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MAYOR'S MESSAGE: YOU DESERVE A BREAK THIS YEAR

I am pleased to inform you I have submitted a budget to the Commission for the coming fiscal year, 2001/2002, which proposes a **decrease** in the ad valorem tax rate from 4.0224 to 3.7994. If adopted by the Commission this will be a first decrease in the rate since 1998 and the largest percentage decrease in the last 10 years. How has this decrease been made possible? Firstly, we are projecting that the assessed value of taxable property in the City will exceed \$1 billion! This is an increase of \$104 million over last year due to the reassessment of property in the City caused by sales or new construction. Secondly, I am proposing a change in the manner in which the City has been raising money for long-term capital improvements. In the past the City raised money for long-term capital improvements like street repaving and bridge repair by including these expenses in the annual

operating budget. In the past three years the City spent \$1.2 million on these two expenses alone. This contributed to the increases in taxes the past few years, and did not result in the completion of these needed improvements. This year I am proposing to the Commission that we include these and other long-term capital improvements (like the new police station) within a capital improvement bond to be placed on the ballot in March 2002 for voter approval. If the bond is approved by the voters, we will have sufficient funds to complete these and other needed capital improvements within three years. The police will have a new facility, which they badly need, and you will have your streets repaved and bridges repaired. The time for stopgap measures is over. It is time to take a long-term comprehensive approach to financing improvements to our infrastructure. **I**

MEET YOUR INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN LAVISKY



On June 12, 2001, the City Commission appointed Fire Chief John Lavisky as the Interim City Administrator until a permanent selection is made. John has been the LHP Fire Chief since July 1995. Prior to his employment in LHP, he served as a Fire Chief in the United States Air Force until he retired as a Chief Master Sergeant in 1995. The day after he left the Air Force he arrived in Lighthouse Point and began his new civilian career.

Under John's leadership, the Fire Rescue Department has undergone many improvements. Most notable was the establishment of an in-house emergency medical services (EMS) system. The services offered by the Department have flourished since his arrival, and they have built a reputation for quality and customer service. To reinforce the fact, the Fire Rescue Department recently received an 'outstanding' rating on a "no-notice" EMS inspection from the State EMS Office.

In March 2001, he assumed the additional duties as the Department Director for the Planning, Zoning and Building Division.

In addition to having well-rounded experience, John has a strong educational background. He holds an

MEET YOUR CITY CLERK CAROL LANDAU



We would like to extend our warmest wishes to our new City Clerk, Carol Landau.

Prior to working for Lighthouse Point, Carol held this same position for one of our neighboring cities, Oakland Park. She moved to Florida three years ago from Texas where she worked in both the public and private sectors. This gave her a well rounded background in the operations of corporations as well as the intricacies of municipal government.

She has attended numerous seminars on job-related topics including records management, municipal law, municipal finance, planning and zoning, results-oriented government, election law, and leadership training which have provided her with an extensive knowledge of all aspects of city government.

Carol is currently enrolled in the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Program (IIMC) and achieved certification as Certified Municipal Clerk in October 1997, worked for and attained the IIMC Academy for Advanced Education certification in August 1998, and attained the first level of Master Municipal Clerk in July 2000. In addition, she achieved certification in January 1997 as a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk.

LIBRARY NEWS



Thank You. The Lighthouse Point Library was again the recipient of a most generous gift from the **Women's Club of Lighthouse Point.** The organization donated \$2,600 to the Library to serve as "seed money" for the establishment of a new collection of *unabridged books on CDs.* These multi-disc sets circulate for a regular two-week period and are very popular with our traveling and commuting residents.

Vacation circulation times may be extended. If your vacation plans are for longer than our usual two-week checkout the volunteers or staff will be happy to provide you with additional two-week increments of time to enhance your reading or listening pleasure. If you wish to return the items by mail, ask staff for a self-addressed padded envelope large enough for audiotapes, CDs or books.

