

First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee July 2015 Report

Below are a few key points from the Mayor's proposed budget.

Mayor Lenny Curry's Proposed Budget:

- Public Safety:
 - Hiring 40 police 40 community service officers. 15 of which will be funded by Federal and State dollars.
 - 55 fire and rescue positions renewed.
 - Jacksonville Journey program renewed.
 - Kerri Stewart new Chief of Staff.
 - Economic Development
 - Wants Jacksonville to be the place to start a business and grow a business
 - Capital improvement program
 - Infrastructure and Public Works
 - Invest in Litter, Grass Mowing, Parks, Bridges, and Roads.

Proposed 70 million dollars includes:

- Roadway Resurfacing 9.5 million
- 7 million ADA improvements dollars for handicap upgrades
- 1.5 million sidewalk repair and construction
- 800k Jax beach pier repair
- 900k overhaul of St Johns river ferry
- Renewal of funding for UF Health and Shands

Mayor Curry claims the proposed budget reduces the City's debt by \$75 million dollars without raising taxes.

Hired international financial firm to study our current financial state.

Was able to locate new funding sources to the tune of \$58 million dollars.

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