

CITY OF GULFPORT



FISCAL YEAR
1995
REPORT

AND

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1996
GOALS

Fiscal Year 1995 Financial Overview

Revenues

New revenues to fund stormwater capital improvements and a curbside recycling program were initiated this year. Most other city revenues remained relatively stable in the City's \$12.2 million budget.

Intergovernmental revenue, which is unstable, continued to boost the City's revenue position. This lift is largely due to successes in acquiring state and federal grants. These grants enabled the City to fund numerous capital projects without using property tax revenues; thus enabling the City to maintain a stable millage rate on real property.

Expenditures

Public Safety (i.e., Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services) was the largest budgeted expenditure in the City, followed by costs associated with water and sewer treatment and maintenance of the City's infrastructure. The City of Gulfport did receive a significant increase in wholesale water costs from the City of St. Petersburg; however, elected not to pass on any of this increase to Gulfport customers until an appropriate rate study is conducted in 1996.

The City Council maintained a "pay as you go" policy requiring funds to be available before undertaking a project. This fiscal prudence has enabled the City to remain debt free, while maintaining appropriate fund reserves.

Financial Award

During this reporting year, the City of Gulfport received the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" from the Government Finance Officers' Association. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting.

Fiscal and Fiscal

1995 Results

- Awarded a federal grant to hire another police officer and significantly increased fire protection services by hiring a full-time Fire Chief and creating six full-time firefighter/paramedic positions.
- Completed the citywide street lighting improvement program and quadrupled the lighting at the 49th Street corridor.
- Repaired 32 waterline leaks throughout the City, repaired storm drains at 14 locations, installed 27 new fire hydrants, and upgraded another 36 fire hydrants throughout the City.
- Approved a new 800 MHZ radio system for the new police facility.

1996 Goals

- Acquire new computer system for police operations to include software and replacement laptops for police vehicles.
- Design traffic and stormwater improvements on 58th Street between 7th Avenue South and 11th Avenue South, and complete construction of intersection and roadway improvements on 49th Street between 7th Avenue South and Gulfport Boulevard.
- Implement the fourth year of the ten year fire protection upgrading program by replacing waterlines and adding new fire hydrants.
- Increase the number of sworn police officers and enhance code enforcement efforts by providing more weekend and evening coverage.

Year 1995 R al Year 1996

ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE

1995 Results

- Implemented a citywide curbside recycling program and purchased a new recycling truck for the collection of clear glass, newspaper, aluminum, and plastic.
- Completed the Clam Bayou park project, constructed a batting cage for the Gulfport Little League in the Tomlinson Lake park area, and installed a new outdoor deck at the Multipurpose Senior Center.
- Completed Phase I construction on the marina improvement plan with new boat slips, electricity and water service, and sewage disposal.
- Distributed 6,300 water retrofit kits citywide and developed a stormwater utility program.

1996 Goals

- Complete beachfront improvements to include a new parking lot, a beach renourishment program, and construction of handicap accessible bathroom facilities.
- Improve city stormwater runoff conditions in the southwest quadrant of the City by building a water retention area in Wood Ibis Park.
- Implement the second phase of construction on the Municipal Marina project to include new slips and utilities for slip renters.
- Continue providing comprehensive community services to residents with summer jobs for teens, afterschool and tot-time programs, and senior citizen activities.

Report 6 Goals

IMPROVE CITY AESTHETICS

1995 Results

- Resurfaced 15 city streets and installed 2,463 linear feet of sidewalks and handicap ramps as part of the City's ongoing street and sidewalk improvement program.
- Implemented commercial and residential rehabilitation projects throughout the Waterfront Redevelopment District.
- Planted new trees at Hoyt Field and increased plantings at the Municipal Complex, library, and the 28th Avenue South and Beach Boulevard intersection.
- Completed the new Municipal complex project with a new Police station/city hall, parks and utility building.