The Library, in cooperation with the **Historical Committee,** will be serving as the clearinghouse for the collection of photographs or memorabilia, written recollections, clippings or brochures, on the early years of Lighthouse Point. All donations are welcome. The Library has tape recorders for those persons who wish to do "oral remembrances." The City will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary in 2006. In order to mark that milestone, efforts are underway to produce a printed comprehensive illustrated history. Cash gifts may be made to "Book Fund" c/o City of Lighthouse Point. Many individuals contributed to the fund as a tribute to the dedicated career and subsequent retirement of City Clerk **Fran Marsh.**

We welcome two new Library Advisory Board members. **Meredith-Chaiken Weiss** and **Dr. Nicholas Louis** were appointed by *Mayor Oates* to fill the vacancies created by **Pam Kennedy** and **Dr. Mark Drucker** whose

ten-year tenure expired. They will join *Tori Anderson, Becky Blinco, Ruth Ann Fleming, Linda Hinkle* and *Fran Price* who were all reappointed for a one-year term.

Congratulations to staff member **Ann Rogers** who celebrated 20 years as an employee of the Library. Volunteers, friends and co-workers honored her achievement following the formal City Commission certificate presentation.

Make Way for Baby is an award winning videocassette created by Lighthouse Point residents Carlos and Anna Arenas. The tape is available in both English and Spanish providing comprehensive information that you don't have to wait until after the baby is born to begin the "bonding" relationship. Dr. Beatriz Manrique, a clinical psychologist, has researched the pre-natal infant stimulation for 15 years and asserts that "your baby can actually learn before birth." 📌

PUBLIC WORKS

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE!

Remember if a hurricane is approaching:

- Don't cut tree branches or bushes and leave them at the side of the road. Trash pickup service will be suspended and the objects could become deadly projectiles. If you have any questions please contact Public Works at 946-7386

- Bring in real estate signs if the Realtor does not pick them up.

- Make sure your house numbers are visible from the street so that emergency vehicles responding can find your home.

- If you are having a home built, you need to contact your builder/contractor to clean up any loose construction materials and debris.

- If you are interested in seeing over 120 safety and construction features designed to better protect your family you can visit The Good Neighbor House. It is located in Deerfield Beach at 1345 SW 11th Way and is

open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and on the first Saturday of each month from 10 am to 1 pm. For more information, please contact The Good Neighbor House staff at 954-429-0830. 📌

FIRE DEPARTMENT

HURRICANE SHELTER SPECIAL NEEDS

Any resident regardless of age who may require special transportation to a hurricane shelter or special care while in a hurricane shelter must register with the Broward County Office of Special Needs. They have a registration and screening process to determine if a person meets their criteria for special needs. Contact them at 357-6402 as soon as possible for details. 📌

- maintain records of all city documents including minutes, resolutions, ordinances, city attorney opinions, and public notices
- conduct city elections, candidate filing
- issue occupational licenses
- act in accordance with the Sunshine Law by noticing all city meetings, including commission, boards, and committees
- update city web site
- maintain city historical information 📌

POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Police Department would like to remind residents that an alarm permit is needed for all residential alarms. This permit is needed in addition

to the permit issued by the building department. For more information, please call the Police Alarm Coordinator, Jennifer, at 784-3425.

The police department has been dispatched through Broward Sheriff's regional dispatch center for 14 months. They dispatch only Lighthouse Point Police Officers to our calls for service. The Lighthouse Point Police Department still has a desk officer working 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. If a citizen would prefer to phone in a complaint to the desk at the Lighthouse Point Police Department they should call 942-8080. The number for Broward Sheriff Dispatch is 765-4321.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement Office is now under the direct supervision of the Lighthouse Point Police Department. This will improve service to the citizens of Lighthouse Point. The Code Enforcement Office is interested in compliance and cooperation from residents. If you receive a courtesy notice from a Code Officer and you have questions or need more time to comply, please call directly so we can work out a solution. If you have Code questions direct them to any of our friendly code enforcement staff at 784-3409. 📌

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The City Clerk's Office performs a vital service to the community and acts as liaison between elected officials and its residents. The City Clerk is custodian of official records and the city seal. This office provides services to the Mayor, City Commission, City Administration and residents.

