

Bunnell State of the City

April 22, 2024



"In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or step back into safety."

- Abraham Maslow

We appreciate the cooperation, shared resources, skills, knowledge and input we get from other Cities and the County.

These relationships are helping the City accomplish great things.

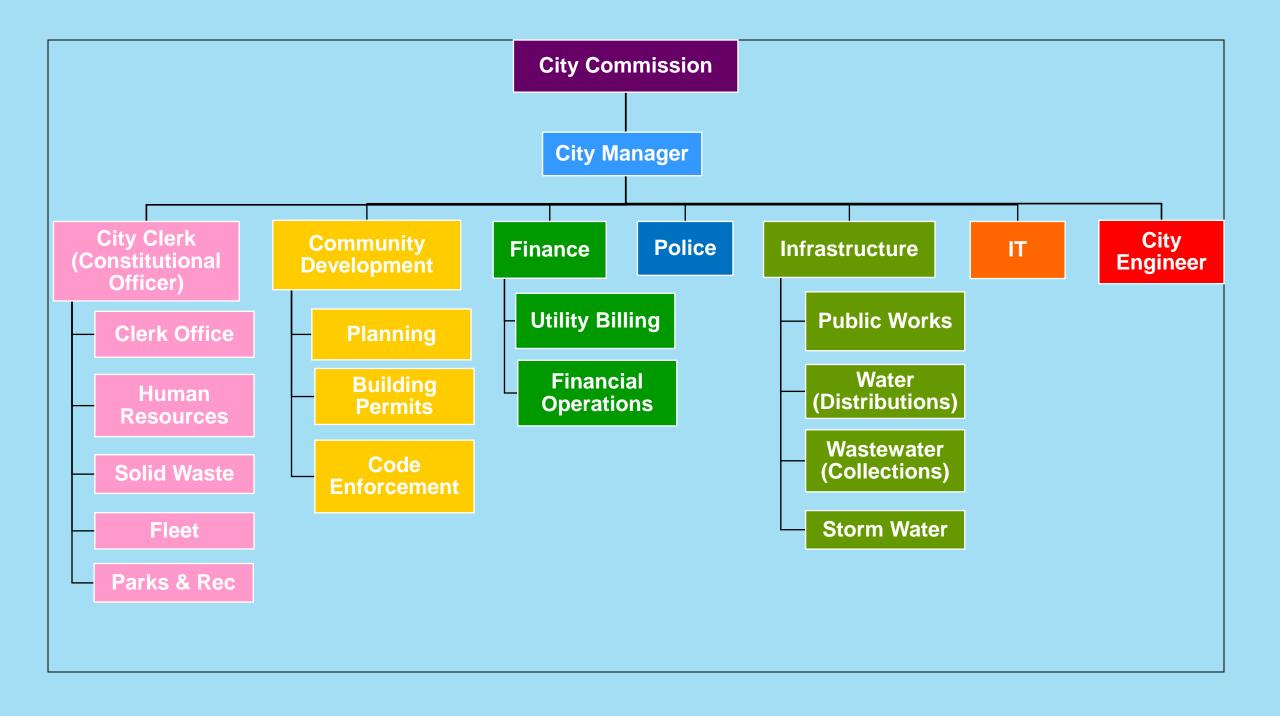












2023

Bunnell: A City Stepping Forward into Growth



Steps with Intention

"Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives – choices, not chance determines your destiny."

- Aristotle

Over the past few years and particularly in 2023, the Commission has had to make decisions and put plans into action to take the steps towards growth logically, systematically and sustainably.

You cannot take step two without step one or take step four without steps one, two and three.



City Financial Funds

as of close of FY2022/2023 (9/30/2023)

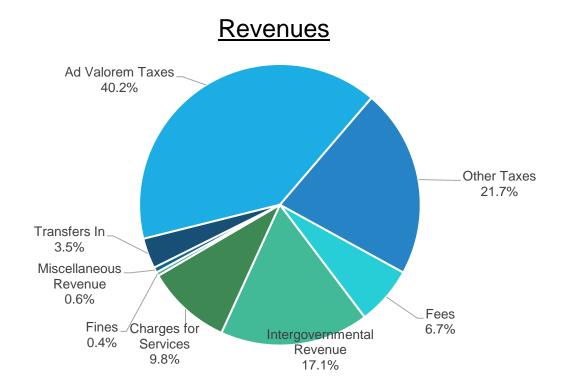
CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency)	Impact Fees	Water	Water Impact Fees	Sewer	Sewer Impact Fees	Solid Waste	Building Dept Fund	General Fund
Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Enterprise Fund	Capital Project Fund	Enterprise Fund	Capital Project Fund	Enterprise Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Primary Operating Fund
Fund Balance: \$3,674	Fund Balance: \$0	Fund Balance: \$3,043,354	Fund Balance: \$1,593,005	Fund Balance: \$2,109,527	Fund Balance: \$2,063,728	Fund Balance: \$350,603	Fund Balance: \$0	Fund Balance: \$1,704,004
FY2023/2024 Budget: \$0	FY2023/ 2024 Budget: \$0	FY2023/ 2024 Budget: \$3,416,456	FY2023/ 2024 Budget: \$1,255,925	FY2023/202 4 Budget: \$19,560,483	FY2023/2024 Budget: \$704,000	FY2023/2024 Budget: \$1,228,225	FY2023/ 2024 Budget: \$365,988	FY2023/2024 Budget: \$7,528,572
Reserves: \$31,250	Reserves: \$153,000	Reserves: \$2,375,376	Reserves: \$373,780	Reserves: \$2,310,292	Reserves: \$1,399,228	Reserves: \$296,895	Reserves: \$21,012	Reserves: \$1,121,761

