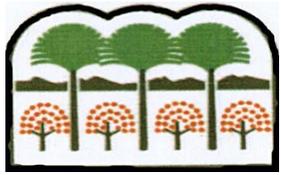


*City of Litchfield Park
Town Hall Meeting*

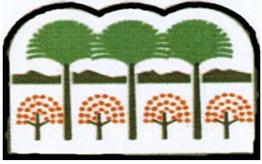
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Town Hall Schedule

January 24, 2009

- **9:00** **Welcome & Introductions**
- **9:15** **State of the City–Mayor Schoaf**
- **9:30** **Introductions & Staff Reports**
- **10:00** **Citizen Input**
- **10:30** **Adjournment of Business Meeting**
- **10:30** **“Break-Out” Sessions**
- **11:00** **Completion of Town Hall Meeting**



City of Litchfield Park

Welcome

Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf

~City Mission Statement~

Together, through responsible government and citizen involvement, we will enhance the City of Litchfield Park while preserving the City's unique beauty, heritage and community values fostered by our founder, Paul Litchfield.



City Council Members

- * *Tim Blake*
- * *Marcie Ellis*
- * *Paul Faith* (*Vice Mayor*)
- * *Peter Mahoney*
- * *John Romack*
- * *Tom Schoaf* (*Mayor*)
- * *Paul Stucky*

Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Library and begin at 7:00 p.m.



City of Litchfield Park

***Citizen
Commissions &
Boards***

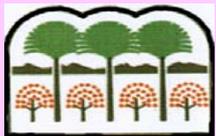
Planning and Zoning Commission

- Richard Vasiloff (Chair)
- David Ellis (Vice Chair)
- Diane Fox
- Michael Kearns
- Nathan “Bud” Schneider
- J. Woodfin “Woody” Thomas
- Susan Van Duyn



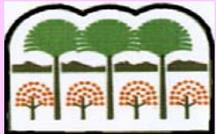
Recreation, Arts and Parks Commission

- Rocky Cocchiola (Chair)
- Andrea Phillips (Vice Chair)
- Kyle Addington
- James Handley, Jr.
- John Mullen
- David Schwake
- Lisa Wolfe



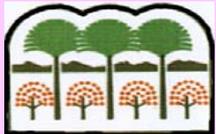
Cityscape Commission

- JoAnn Dun (Chair)
- Robin Inskeep (Vice Chair)
- Mary Dickson
- Kay Kelly
- Art Wescott



Beautification Committee

- Robin Inskeep (Chair)
- Jeff Raible (Vice Chair)
- Kyle Addington
- Mary Dickson



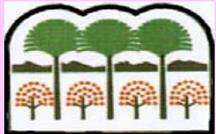
Design Review Board (DRB) / Board of Adjustment (BA)

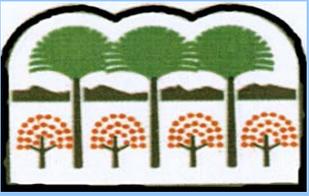
- Susan Charnetsky (DRB Chair & BA Vice Chair)
- David Ledyard (DRB Vice Chair & BA Chair)
- John Romack (City Council Rep)
- J. Woodfin “Woody” Thomas (P&Z Commission Rep)
- Donn Wooldridge



Industrial Development Authority Board

- Leo Brennan, President
- Robert Slagle, Vice President
- John Manobianco, Secretary
- John Wenzlau, Treasurer
- Matthew Schoaf





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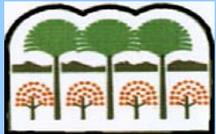
State of the City

presented by

Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf

City Budget and Our Economy

- Warren Buffet recently remarked that we are experiencing the equivalent of a financial Pearl Harbor.
- For most of us - nothing in our lifetimes compares to the problems facing our economy today.
- Every decision must be based on the economy and where it may go tomorrow.



City Budget and Our Economy (*con't*)

- Arizona and its Cities face a particularly difficult situation because a high percentage of our tax revenue is derived from the sale of homes and cars – both are at very depressed levels.
- The State is forecasting revenues to be depressed for several years with 2012 finally recovering to 2008 levels.
- State shared revenue lags by 2 years so 2014.
- Cannot assume that relief will come soon.



City Budget and Our Economy (*con't*)

- Litchfield is conservative in building its budget.
- Our revenues have fallen about 6% below original projections.
- City Staff has monitored our revenues and taken steps to lower our operating expenditures by about 4% over an already reduced spending plan.



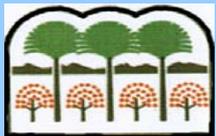
City Budget and Our Economy (*con't*)

- Many of the initiatives started by your Council over the past several years are being delayed to protect our City's financial position.
- We are working to insure that we meet our core mission to provide a safe and secure living environment.
- Non Essential items are being trimmed or postponed.