- we provide general information to residents about actions taken by elected officials at City Commission meetings

CITY COMMISSION LEGISLATION

Since we last wrote, your City Commission has taken the following action:

ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

Opposing any bills filed in the State of Florida House of Representatives or State of Florida Senate lessening the authority of local governments to regulate and amortize billboards within the jurisdiction of local government.

Authorizing the lease-financing of certain equipment through execution of a master lease-purchase agreement with Kislak National Bank.

Confirming the appointment by the Mayor of Carol Landau as City Clerk.

Confirming the appointment by the Mayor of Joseph M. Shore as Finance Director.

Appointing the following members to the Storm Water Master Plan Committee: George Labelle, John Grant, Charlie Turgeon, Cary Winningham, Bill Gallo, the City Administrator and Public Works Director.

Approving bond counsel services between the City and Bryant, Miller and Olive, P.A.

Approving the 18th Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and the City which provides for division and distribution of the proceeds of the local option gas tax imposed by the Broward County Local Option Gas Tax Ordinance.

Approving the 2001 Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and the City which provides for division and distribution of the proceeds from the Broward County Additional Local Option Gas Tax on Motor Fuel Ordinance.

Approving the 2001 Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Broward County and the City which provides for division and distribution of the proceeds from the Broward County Fifth Cent Additional Local Option Gas Tax on Motor Fuel for Transit.

Designating certain vehicles as surplus property.

Approving a proposal for Comprehensive Plan Services between the City and Walter H. Keller, Inc.

Approving an agreement with Richard J. Paley, M.D. for full-time Medical Director services.

Approving an agreement with Beacon Light Partners, LTD, concerning parking rights and landscaping in the City's rights-of-way along NE 24 and 25 Streets.

Appointing John Lavisky as Interim City Administrator.

Approving Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement dated July 31, 2000 between the Department of Community Affairs, State of

Florida, the City, and all local governments signing this agreement.

Amending Ordinance Nos. 760 and 761 by reallocating certain revenues and/or expenditures in the 2000-2001 general fund budget.

Approving an Independent Contractor Professional Services Employment contract with Samuel S. Goren, as a member of the law firm of Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A.

ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES:

Amending Chapter 42 of the City Code of Ordinances by providing that Planning and Zoning Board members may be recommended from certain professional backgrounds and clarifying the reference to Community Appearance Board.

Amending Chapter 42 of the City Code of Ordinances to allow the use of fences up to certain heights in business and residential zoning districts for tennis courts and waterfront docking areas.

Amending Section 2-4 of the City Code of Ordinances revising the costs of reproducing and certifying City records.

Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code of Ordinances providing the investment policy for public funds and the investment policy for City funds as described in Section 2-163. ■

IS MY HOME IN A FLOOD ZONE?

Flood zone maps exist which indicate flood zone ratings established by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for addresses throughout the City of Lighthouse Point. Your mortgage company may require you to purchase flood insurance if your home falls into a certain flood zone category.

Call the Lighthouse Point Building Department at 943-6509 for flood zone elevations or a map. ■

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Associates Degree in Fire Science, Bachelors Degree in Professional Studies, and a Masters Degree in Public Administration. He is also currently enrolled in the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy. He is scheduled to complete the four-year program in 2003. John is a member of the National Fire Protection Association, International Association of Fire Chiefs, and Florida Fire Chiefs Association.