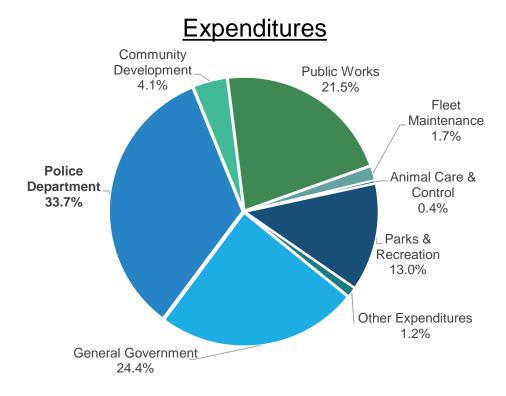
General Fund

- The General Fund is the primary operating account for the City
- Purpose is to account for the City's primary governmental services
 - General Government: Commission, City Manager, Clerk's Office, Finance, Human Resources, Legal, IT, Special Events & City Facilities (9 departments)

Fund Balance (9/30/23): \$1,704,004

FY 2024 Budget: \$8,650,333 (\$7,528,572 + \$1,121,791 in Reserves)





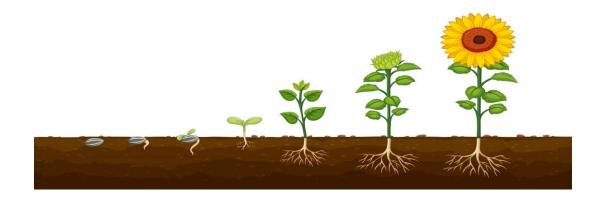




Investing in the City

Project	Year Started	Investment Amount	Starting Property Value	Starting City Taxes Paid
Premier Food Trucks	2020	\$620,000.00	\$60,455.00	\$1,300.00
Vidya Herbs	2023	\$20,005,000.00	\$807,841.00	\$5,194.42
Trilegacy Holding	2022	\$1,615,526.00	\$281,452.00	\$2,091.19
Scott Mulligan	2022	\$543,465.00	\$91,300.00	\$724.01
Project Christmas	2021	\$51,012,500.00	\$49,682.00	\$363.91
Project Sizemore	2022	\$4,400,000.00	\$1,613,994.00	\$11,991.48
Project Romar	2024	\$4,765,000.00	\$228,292.00	\$1,810.36
Project DMT Construction	2023	\$929,000.00	\$85,800.00	\$680.39
Sparks Concrete	2023	\$1,595,300.00	\$347,223.00	\$1,635.53

Project	Project Status	Starting Property Value	Starting City Taxes Paid	Current Property Value	Current City Taxes Paid
Premier Food Trucks	Open	\$60,455.00	\$1,300.00	\$629,136.00	\$4,989.05
Vidya Herbs	Open	\$807,841.00	\$5,194.42	\$1,553,757.00	\$12,321.29
Trilegacy Holding	Open	\$281,452.00	\$2,091.19	\$2,059,426.00	\$16,537.43
Scott Mulligan	In Progress	\$91,300.00	\$724.01	\$91,300.00	\$724.01
Project Christmas	Design	\$49,682.00	\$363.91	\$222,323.00	\$1,763.02
Project Sizemore	In Progress	\$1,613,994.00	\$11,991.48	\$1,689,883.00	\$13,400.77
Project Romar	In Progress	\$228,292.00	\$1,810.36	\$228,292.00	\$1,810.36
Project DMT Construction	Design	\$85,800.00	\$680.39	\$85,800.00	\$680.39
Sparks Concrete	Design	\$347,223.00	\$1,635.53	\$504,348.00	\$3,999.48



Investment (Growth) helps the City



Permits- New Structures

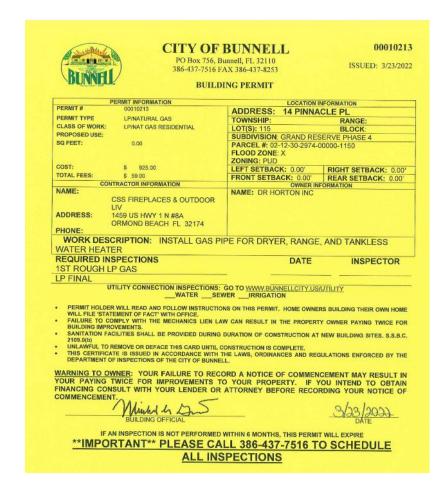
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Residential Permits