City Topics

- Perimeter Wall
- Road Program
- La Loma Homestead
- Recreation Center/YMCA Study
- Recreation Programs
- Special Events
- Recreation Center Pool
- City Line
- City Website
- Channel 11
- E-Community Alerts
- Refuse/Recycling
- Crane Plume
- Neighborhood Block Watch
- MCSO Service



Perimeter Wall

- The next scheduled perimeter wall project will be the Indian School Road wall.
- This wall will be replaced in cooperation with Maricopa County Department of Transportation.
- Anticipate construction in summer 2009.
- To eliminate some confusion – City limits end at the wall along Indian School – the road is currently Maricopa County and will eventually be Avondale.



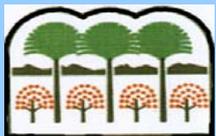
Road Program

- Reduced program due to decreased revenue.
- Priorities include: Litchfield Road (north of Camelback) and Wigwam Boulevard (east of Neolin).
- Will use more slurry seals to preserve the roads for the future when our budget improves.



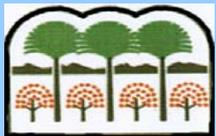
La Loma Homestead

- Gift offered to the City by the Denny family.
- Currently exploring partnerships for maintenance and operation expenses.
- Council is dedicated to finding a way to turn the homestead into a resource for our residents and the Westside.



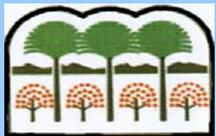
Recreation Center/YMCA Study

- Study nearly complete which evaluates potential uses, programs and partnerships for the Recreation Center.
- Costs associated with a new facility are also being evaluated.



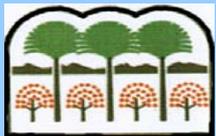
Some Examples of Recreation Programs

- Tennis lessons
- Youth mini-camps
- Youth basketball
- Youth flag football
- Youth tee ball
- Youth soccer
- Adult co-ed soccer
- Yoga
- Youth camps
- Senior citizen social programs
- Ladies Boot Camp
- Lacrosse clinics
- Ice skating lessons
- Theater workshops



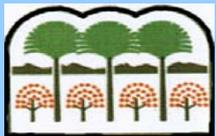
Special Events

- Kiwanis / Litchfield Park Winter Trout Fishing Derby
- Arts in the Park Live (front lawn of The Wigwam Resort)
- Kiwanis / Friends of the Rec 10K, 5K and 1 Mile Run
- Spring Fine Art and Culinary Festival
- Native American Art Festival
- Friends of the Rec Golf Tournament
- 4th of July Celebration
- Oktoberfest
- G.A.I.N. Public Safety Night
- Christmas in the Park



Recreation Center Pool

- Our pool offers a variety of water activities, including: open swim, swim lessons, summer swim team, water polo, youth triathlon, lifeguard training, water walking/running, and water exercise.
- The pool was closed during the months of November, December, January, and February.
- Four month closing occurred following a review of attendance, the associated operating costs, and past revenues during the winter months.



City Line

- Quarterly City newsletter.
- Named best newsletter in 2007 by the Arizona Division of International Festival of Events.
- Mailed to every resident in the City.
- Reduced to 4 issues from 5 because of budget.



City Website

www.litchfield-park.org

- Communication asset which focuses on providing useful information to residents and visitors.
- Website was redesigned in 2008 which provides numerous opportunities for interaction tools and forms.
- Operated by our Community and Recreation Services Department.



Channel 11

- Launched in 2006, Channel 11 provides 24/7 City information to Cox Cable subscribers.
- Operated by our Community and Recreation Services Department.



E-Community Alerts

- Electronically notifies subscribers of weekly police activity, road closures, power outages and any issue regarding the health, safety and welfare of Litchfield Park residents.
- Subscribe on the Litchfield Park website-
www.litchfield-park.org.



State of Our City

- Much more difficult for your Council and Staff in the current budget situation.
- We are in good condition but we are constrained in what we can do and accomplish.
- We intend to maintain our focus on protecting our small town community – enhancing our core values.
- We will pull together and Litchfield Park will come out of this economic crisis as a stronger and more cohesive community.





