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**CITY OF OCALA**
**CITY COUNCIL REPORT**
**Council Meeting Date: 10/20/15**


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Subject: City Council / Mayor Auto Allowance Adjustment

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Department: City Manager's Office

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION** (Motion Ready): Approve Agenda Item (ID # 8645) providing for an increase in City Council and Mayor's Auto Allowance from \$150 and \$200 per month, respectively, to \$300 and \$400 per month, respectively

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**OCALA'S RELEVANT STRATEGIC GOALS:**

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**BACKGROUND:**

As a standing practice, city council members and the mayor have received an auto allowance in the amount of \$150 and \$200 per month, respectively.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:**

Staff has collected data from several cities in Florida of similar size to Ocala as reflected on the attached chart. The survey includes the following information: annual salary of elected officials; allowance/ stipend provided to elected officials; population; and size of city in square miles. Of the comparators, Ocala ranked on the low end of the scale for auto allowance provided to elected officials when considering the size of the city and other compensation. City council and the mayor's auto allowance has been at the same level since 2001.

Staff recommends adjusting the auto allowance for council members from \$150 per month to \$300 per month and for the Mayor from \$200 to \$400 per month.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Increase to Account 001-12-011-511-15030 of \$11,400 annually which is available in the City Manager's Reserve for Contingency account 001-12-210-512-9980.

**PROCUREMENT REVIEW:** N/A

**LEGAL REVIEW:** N/A

**ALTERNATIVE:** Maintain current auto allowance, or adjust to a different amount.

**SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

#a: car allowance data (PDF)

<b>Auto/Car Allowance Survey</b>				
<b>Entity</b>	<b>Annual Salary</b>	<b>Allowance/Expense Stipend</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Square Miles</b>
City of Naples	\$23,500 - city council \$30,000 - Mayor	Monthly expense stipend - \$200 for council \$400 for mayor	19,530	14.4
City of Cocoa	\$6,000 - city council \$6,600 - mayor	\$400 for council members \$500 for mayor	17,678	15.41
City of Kissimmee	\$25,746 - commissioners \$25,926 - vice-mayor \$26,946 - mayor	\$100 per month for mileage and cell phones	64,365	17.32
City of Apopka	\$13,800 - Senior Commissioner \$13,500 - Other commissioners	None	45,587	32.59
City of Melbourne	\$7,475 - city council \$10,350 - mayor	Monthly expense allowance - \$255 for council \$415 for mayor	77,508	35.48
City of Ocala	\$2,400 - city council \$3,000 - council president \$6,600 - mayor	\$150 per month - city council \$200 per month - mayor	57,494	38.63
City of Fort Myers	\$32,630 - city council \$42,419 - mayor	None	68,190	49
City of Lakeland	\$17,740 - city council \$26,916 - mayor	Monthly expense allowance - \$150 per month for commissioners \$250 for mayor	100,728	51.45
City of Daytona Beach	\$16,600	Monthly expense stipend - \$587.47 for commissioners \$1,129.92 for mayor	62,316	64.93
<b>Recommendation: Increase Council/Mayor auto allowance to \$300 per month.</b>				
Survey conducted in September 2015.				

#: car allowance data (8645 : City Council / Mayor Auto Allowance Adjustment)