81 New Residential Permits for single family and mobile homes issued

78 Certificates of Occupancy Issued

(would include carry over from houses permitted in 2022)



Commercial Permits

3 New Commercial Buildings

5 Certificates of Occupancy Issued

(would include carry over from structures permitted in 2022)

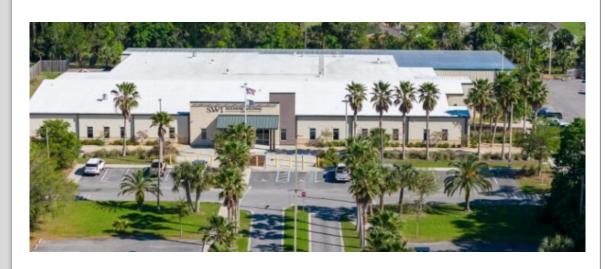
Certificates of Occupancy are new taxable properties being added to the City's Ad Valorem Tax Revenue





Grand Reserve





Sizemore Welding 901 E. Moody Blvd

Trilegacy Group 3389 & 3371 N. State St.





UTILITY ACCOUNTS

As utility accounts increase due to growth, the City's facilities, staffing level and equipment also needs to grow to meet the demand for services by all end users

	Number of Customers (on September 30 th)	Amount Billed (for month of September only)	
September 2018	1,659	\$310,293	
September 2019	1,746	\$332,842	
September 2020	1,886	\$341,485	
September 2021	2,059	\$395,100	
September 2022	2,147	\$415,416	
September 2023	2,194	\$492,687	

UTILITY BILLING

Number of accounts does vary month to month. Depending on location within the City, a customer can have water, sewer and solid waste, water only, sewer only or even solid waste only. This is a snapshot of the average number of accounts for the City fiscal year and the total amount billed by the City.

	Water Accounts (Average)	Sewer Account (Average)	Solid Waste Accounts (Average)	Average Billing Per Month	Amount Billed (Year)
2022	2085	1923	1449	\$440,189.74	\$5,282,276.91
2023	2198	2038	1558	\$493,072.15	\$5,916,865.80



Step 5: City Projects

Improving City Infrastructure and Facilities to expand City Services and Operations



Bunnell Administration & Police Department Complex

- Planned Project Cost: \$10.5 million (including design and construction)
- Spent to date: \$533,795.00
- Percent Complete: 100% design; 0% construction
- Next Milestone: Site clearing and contractor setup/staging
- Target Completion: August 2025







Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehab/Expansion

- Planned Project Cost: \$33,820,022.00
 USACE, SJRWMD Grant, State Grant, SRF Loan
- Spent to date: \$1,158,606.00
- Percent Complete: 5%
- Next Milestone: Construction Contract Agreement
- Target Completion: July 2026

Flagler Central Commerce Parkway

Joint City/County Project

Planned Project Cost: \$12,394,898.00

State, County& City funding. City's source is Impact Fees, not tax dollars

Spent to date: \$245,000.00

Percent Complete: 5%

Next Milestone: Clearing

roadway alignment

Target Completion: July 2025







Brackish Water Reverse Osmosis Project

- Planned Project Cost: \$4,500,000.00
 - Florida Department of Environmental Protection Legislative Grant
- Spent to date: \$0
- Percent Complete: 0%
- Next Milestone: Design-Build Contract Award
- Target Completion: September 2026

Hymon Circle Stormwater Project

- Planned Project Cost: \$700,000.00
 CDBG Small Cities Block Grant Funded
- Spent to date: \$25,250.00
- Percent Complete: 0%
- Next Milestone: State Review of Plans
- Target Completion: December 2024



Designated Historic Structure February 2019

Planned Project Cost: \$500,000.00 Special Category Grant Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources

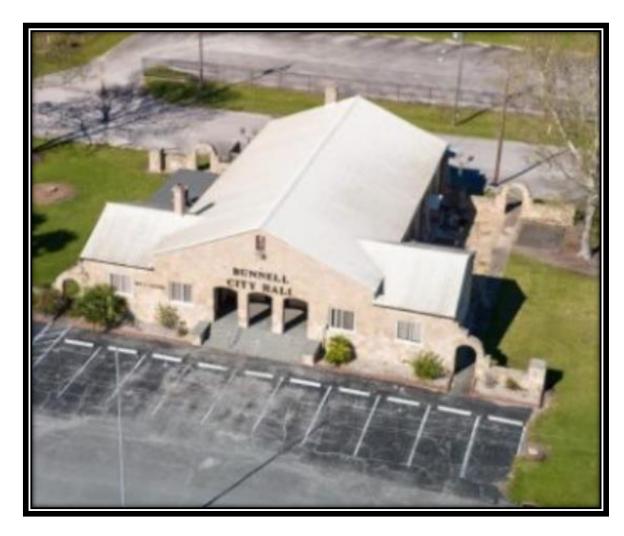
Spent to date: \$0

Percent Complete: Design/Plans 100%; Construction 0%

Next Milestone: Staging started March 25, 2024; arrival of historically accurate windows