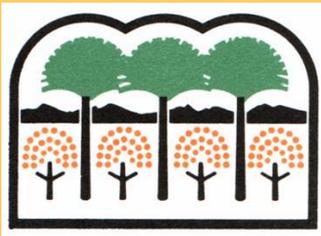
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Opening Remarks

presented by

Darryl H. Crossman

City Manager



STAFF

Sonny Culbreth, Assistant City Manager

Community and Recreation Services

- Sonny Culbreth, Director
- Mary Liotta, Aquatics Manager
- Chris Weaver, Office Manager / Channel 11 Coordinator
- Franz Fuhrmann, Youth Sports Coordinator
- Karyn Horst, Special Events Coordinator

Field Operations (Building Safety and Public Works)

- Chuck Ransom, Director
- Terri Roth, Executive Assistant
- John Rae, Building Inspector
- Lynn Webb, Code Enforcement Officer

STAFF

City Clerk's Office

- Mary Rose Evans, City Clerk
- Jennifer Peña, Deputy City Clerk/Intergovernmental Relations
- Nancy Haupt, Administrative Assistant
- Sandra Klingensmith, Administrative Assistant
- Carolyn Schenk, Administrative Assistant

Planning

- Mike Cartsonis, City Planner
- Pam Maslowski, Planning Services Coordinator



STAFF

Legal Services

- Susan Goodwin, City Attorney
- David Ledyard, City Prosecutor

Finance

- Ben Ronquillo, Finance Director
- Rosa Juarez, Accounting Clerk
- Kjersten Jimison, Administrative Assistant

Human Resources

- Carolyn Sellmeyer, Human Resources Administrator



STAFF

Magistrate Court

- Hon. Craig Ring, Presiding Judge
- Sherry Schantz, Court Clerk
- Lisa Wiggins, Assistant Court Clerk

Public Safety Services

- Captain William Hindman, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
- Chief Bob Bombiadi, Rural/Metro

Engineering

- Woody Scoutten, City Engineer
- Paul Gilmore, Project Engineer
- Larry Harmer, Planner





City of Litchfield Park

Staff Reports

- Fire and Emergency Service Update
- City Hall Development
- General Plan
- City Budget

Fire & Emergency Services Partnership



Town Hall Meeting
January 24, 2009
Darryl H. Crossman, City Manager

BACKGROUND

- Currently, and since 1960, fire and emergency services to Litchfield Park properties are provided by Rural/Metro, a private for-profit corporation service provider.
- City of Litchfield Park had been exploring fire/emergency services alternatives for many years to bring certainty and stability.
- On December 19, 2007, following nearly 1½ years of discussions and negotiations, Litchfield Park City Council approved:
 1. An Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Avondale for the provision of fire/emergency services to Litchfield Park; and
 2. A Land Lease Agreement with Maricopa County Community College for land to construct a public safety facility.



PARTNERSHIP

- Partnerships:
 1. Fifty year land lease agreement with MCCCD to build a new public safety facility with two classrooms on approximately 3.5 acres at the northwest corner of Dysart Road and Sage Lane - Lease rate of \$10 per year.
 2. Fifty year fire and emergency service agreement between the Cities of Litchfield Park and Avondale, with automatic 10 year renewal unless terminated by either party.
- Litchfield Park shall become a member of the Regional Automatic Aid Consortium.



PLANNED FIRE STATION

- Approximately 3.5 acres at the northwest corner of Dysart Road and Sage Lane



FIRE SERVICE STATUS

- Opening of the Avondale/Litchfield Park Fire Station has been postponed due to current budget restraints in both cities.
- Rural/Metro will continue to provide service to Litchfield Park from its current location until the new Avondale/Litchfield Park Fire Station opens; which is expected to be in 2011.
- Residents should maintain their Rural/Metro service contracts until the Avondale/Litchfield Park station is operational.
- Litchfield Park officials and Rural/Metro representatives are working together to provide a smooth transition of fire and emergency services to the City of Litchfield Park.





City of Litchfield Park

***CITY HALL
DEVELOPMENT***

City Hall Property Development

GPLET

(Government Property Lease Excise Tax, which is an excise tax based on square footage of an improvement, rather than a tax based on value.)

Municipal Offices and Commercial Use Buildings

Approximately 4 acres



CITY HALL DEVELOPMENT



Site Plan





PUBLIC PLAZA & ENTRY COURTYARD



SITE OVERVIEW



WESTERN APPROACH



PUBLIC PLAZA

VIEWS OF
LITCHFIELD PARK
CITY HALL CAMPUS



NORTH EMPLOYEE ENTRY



View
from
Wigwam
Blvd.



CITY HALL DEVELOPMENT STATUS

- Design and plan review phase is nearly complete.
- Construction bids are currently being sought to determine building costs.
- Construction was originally planned to commence in the first quarter of 2009.
- The City Hall Development project groundbreaking is being postponed at this time until the economy will support such a venture.





