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Oakland Park's 2012 Budget Process Underway

OAKLAND PARK, Fla....(February 1, 2011) – Oakland Park City Manager John Stunson has commenced a series of community roundtable meetings to seek the input of residents and business owners as the City begins to develop its Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2012.

The first meeting focused on funding for Public Safety, including the Oakland Park Fire Rescue Department and the City's contract with the Broward Sheriff's Office. Points of discussion included cost savings options, funding, staffing levels and school resource officers. The presentations are posted to the City's website www.oaklandparkfl.org

"It is important to convey to stakeholders that our City's budget decisions are fact-based and driven by quantifiable data," said Stunson. "Our roundtable meetings are educational in nature and targeted to our community leaders, including homeowner and neighborhood association officers, City advisory board members and graduates of our Local Government Academy."

Stunson stated the upcoming community roundtable meeting topics will include Parks and Leisure Services, Engineering and Community Development, Public Works, Enterprise Funds and general government departments.

Oakland Park's community roundtable schedule will culminate with a Town Hall Meeting at 6 p.m. on April 25 in the Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center, 1098 NE 40 Court.

"Financial Stability and Sustainability is the foundation of our City's seven Strategic Performance Areas," said Stunson. "With declining revenues, it is a major challenge to prepare a balanced budget that delivers the level of services desired by the residents. The open dialogue with the residents remains an important part of the budget process."