Target Completion: July 2024

Phase 1 Coquina Hall Restoration



Army Corps of Engineers
Plain Management
Services

(City-wide Flood Study)

Anticipated Cost: \$200,000.00 Flood Plain Management Services Support; **100%** Federally funded

Percent Complete: 10%

Next Milestone: Existing Conditions stormwater modeling

Target Completion: October

2025





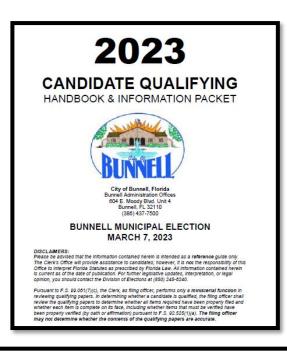
The City is not made of silos. It is made up of dedicated departments and staff working together to make the City of Bunnell the "Best 'Little' City in the Nation"

Often the contributions of all City departments are not seen because there are many Departments and staff who operate "behind the scenes," making sure the City operates in what appears to be a seamless manner to most observers

EXECUTIVE

City Manager, City Clerk
Office and Human
Resources

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CATHERINE D. ROBINSON MAYOR

JOHN ROGERS VICE-MAYOR

DR. ALVIN B. JACKSON, JR. CITY MANAGER



COMMISSIONERS:

TONYA GORDON

TINA-MARIE SCHULTZ

PETE YOUNG

MEDIA RELEASE
To be released immediately

State of the City

Bunnell, FL (March 23, 2023) – On Monday, April 24, 2023, Mayor Catherine D. Robinson will be providing the annual State of the City address. The address is given during the Regular Meeting of the Bunnell City Commission.

The address will discuss progress the City made in 2022 with a quick look at things happening in 2023. Citizens will have the opportunity to gain an understanding of how much the City has experienced, grown and changed and what is planned to improve the everyday lives of those who live in the City of Bunnell.

The Bunnell City Commission meets in the Chambers Meeting Room of the Government Services Building located at 1769 East Moody Blvd, Bunnell, FL 32110. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM; however, light refreshments are being offered before the meeting starts and will be served at 6:15 PM.

The City hopes citizens of Bunnell will attend to hear firsthand about all that has happened, but if they cannot attend, this meeting will also be broadcast on TV channel 492 on Spectrum.

- Planned and Hosted the January 2023 Commission Advance
- 2023 Municipal Elections- Regular Election and a Special Election to fill the vacancy of Commissioner Barnes
- Planned, Prepared and Hosted the State of the City
- 457 Hours spent on requests (those taking over 30 minutes to complete; there were many others taking less than 30 minutes)
- Responded to 137 code enforcement lien and building permits requests for title companies (not included in records requests hours)
- Renewal of 1,399 local business tax receipts; this included review of all existing business data for accuracy, printing notices, stuffing envelops and mailing notices out
- Processed applications for and issued <u>134</u> new local business tax receipts

- Destruction of 37.65 cubic yards of City records in accordance with State guidelines
- Worked with the State of Florida Division of Historical Resources to approve the design for restoring Coquina Hall; publication of two Request for Proposals to locate contractor for the Phase 1 Historic Coquina Hall Restoration
- Planned and Hosted the Annual Ethics and Sunshine Law Training for City officials, Volunteer Board Members and City staff
- Trunk or Treat at Lake Lucille- a co-planned event with the First Baptist Christian School
- Christmas in Bunnell Planning and hosting- changed the venue to JB King Park; secured over \$5,000 in donations to help cover new costs and expand the event; Bunnell elves made over 600 handmade ornaments; Santa handed out 373 ornaments and 465 Snowman Soups were handed out throughout the event



Human Resources continued to make strides into being a more active and full-service department for City employees

- Worked with Department Directors to draft and propose a brand-new Employee Personnel Policy Handbook which clearly stated City policies and removed conflicting policies (adopted 11/27/2023)
- Processed 14 employee separations
- Processed paperwork for and completed onboarding for 23 new hires
- Reimplemented employee Lunch & Learns and Vaccine events; these events help employees learn about healthy lifestyles and can affect the City's medical insurance rates



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You cannot escape the resposibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

FINANCE

Finance, Utility Billing and Front-Line Customer Service



- Participated on variety of Selection
 Committees throughout the year to evaluate bid submittals and aid with recommendations for awarding of City contracts
- Assisted with the Solid Waste rate analysis
- Finalized pay-rate analysis and implemented salary adjustments for Police Department Union Employees
- Negotiated an increase in interest rate for the City interest-bearing accounts to 4%
- Created a new Building Department Fund and analysis of Building and Development related fees
- Completion of the close out of Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and working with auditors to complete the 2022/2023 Audit

INFORMATION TECHNOLGY (IT)

The One-Man Department for all things hardware, data security, technology and more