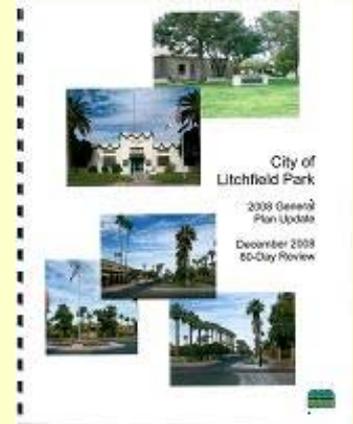
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GENERAL PLAN

UPDATE

presented by

Larry Harmer
Planning Consultant
W.C. Scoutten



General Plan Update

The current General Plan was adopted in 2001.

Since then:

- Neighboring Communities have rapidly expanded and are directly impacting Litchfield Park.
- The City of Litchfield Park is maturing and approaching build-out.
- Street systems in and around the City are carrying more traffic and are being improved.
- The City has identified the need to protect its unique identity.
- The City has identified the need to examine its own sustainability.



General Plan Update

What's Happened:

- The General Plan Update Process began early in 2008.
 - The Planning and Zoning Advisory Commission is responsible for the Update
 - Public Open Houses and an on-line citizen's survey were used to solicit comments and input from residents.
 - The Commission met regularly in public/advertised meetings throughout 2008 to draft the Update language.
 - The Commission released a completed draft for a mandated 60-day public comment review. The 60-day Review period ends January 29, 2009
 - The draft document was forwarded to numerous public agencies and is available on the City's website for review.



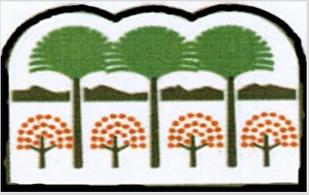
General Plan Update



What's Next:

- The Planning and Zoning Advisory Commission will:
 - Meet to consider the comments received from the public and public agencies and amend the draft text as appropriate.
 - Conduct at least one Public Hearing to hear any additional comments and to amend the draft text as appropriate.
 - The Commission may then recommend adoption of the General Plan Update to the City Council.
- The City Council will:
 - Conduct at least one Public Hearing to hear any additional comments.
 - Hold any additional discussion as they see fit.
 - Adopt the 2009 General Plan Update by Resolution.





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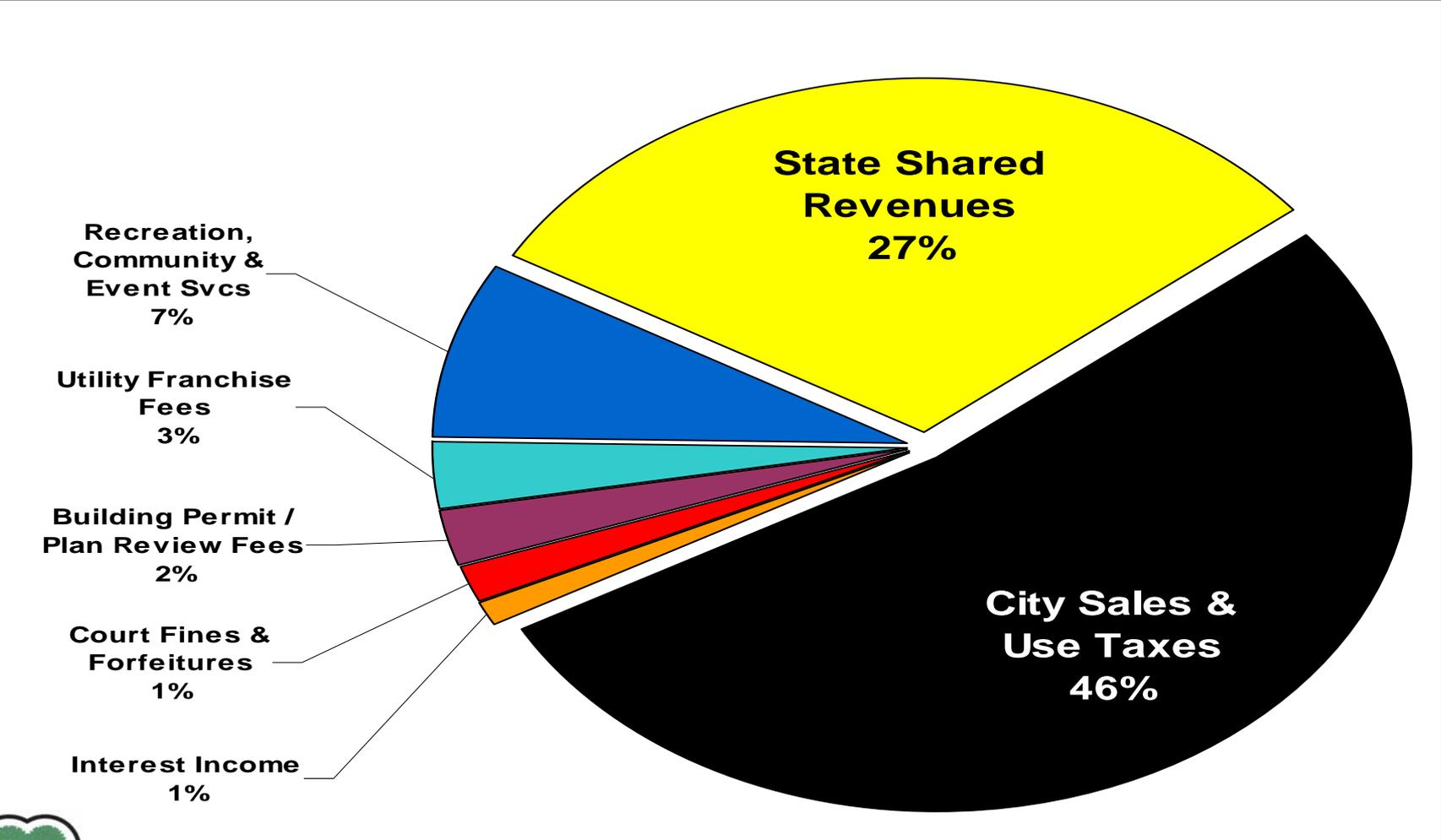
Fiscal Update