1996 Goals

- Implement federally funded streetscape improvements in the Waterfront Redevelopment District by adding decorative crosswalks, landscaping, and other public amenities.
- Plant trees along the Tangerine Greenway and Tonkin Park and add a play area and pavilion at the 64th Street/Gulfport Boulevard Park.
- Continue the annual street resurfacing, brick street repair, and sidewalk replacement program.
- Acquire waterfront property with state funds for the purpose of developing a new city park along the Gulfport waterfront.

City of Gulfport Mission Statement

The City of Gulfport shall provide for the health, welfare and safety of its citizenry. Special attention shall be devoted to improving the City's appearance, maintaining public facilities and infrastructure, and ensuring citizen safety and quality of life via a fair and equitable system of citizen involvement and input.

Elected/ Appointed Officials

Michael J. Yakes, Mayor
Jack B. Olsen, Vice Mayor
John R. Ball, Council Member
Colleen W. Camp, Council Member
John E. Phillips, Council Member

Robert E. Lee, City Manager
Lesley M. DeMuth, City Clerk
Timothy P. Driscoll, City Attorney

Department Directors

Michael Bonfield, Community Services
Sandra Jones, Administrative Services
Paul Williams, Public Services
G. Curt Willocks, Public Safety

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Boards

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David Kent, Richard Pashkow

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Edwin Swensson, Lawrence Tosi

Committees

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Lynn Brown — Chairperson
Helen Adornato, Mary Atkinson
James Dance, Elizabeth Neily,
Kenneth Stanton, Emmett Walsh

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Elsie Crimaldi, Stella Mansfield

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Helen Adornato, Harriet Cale,
Sister Beatrice Chabie, Gordon Gibson,
Maxyne Kortemeyer, Dusty Netterstrom,
Frances Purdy, Virginia Shuman

WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Eileen Benedicto — Chairperson
Donald Bohensky, Pamela Dean Clark, David Kent,
Boyd Lisewych, Joyce McMahon, Stella Mansfield
Sue Tallmadge, Anatoly Vikrov, Emmett Walsh

THE CITY OF GULFPORT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



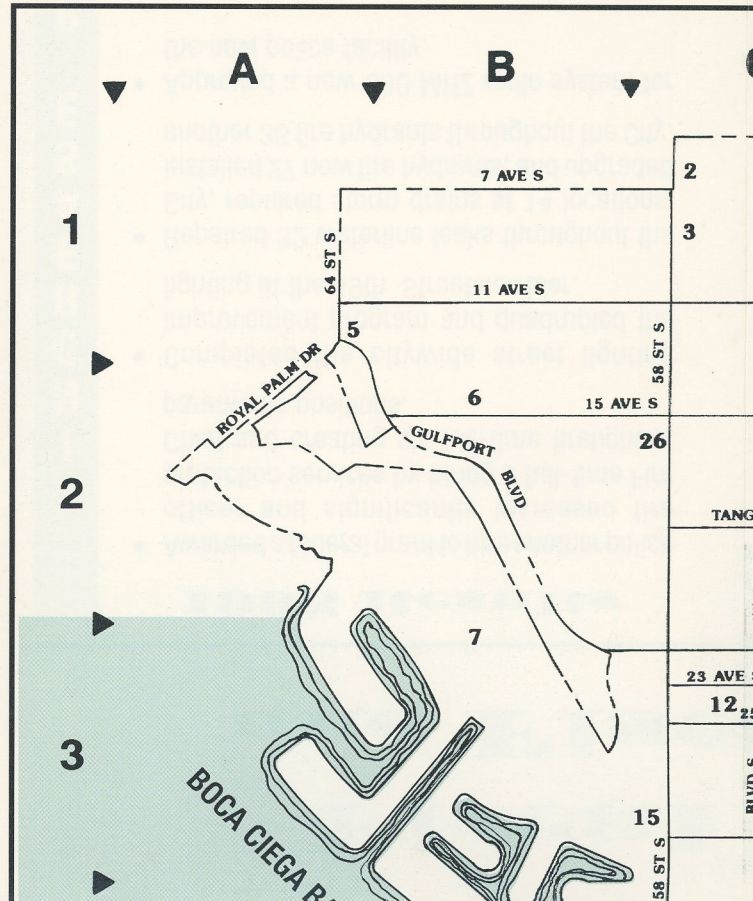
In 1995, the City opened "Clam Bayou Nature Park" complete with walking trails, boardwalks, and beautiful waterfront scenery.