He also sets goals and objectives for the departments in conjunction with the Mayor and Department Directors. Although he has his hands full, the jobs are getting accomplished in an outstanding manner. ■

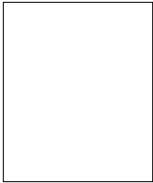
MERCURY THERMOMETERS EXCHANGED FOR DIGITAL THERMOMETERS DURING NATIONAL POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK

Broward County's Department of Planning and Environmental Protection (DPEP) is celebrating National Pollution Prevention Week from September 16 – 22, 2001. The idea of Pollution Prevention (P2) is to prevent the creation of waste. As part of the celebration, DPEP will conduct a mercury thermometer exchange for the public. This event provides an educational opportunity to demonstrate the concepts of P2 to the residents of Broward County. The thermometers provided by Broward County are digital and are much safer for the environment than their mercury counterparts.

DPEP is raising the public's awareness of mercury because it has been found in the tissue of Florida fish and other wildlife like the Florida Panther. It is also estimated that one-third of the mercury entering the atmosphere originates from the incineration

of mercury-containing products disposed of in the trash. Although mercury thermometers are not harmful when used properly, they pose a threat to human health and the environment when broken or disposed of as trash. Non-mercury thermometers provide an excellent means to make simple adjustments in our behavior and prevent pollution from reaching Florida's fragile environment.

To participate, bring your mercury thermometers in the original case or wrapped in tissue, placed in a sturdy box, and enclosed in a zip lock bag to the Lighthouse Point Library, 2200 NE 38 Street, during the week of September 16-22, 2001. Supplies are limited and only one mercury-free thermometer will be given per household. However, there are no limits on the number of mercury thermometers that can be turned in for proper disposal. ■



PARKS AND RECREATION



THANK YOU FOR THE NEW SAIL BOATS

A big thank you to the City of Lighthouse Point Waterway Committee for their donation of \$10,000 for the purchase of badly needed new sail boats for the city youth sailing fleet. This summer's sailing program was full with 50 boys and girls participating in our learn to sail program. Look for a winter session to come during winter break from school. 🚩

TENNIS EVERYONE!!

Summer has arrived and we have improvements happening at the tennis center. The outside of the pavilion has been painted, summer plants have been added, and the court sprinkler system is being updated. Please stop by to see the facility and play some tennis.



Best of luck to Assistant Pro Chris Harker on his new position as Director of Tennis at Silver Thatch in Pompano Beach. Thank you to Bob Aker for his hard work and dedication to the tennis center. Bob retired his position in June.

Summer Tennis Camp runs Monday-Thursday 1-4 pm.
Mixed Doubles Round Robins every Thursday night 6:00 pm.
Labor Day Hawaiian Luau Mixer Saturday, September 1st, 9:00 am. 🚩

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIGHTHOUSE POINT?

Take a glance at the new bulletin board on the wall adjacent to the City Hall entrance. We post City-sponsored meetings, activities and programs. 🚩

MODIFIED PHASE II WATER RESTRICTIONS

The South Florida Water Management District imposed a modified Phase II water restriction on March 27, 2001.

For more details, or for a copy of the Water Shortage Rule, contact the South Florida Water Management District at 1-800-662-8876 or visit their website www.sfwmd.gov. 🚩



FALL YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

Youth Flag Football
Registration: Wednesday, August 29th
7:00 pm at Dan Witt Park
Ages 10-13

Cheerleading
Registration: Wednesday, August 29th
7:00 pm at Dan Witt Park
Girls Ages 7-12

Pee Wee Soccer
Registration: Saturday, August 25th
9:00 am at Frank McDonough Park
Ages 7-9 (Must be 7 before 10/1/01)

Instructional Junior Soccer
Registration: Saturday, September 8th
11:00 am at Frank McDonough Park
Ages 5-6

REGISTRATION FEES
\$25 for Lighthouse Point Residents
\$50 for Non-Residents, if space is available

RESIDENTS OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT

If you would like to volunteer to serve on a City Board (appointed by the City Commission) or advisory committee (appointed annually by the Mayor) we invite you to call 943-6500 or fill out the application form available at City Hall, and either mail it or drop it off to the City Clerk's Office. There are many ways you can contribute your time and talents to your City. We would love to have you join us.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel welcome to e-mail us at any time admin@lighthousepoint.com. 🚩