



**CITY OF PUNTA GORDA  
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

To: City Council Members  
From: Howard Kunik, City Manager  
Date: October 5, 2016  
Subject: FY 2017 Adopted Budget

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Members of City Council,

The final adopted budget (approved September 21, 2016) is \$93,661,153, which is the same as the proposed budget. The adopted millage rate is 3.1969 mills, which is also the same as the proposed budget and the same as the previous three fiscal years.

On September 21, 2016, City Council approved the FY 2017 Strategic Plan action items to be undertaken in conjunction with budget priorities. The action items address the following five strategic priorities and goals:

- ✓ Financial/Economic Sustainability
- ✓ Infrastructure Sustainability
- ✓ Partnerships, Communication and Collaboration
- ✓ Strategic Communications Positioning
- ✓ Quality of Life

Progress has been made in four of the unresolved issues identified in the proposed budget message. Such updates are highlighted below:

- Ponce de Leon Park – City Council approved setting aside one acre of land within the Park for the Peace River Wildlife Center (PRWC). On October 5, 2016, a scope of work was approved with a local engineering firm to undertake redesign services that will coordinate rebuilding of the PRWC with park components.
- Fishermen’s Village Land Sale – The intent to vacate a portion of Maude Street within the Village land area was approved by City Council on September 21, 2016. The public hearing process and closing of the land sale are projected for the October/November timeframe, after which the City will receive \$3,510,000 in purchase proceeds.



- Police Union Contract Negotiations – Police bargaining unit requested that the current contract be extended for an additional two years to September 30, 2018, with minor amendments. City Council approved the contract extension on October 5, 2016.
- Bicycle Capital Improvements – A revised capital improvements plan was presented to City Council on October 5, 2016 and approved to move forward during the fiscal year. The Plan represents a more conservative approach toward enhancing bicycle accessibility through four potential pilot projects: Nesbit Street (Virginia to Laishley Park), Elizabeth Street (US 41 to Virginia), Berry Street (Shreve to Retta), and West Olympia (Berry to US 41). Staff will hold community conversations with stakeholders in each affected area prior to presenting a recommended approach to City Council.

One of the two new positions authorized in the budget, Assistant Buyer in the Procurement Division, has been retitled Administrative Assistant in order to better reflect position responsibilities and, in addition, result in budget savings in the long term.