Phase I the City's Municipal Marina with the installation of new docks

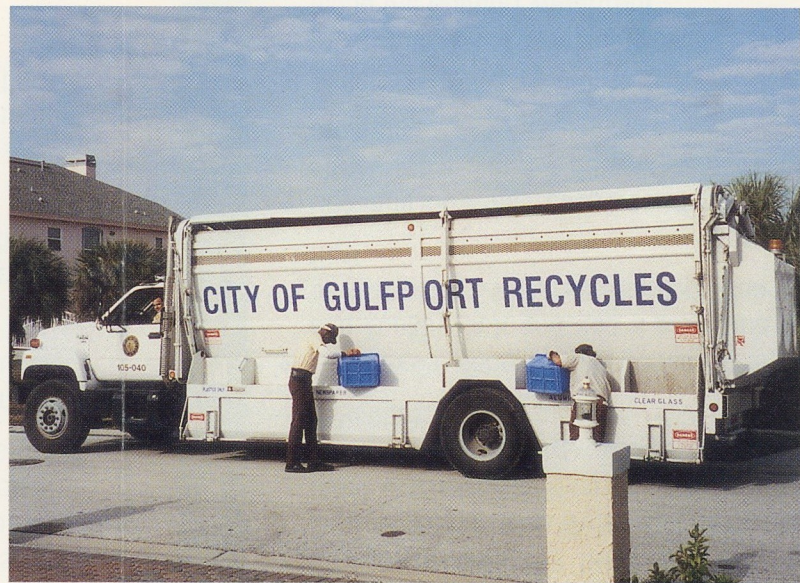


Increases in the number of police officers has enabled the City to retain bicycle officers for problem specific patrols.