- Upgrades to Security Cameras used at Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Public Works yard
- Rolled out new security features for all City Office 365 users
- Worked with network security consultant to test City network, security protocols and data security
- Continued network security training and testing for all City staff
- Replaced 7 desktop computers and 10 laptops; completed all swap outs with staff, configuration for each new device and copying over employee files needed
- Installed security cameras at the City offices located at 604 East Moody Boulevard
- Set up 604 East Moody Boulevard Suite 3 for Community Development Department operations





Oversaw the implementation of many technology upgrades and assisted with technology issues for the Police Department

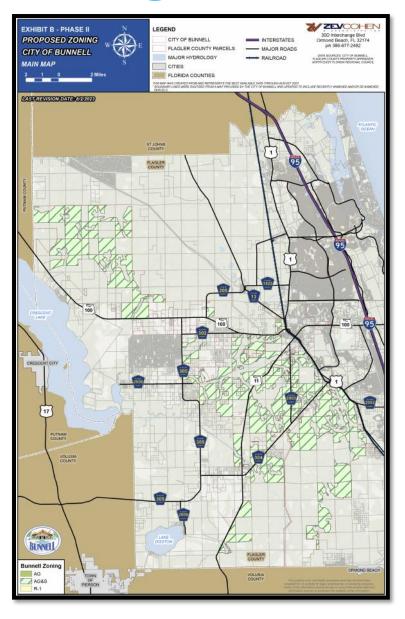
- Completed the installation of the surveillance cameras and license plate readers including finalizing the 5year maintenance agreement with the vendor as part of this project.
- Assisted the Department with on-going access issues to CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) following County upgrades
- Deployed new Body Worn Cameras
- Oversaw technology upgrades and additions to Evidence and records – Barcode printer, scanner, and handheld device for inventory control
- Pulled several days to weeks of video footage from security cameras and systems across the City to assist in investigations

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

"Success is a continuing thing. It is growth and development. It is achieving one thing and using that as a stepping stone to achieve something else."

~ John C. Maxwell

Planning and Zoning



* Of the zoning amendments adopted, one was Phase 2 of the Mass Re-Zoning Project which affected 32,583 Acres/210 parcels

Type of Item	Number Processed
Annexation/Contraction	4
Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendments	8
Zoning Map Amendments	9*
Major Site Plans	6
Minor Site Plans	1
Subdivisions	2
Plat Reviews (Preliminary and Final)	4
Other Ordinances	4
Pre-Application Meetings	15

Residential

New Residential = 72

New Mobile Home = 9

Residential Additions/Remodels = 180



Building Permits

(issued January to December 2023)

Commercial

New Commercial Buildings = 3
Commercial Additions/
Remodels = 22

Total Permits Issued in 2023 = 647

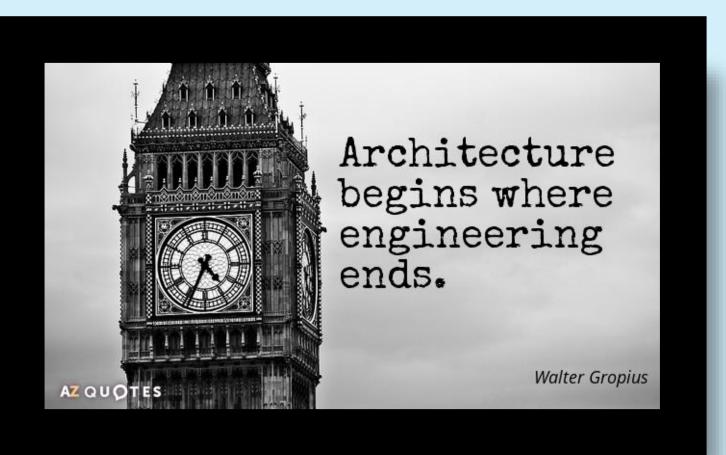
Total Valuation of Projects for all Issued Permits = \$48,257,457.32

Code Enforcement





- Total number of cases opened and investigated = 18
- Most common violation reported and investigated were:
 - Construction without a building permit and/or site plan
 - Operating without a local business tax receipt
- \$25,450.00 was paid for liens/fines imposed by the Code Enforcement Board

