments, face the challenge of providing infrastructure improvements and support systems as well as the funding necessary to maintain the quality of life for our citizens. Some of our future projects include:

- ✓ Raise four bridges along Dania Cut-off and C-10 canals, and re-align Griffin Road.
- ✓ Improvements to the water treatment plant, water distribution system, wastewater collection system and storm water system over the next five years.
- ✓ Encouraging economic development and redevelopment in an effort to promote the expansion of the City's existing tax base.
- ✓ Construction of the S.W. Community Center.
- ✓ Construction of the Mausoleums.
- ✓ Construct a 10,000 square foot library and a parking facility at the City Hall campus site.
- ✓ Build a new public works facility and fueling station.
- ✓ Construction of the Adler Park Playground.
- ✓ Construction of a Linear Park.
- ✓ Neighborhood improvements which include traffic calming devices, sidewalks and lighting projects.
- ✓ At present the City is operating under three separate zoning codes, the City code, 1990 county zoning and 2001 county zoning at the annexed areas. Engaged consultants to rewrite to one code and should be completed in fiscal year 2009.
- ✓ Address the many complex issues that will impact the City as a result of the planned airport south runway extension.
- ✓ Review level of services to address the reduction of ad valorem tax revenues resulting from Amendment 1 and decline of revenues attributed to the economy.

The City experienced some increase in building activities; however, general economic conditions especially in the real estate market, will require the City to closely monitor its revenues and expenditures.

The Broward County Commission has approved the expansion of the South runway at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport. Should this plan be carried out, the City will lose approximately 380 single family homes and the Hilton Hotel. Preliminary calculations indicate an estimated loss of over \$ 1.5 million in revenues for the City. Further, this expansion will also impact the surrounding areas due to increased noise and pollution which will affect the value of homes.

## For the Future & Economic Outlook (continued)

The County approved the establishment of a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) at the City of Dania Beach. However, this is not a traditional CRA in that the City will not be able to obtain property tax increment revenue derived from the increase of the property value in the CRA area. Instead, the County will provide a five year interest free loan for projects the County will approve to assist the redevelopment opportunities in the CRA area. The County has also established an agreement with the City of the capability of converting this loan to grant should certain criteria be met.

For fiscal year 2009, the City is required to implement GASB 45. A preliminary calculation by the actuary indicated the City's annual contribution to fund the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) is approximately \$ 1.8 million. In the fiscal year 2009, the City has funded 1.3 million and will have to recognize the remaining amount as a liability which will result in a reduction of the City's fund balance and net assets.

During the primary election in January 2008 the voters approved Amendment 1 which provides portability of the "Save Our Home" amendment which allows homestead owners to move their sheltered "Save Our Home" value from one primary residence to the next. The voters also approved an additional \$ 25,000 homestead exemption. The impact to the City in fiscal year 2009 was a reduction of \$ 797,067 in property taxes.