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Benjamin Ronquillo

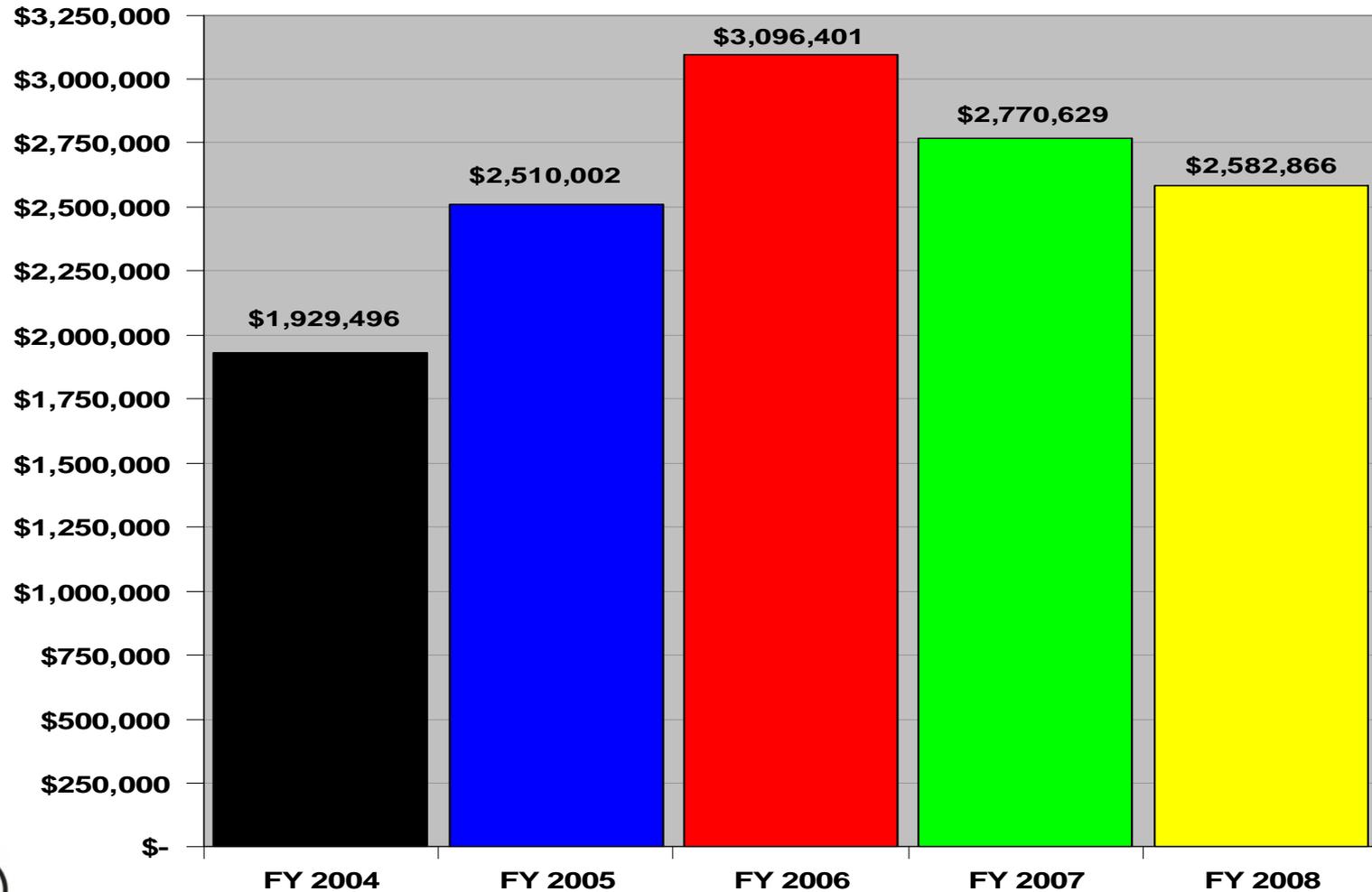
Finance Director

Primary Revenues – Year-to-Date by Source (%) July-December 2008

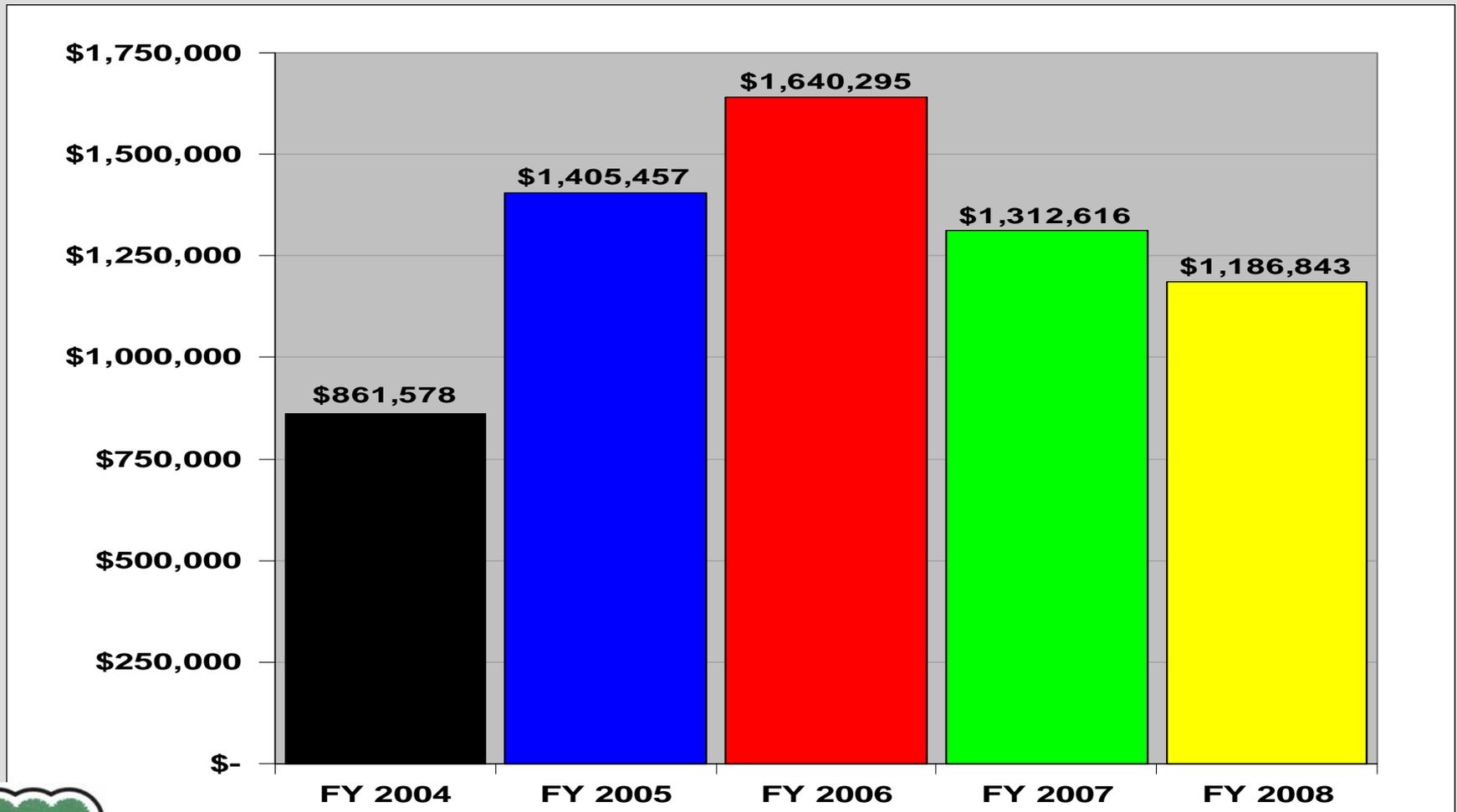


Total Revenues – All Funds

July-December Totals – Last 5 Years

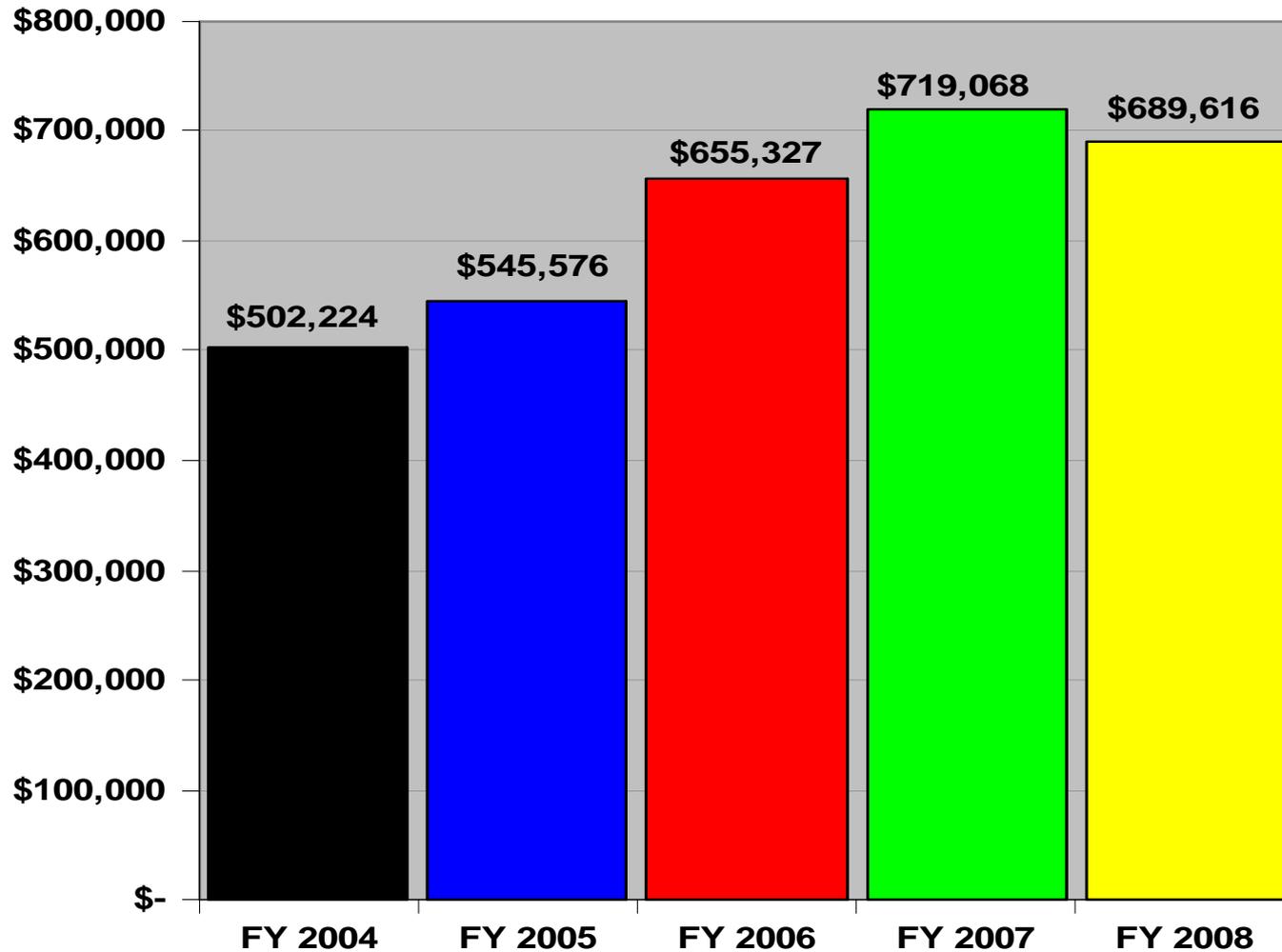


City Sales & Use Taxes July-December Totals – Last 5 Years