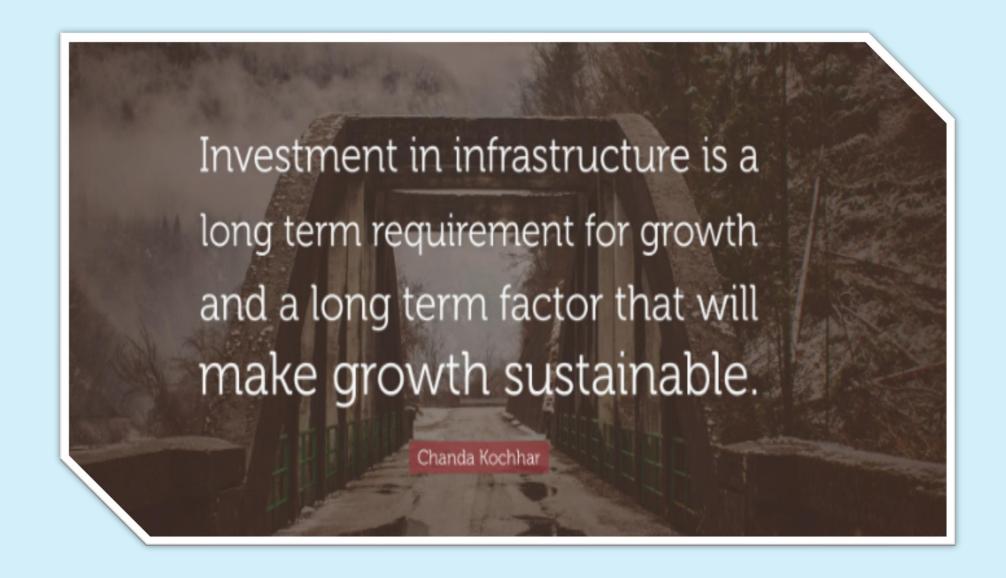


ENGINEERING



Projects. Projects.

- Engineering is very deep into project management:
 Flagler Central Commerce Pkwy
 New Administration/Police Department Complex
 Hymon Circle Drainage Project
 Army Corps of Engineers City-wide Flood Study
- Engineering assists with plan reviews for site plans and construction plans for all development in the City
- Provides support to the Infrastructure Department
- 2nd year in roll of the Grinch at Christmas in Bunnell bringing along Cindy Lou Who and Max



INFRASTRUTURE

A Look at City Flows

	Annual Flow	Monthly Average	Daily Average
2022 Wastewater	148,836,000 gallons	12,403,000 gallons	407,769 gallons
Treatment Plant (WWTP)	(+250,900 from 2021)	(+209,000 from 2021)	(+6,769 from 2021)
2023 Wastewater	149,482,000 gallons (+646,000 from 2022)	12,457,000 gallons	409,000 gallons
Treatment Plant (WWTP)		(+54,000 from 2022)	(+1,231 from 2022)
2022 Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	143,391,000 gallons (+132,193,300 from 2021)	11,949,250 gallons (+2,618,250 from 2021)	392,852 gallons (+92,852 from 2021)
2022 Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	145,196,000 gallons	12,100,000 gallons	398,000 gallons
	(+1,805,000 from 2022)	(+151,000 from 2022)	(+6,000 from 2022)

Project	Funding Source	Awarded Amount	Other Costs (Committed)	Reimburseable Amount	Total Out- of-Pocket Project Costs	Total Project/Purchase Cost to Date	Status
Master Plan - Annual Gravity Sewer Rehab & Renewal	Enterprise Fund - Sewer		\$100,000		\$59,309	\$59,309	10 Manholes Lined - Completed September 2023
Well 3 Rehab	Enterprise Fund - Water		\$75,000		\$71,800	\$71,800	Completed April 2023
Emergency Culvert Repair - Elm Ave Railroad	General Fund				\$27,985	\$27,985	Completed March 2023
MicroSurfacing - 1.478 miles	General Fund		\$115,000		\$108,320	\$108,320	Completed April 2023
RoadBotics City- Wide Street Analysis	General Fund				\$1,999	\$1,999	Completed September 2023

2023 Projects



Well 3 Rehab



Emergency Culvert Repair – Elm Ave Railroad

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Map Update Form

GIS Mapping

Basemap Galler

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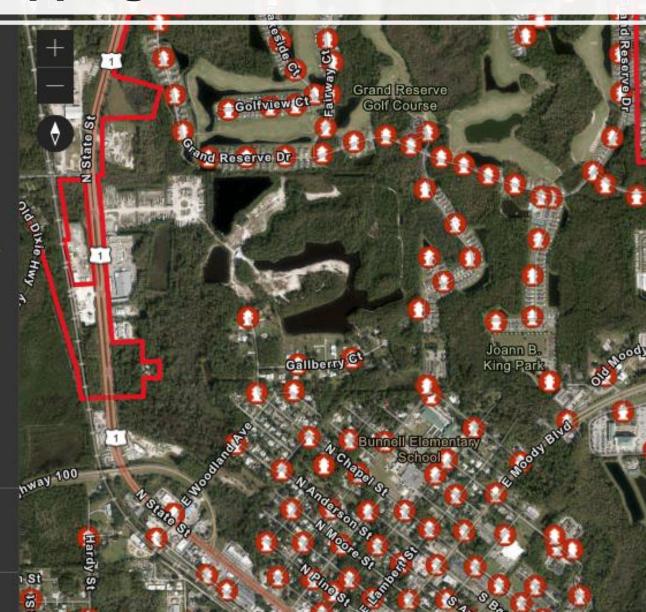
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Address

County Hydrants



New Equipment

Caterpillar Tracked Loader Skid Steer



Hydraulic Mini Excavator Trailer



Hydraulic Mini Excavator



POLICE DEPARTMENT

True public safety requires a collaboration between law enforcement and the community. **Betsy Hodges**

