

# YEAR 2010 IN REVIEW



**WHAT WAS RECOMMENDED**

**WHAT WAS DELIVERED BY MAYOR/COUNCIL**

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- New executive staff with experience to increase professionalism, integrity and character.

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- New executive staff consisting of new City Clerk, City Attorney and City Administrator.

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- Acquire Duncan Park with public opinion and support for services.

### WHAT WAS DELIVERED BY MAYOR/COUNCIL

- Referendum in the November election with over 74% of the citizens voting to financially support this goal.

### WHAT WAS RECOMMENDED

- Improve communication channels and relationship with the county/state government.

### WHAT WAS DELIVERED BY MAYOR/COUNCIL

- Agreement with both County Manager and District Commissioner to allow Fairburn to purchase Duncan Park during the first quarter despite our intent to originally purchase property out of reserves by December 31, 2010.

## WHAT WAS RECOMMENDED

- Assess the financial state of our city.

## WHAT WAS DELIVERED BY MAYOR/COUNCIL

- Agreed to a financial audit. Agreed to halt spending during the first quarter to reassess the \$1.5M overspending budget. Simultaneously, requested an amended budget that addressed the overspending issue.

### WHAT WAS RECOMMENDED

- Assess the day-to-day operations and management of the City as a whole.

### WHAT WAS DELIVERED BY MAYOR/COUNCIL

- Advertised for new City Administrator with state certified financial credentials. Out of 19 candidates Mr. Tom Barber was recommended and approved by Council.

### WHAT WAS RECOMMENDED

- Review financial impact of Championship Fields project on the City.

### WHAT WAS DELIVERED BY MAYOR/COUNCIL

- The City had to rethink its position during December 2010 until it is financially feasible to consider issuing bonds at the request of Bond Counsel.

## WHAT WAS RECOMMENDED

- Reduce our financial vulnerability and improper financial reporting by the City.

## WHAT WAS DELIVERED BY MAYOR/COUNCIL

- Brought in CPA contractor to assess internal policies/practices in order to prepare an accurate financial picture of the city for future bonds and current potential shortfalls.
- The CPA also identified violations and corrective actions needed to prepare for the 2010 audit.
- Also, bid out audit service contract. Mauldin & Jenkins, Certified Public Accounts, LLC was selected and approved by Council.

### WHAT WAS RECOMMENDED

- Create activities that bring our residents and employees together.

### WHAT WAS DELIVERED BY MAYOR/COUNCIL

- Had numerous community events (concerts, movie on the lawn, etc..) at Duncan Park. Great participation with Fairburn Festival, Christmas Tree Lighting and employee luncheon.

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## GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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1. Reduce the transfer of funds from Water/Sewer/Electric funds to the general fund account to balance the budget. The city has reduced the amount by 66% since 2006. The objective is to use minimum transferred funds.
2. Strategically implement the referendum items listed on the 2010 November ballot.

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3. Strategically and systematically create Parks & Recreation Department to help with the Duncan Park portion of the referendum/or outsource Parks and Recreation functions.
  4. Review the possibility of rebuilding the downtown area with the recent donation of the property to Fairburn by Standby Properties. The objective is to ensure a revenue generating project is placed in the venues.

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5. Review the Personnel Policy, Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Codes for much needed updates.
  6. Assess all departmental level management for possible modifications.
  7. Start a thorough review of contractual agreements to determine if any modifications are needed.

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8. To hire a City Planner with Planning and