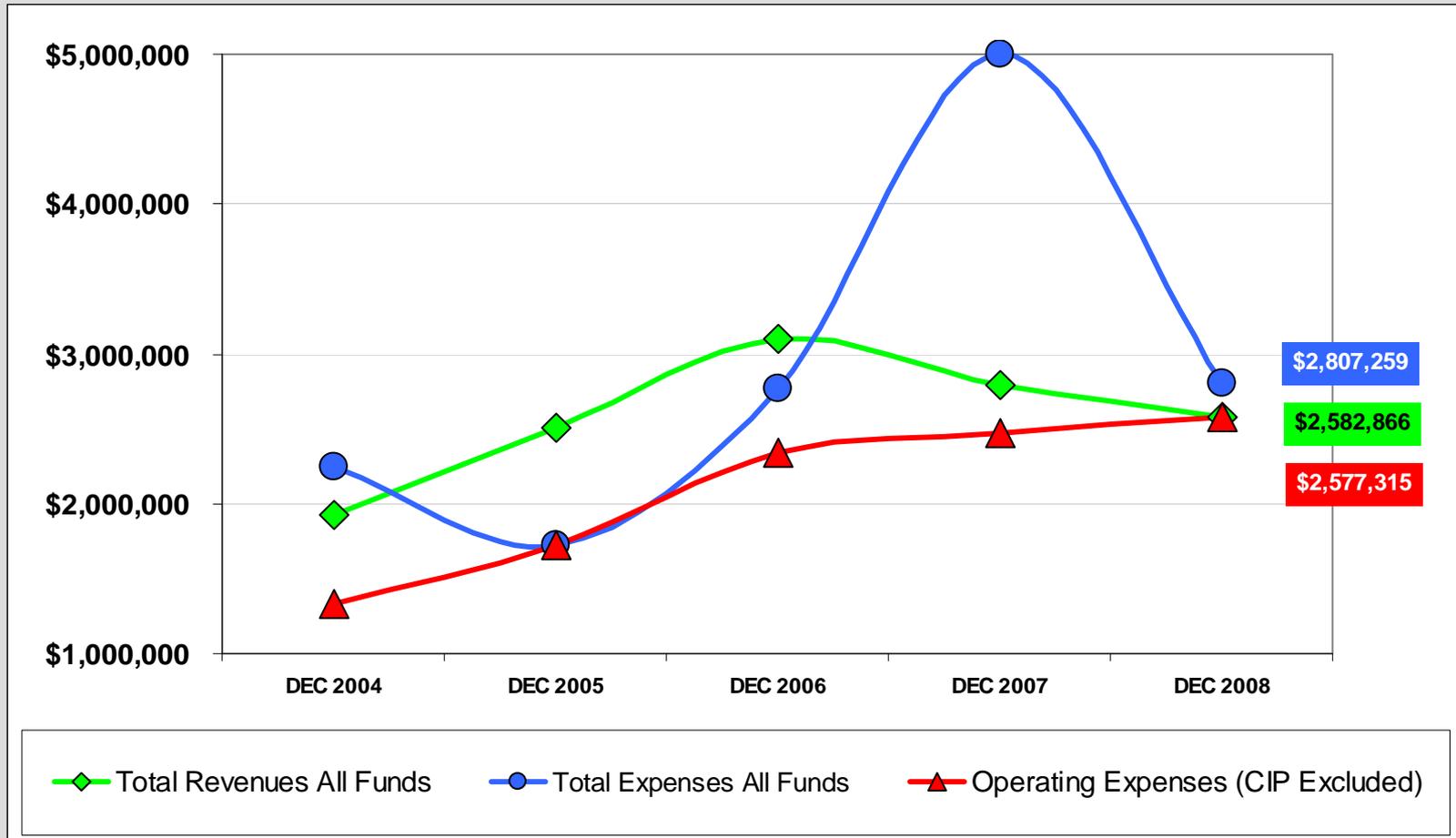


State Shared Revenues

July-December Totals – Last 5 Years



Total Revenue vs. Total Expense July-December – Last 5 Years



FY 2009 Budget Reduction

- \$345K reduction in revenues
- \$349K reduction in expenses

- Reductions proposed in Operating, CIP and Special Project budgets

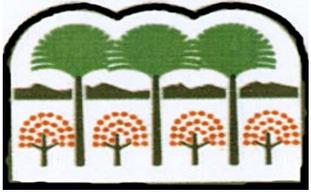


Summary of FY 2009 Budget Reductions

General “Across the Board” Reductions impacting all departmental budgets including:

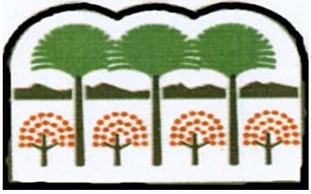
- Overtime
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- Professional Training
- Travel & Lodging
- Mileage Reimbursements
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- Dues
- Printing
- Advertising
- Radios / Cell Phones
- Cleaning Services & Supplies
- Office Supplies
- Office Equipment Maintenance & Replacements





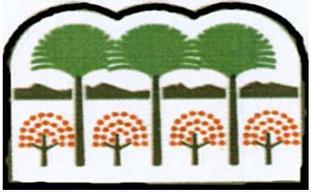
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Citizen Input



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**Thank You for Your
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And
Participation**



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