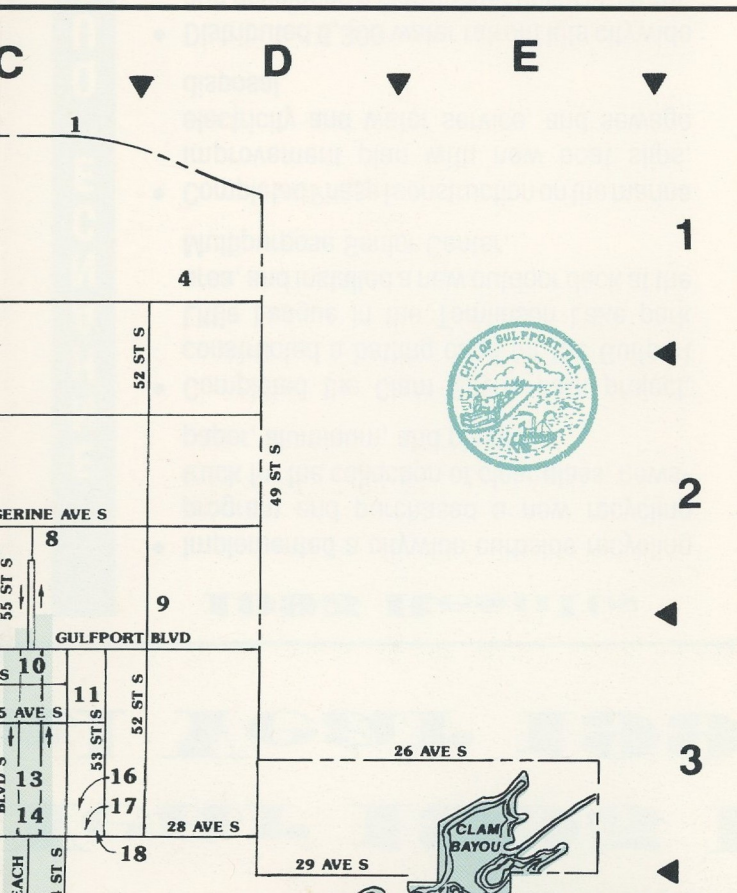




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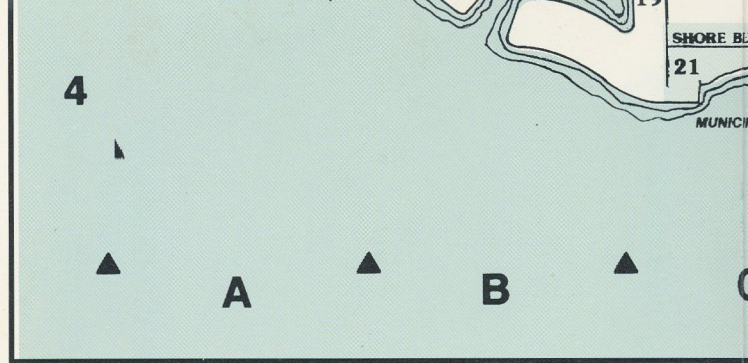
A comprehensive curbside recycling program was implemented this year to recycle paper, clear glass, plastic, aluminum cans, and newspaper.



Fire services increased with the reclassification of six paramedics to full-time firefighters/paramedics.



A new Library Administrator inspects a computer program in the City's newly renovated/expanded library.



MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

11	Municipal Complex	C-3
13	Multipurpose Center	C-3
14	Library	C-3
20	Community Services Office	C-4
21	Community Center	C-4
22	Casino	C-4
23	Pier	C-4
24	Municipal Marina	D-4

SCHOOLS

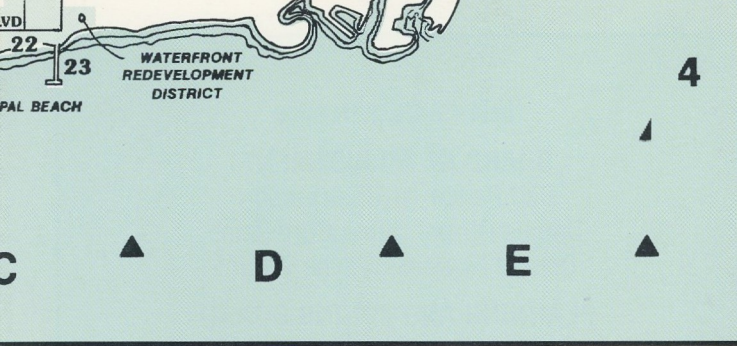
3	Boca Ciega High School	C-1
4	Hamilton-Disston School	D-1
6	Stetson University Law School	B-2
9	Gulfport Elementary School	D-2
26	Holy Name School	C-2



Nearly \$1 million dollars in grants have been allotted for improvements in the City's Waterfront Redevelopment District.

FREQUENTLY TELEPHONE

City Hall/General Information	
EMERGENCY	
Fire/Police/EMS.....	
FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY	
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY	
Building Permits	
Casino	
Code Enforcement.....	
Community Center.....	
G.E.M.S.	
Library.....	
Marina	
Sanitation/Recycling	
Senior Center	
Utilities.....	



PARK/RECREATION FACILITIES

5	64th Street Park	A-1
8	Tomlinson Park	C-2
10	Clymer Park	C-3
12	Hoyt Field	C-3
15	Wood Ibis Park	C-3
16	Chase Park	C-3
25	Clam Bayou Nature Park	E-4

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

	Waterfront Redevelopment District	C-3, C-4
1	Pinellas Trail	C-1
2	Southern Regional Little League	C-1
7	Pasadena Yacht & Country Club	A-2, A-3, B-2, B-4
17	Scout Hall	C-3
18	Historical Museum	C-3
19	Town Shores	B-4, C-4



Professional code enforcement efforts have enabled property owners to voluntarily comply with code violations.

DIALED CITY NUMBERS

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New playground equipment was installed at Tonkin Park using recycled tires as a cushioned ground base.

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