UCR Part I Offenses

	2021	2022	2023
Homicide	0	2	0
Sexual Assault	1	4	1
Robbery	2	1	1
Aggravated Assault	33	26	13
Burglary	12	10	6
Larceny	63	44	60
Auto Theft	9	19	3



Crime statistics

Commercial
Burglary down 20%
(8 reported incidents in 2022; 6 in 2023)

Commercial Robbery- No Incidents Reported Residential Burglary up 20% (7 reported incidents in 2022; 10 in 2023)

Home Invasion
Burglary- No
Incidents Reported

Vehicle Burglary down 33% (12 reported in 2022; 8 in 2023) Traffic Crashes – No change
218 in 2022 and
2023

Technology Upgrades

\$132,654.74 spent in Upgrades

- Speed Enforcement Radar
- Upgraded Handguns
- Ungraded Tasers
- Upgraded Body Cameras
- Variable Message Board









"Everything we do has an impact on our world. We have a responsibility to choose what kind of impact we want to make." - Unknown

SOLID WASTE

Solid Waste Collections

	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23
Commercial Solid Waste	1995.58 Tons	2374.65 Tons	2622.54 Tons
Residential Solid Waste	1546.61 Tons	1446.87 Tons	1527.89 Tons
Cardboard & Recycle	623.3 Tons	582.61 Tons	594.12 Tons
Yard Waste	1153 Yards	1203 Yards	3333 Yards
Construction & Debris (C&D)	574.58 Tons	319 Tons	346.56 Tons
Scrap/Misc.	4.27 Tons	16.44 Tons	29.26 Tons
Yearly Total	5897.34	5942.57	8450.37





PARKS & RECREATION

happens."

The playground is where nature meets play, and the magic

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- Worked with Boy Scout Troop 400 and EPIC Church for service days at various City Parks
- Added Bently the Bunnell Boa, a community engagement attraction, to Municipal Park located at 1307 E. Howe St
- Removed all items from Coquina Hall that would hinder and get in the way of the restoration project
- Updated the City Emblem sign at Lake Lucille worked with non-profits to replace damaged emblems
- Major grounds work and tree trimming at JB King Park
- Electrical repairs at JB King Park

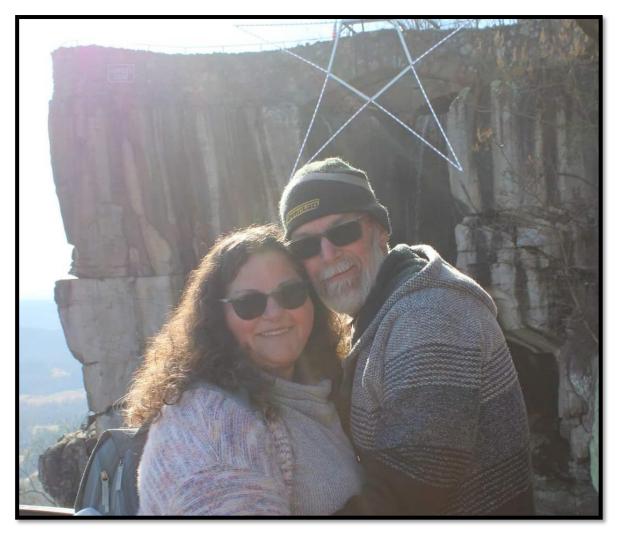
November 13^{th} – Bently grew after only 5 days











Rob Myjak, Parks & Rec Crew Leader Lost February 25, 2024 - You are missed

2023 A quick look back

While preparing to step further forward



January 23-Pete Young appointed to Commission Vacancy



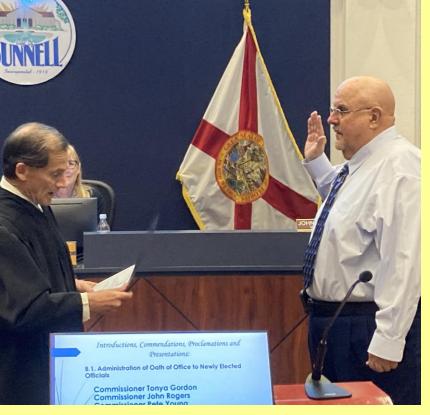
JanuaryCity Manager Jackson &
County Administrator Petito
At Northeast Florida
Regional Council
Luncheon



February-Flagler County Leadership Academy Graduation



March 17th-Sergeant Groth Graduation Southern Police Institute





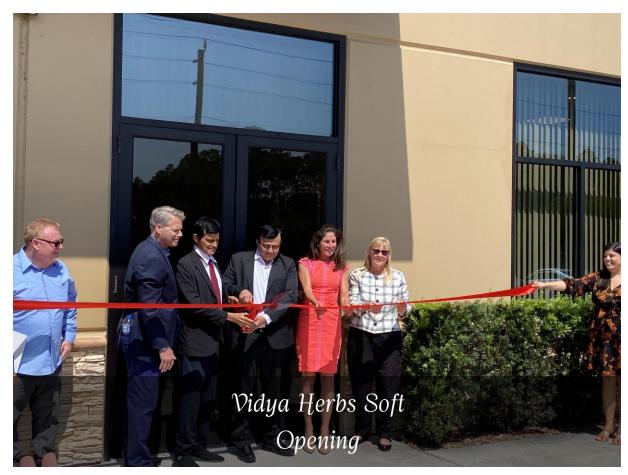


Introductions, Commendations, Proclamations a Presentations:

