Revenue Sources - Descriptions and Trends

Revenue Sources: The Solid Waste Fund is an Enterprise Fund used to account for the operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing services (recycling, solid waste, and disposal of refuse) to the general public on a continuing basis is financed or recovered primarily through user charges. The primary revenue source for this fund is the charges for sanitation services, followed by roll-off charges to commercial and some residential customers. A two percent (2%) increase in both residential and commercial solid waste fees was recommended by staff and approved by the City Commission for 2006. This increase, as part of a planned incremental approach to matching revenue to anticipated expenditures each year, will allow service levels to be maintained in light of the anticipated growth of the system.

Trends: As indicated, the solid waste revenues are projected conservatively and incrementally, to avoid large jumps in service charges in any one year. Increased maintenance and operating costs, as well as the growth in the number of customers and geographic size of the service area, continue to impact the revenue requirements for this fund.