B.1. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Elec Officials

Commissioner Tonya Gordon Commissioner John Rogers Commissioner Pete Young

April 10th Newly Elected Officials Sworn In





May

August- Florida League of Cities Annual Conference









October- City Manager Walk Challenge





October











October 22- EPIC Church Service Day at the Municipal Park Butterfly Garden

October 27th - Trunk or Treat at Lake Lucille





October 29 – flagler Playhouse fire









November 7thHappy Birthday Bentley!! Bentley the Bunnell Boa arrives At Municipal Park







November- Veteran's Day Parade



December 13- Christmas in Bunnell



















December- Employee Door/Window Contest











December 20- Employee Holiday Party













2024

The City is not slowing down; We are taking even more steps toward the future

Still More City Projects Planned

(in addition to those already started and on-going)

- New Well Installation
- Lincoln Street Lift Station Upsizing
- Lift Station SCADA System
- Phase 2 Historic Coquina Hall Restoration
- Road Paving (funding granted in 2024 Legislative Session)
- Full Land Development Code Amendment



Proposed Development Projects (and this is just a partial list!!)



- Grand Reserve Phase 5 106 new homes
- Grand Reserve Phase 6 146 new homes
- Stillwell Apartments 200+ Multi-family housing complex; E. Moody Blvd.
- Phoenix Crossings multifamily complex with 28 units and amenities
- Reserve at Haw Creek Large Scale 2,800-acre mixed use community
- Tupelo Project 300 unit multifamily and townhome community; off E. Moody Blvd. near Flagler Central Commerce Pkwy.
- Cypress Lakes PUD Planned Unit Development approved in 2006

- 3220 Steel Rail Dr. Tractor Trailer parking with warehouse and office space
- 3295 Steel Rail Dr. tractor trailer parking, offices and warehouse space
- 3335 Steel Rail Dr. new home for Agua Construction; office and storage space
- Fraser Mini Storage Expansion additional storage to include boat and RV spaces
- Bunnell Shade and Shelter Boat and RV Storage at 1225 W. Moody Blvd.
- Sparks Concrete concrete/asphalt plant in Steel Rail Industrial Park
- Verdigo Phase 3 multi-tenant commercial space
- Bunnell Commons 2350
 Commerce Parkway; 18,200 ft² office
 & retail building

Come for the food, Stay for the Fun

Italian Føsitval

October 19 & October 20, 2024
Saturday IOAM—IOPM; Sunday IOAM to 6PM
Flagler County Fairgrounds 150 Sawgrass Rd.

Food Trucks/booths, Entertainment- Music,
Dancing, Cooking Demos- Car Show, Spaghetti
Eating Contest, Artisans & Crafters, Kid Zone and
More!

City Hosted Special Events



Coming 2025 but Work Starts in 2024

2025

CANDIDATE QUALIFYING

HANDBOOK & INFORMATION PACKET



City of Bunnell, Florida

Bunnell Administration Offices 604 E. Moody Blvd. Unit 4 Bunnell, FL 32110 (386) 437-7500

BUNNELL MUNICIPAL ELECTION MARCH 4, 2025 "It's not enough to be busy, so are the ants. The question is, what are we busy about?"

- Henry David Thoreau

The City may be busy, but it is an intentional busy, taking the steps necessary which will make Bunnell the **GREATEST** City in the nation

4/22/2024 State of the City: Mayor Robinson's Summary

Closing thoughts

Helen Keller said Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. This is so true of our current administration. The juggling between maintaining our identity as a small caring community vs growth needed for sustainability continues to be on the forefront.

Thinking about my time over the past 29 years on the board and the changes that have occurred is truly overwhelming and amazing. Much thanks goes to our city manager and staff who juggle the day to day workload yet take on projects of this magnitude. Seeds planted years ago have begun to produce fruit for the city of Bunnell. Many thanks to Speaker of the House Renner and Senator Hudson as well as Gov DeSantis for supporting our requests and providing grant funds to help us achieve needed goals. I remember the days that were non-eventful and stag nick vs the growth that we are seeing today.

I would be remise if I didn't point out the love and care our community showed a family in need recently through the Flagler County Youth Fair. Our local community came together to support a family who's child was seriously hurt through the bidding of the hog he raised. \$50,000 was raised in less than 15 minutes and I was moved to tears. I can't describe to you the joy and gratitude of living in a place that cares so much about their own. Small town USA is alive and well in the heart of our people.

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do. Pope John XXIII

Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God. Leo Buscaglia

As we move forward, we still have work to do. Let us move in the same direction, forging together for the good of those who live, work, and play here. Thank you for your support and encouragement. May God richly bless you and yours.