



Meeting Date January 5, 2015  
**BUDGET & FINANCE**  
*Snapshot*

## BUDGET STEP #1... SET PRIORITIES



The Town's budget process for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 is underway. The Town Council will hold its annual retreat, a public work session, on February 17, 2015, at the Sea Trail Convention Center (Heron Room) to review progress made on previously-established priority areas and to establish new priorities that may need to be added.

Meanwhile, meetings are being scheduled for each department head to review current and projected expenditures with the Finance Director and Town Administrator so that the budget formulation process can move forward.

## IT'S TAX TIME

The Town of Sunset Beach's ad valorem taxes are billed and collected by Brunswick County. All 2014 ad valorem taxes not paid by January 5, 2015 will accrue interest at a rate of 2% for January and .75% for each month thereafter. Brunswick County performs property value assessments on a 4-year interval. County staff anticipates sending new valuations in February of 2015. Councilman Lou DeVita and Finance Director Bonnie Schwerd met with representatives from the County Tax office in December to go over preliminary information about the 2015 reassessment.

Town and County staff will meet again in January to continue to monitor the potential effects of the reassessment on the Town's tax base and budget. As a part of this year's budget process, the Town Finance Officer will prepare a revenue-neutral property tax rate so that the public can see the tax rate that would produce the same tax levy as the prior year, after adjustments are made for annual growth in the tax base.

## CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

### TOWN PARK



Contractors plan to be back at work at the Park to resume construction of the brick walkways on January 9, 2015. The Town Council reviewed the walkway material options

at its December work session and selected wood construction for the areas within the 30-foot CAMA buffer zone. A Major CAMA permit application has been submitted and work will begin on those areas once the permit is issued. Town staff is working on a new Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services associated with the Park's remaining work. The Town continues to strive toward a completion date for the Phase I work prior to Memorial Day, 2015 as it is continuing to move forward with park construction while it is pursuing its legal remedies related to the project's maladies. See the Town's website, located at [www.sunsetbeachnc.gov](http://www.sunsetbeachnc.gov), for additional information.

### THE ROUNDABOUT

Workers from the NCDOT have recently planted and sodded the areas in and around the new Town Roundabout. The NCDOT staff completed its final



inspection of this project in December and we look forward to seeing the spring colors in bloom.

### 30<sup>TH</sup> STREET & NORTHSORE WEST EMERGENCY STORMWATER REPAIRS

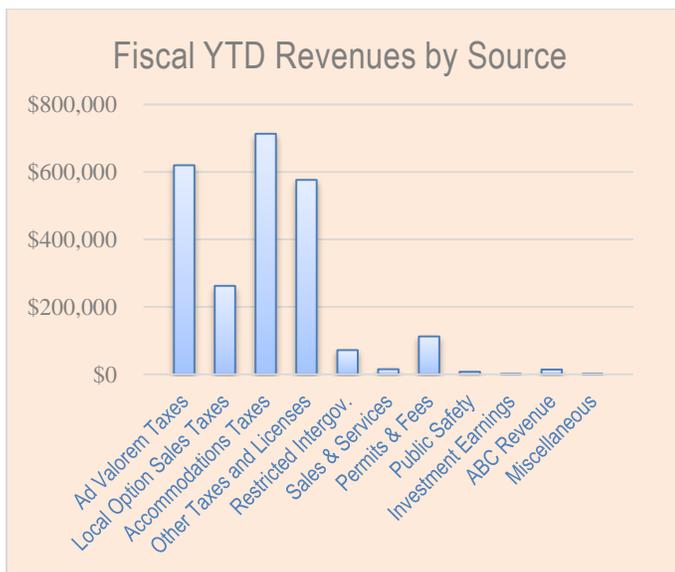
The Town is still pursuing construction and utility easements for the project. The US Army Corps of Engineers has tentatively scheduled a required site inspection later in the month of January, 2015.

# TOWN BUDGET *Snapshot* AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2014

## REVENUES

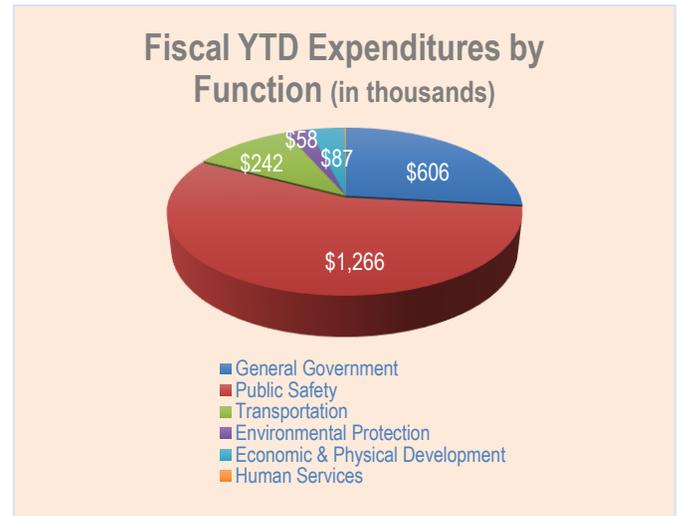
The annual budgeted and actual fiscal year-to-date revenues from July thru November of 2014 are shown in the table and graph below. The Town received nearly \$2.4 million (39.9%) of its \$6 million annual budget during the reporting period. This percentage is expected to increase sharply over the next two months because of the Town's ad valorem property tax revenues. While the timing of many of the revenues the Town receives is not uniform throughout the fiscal year, the year-to-date FY 2015 operating revenues are slightly higher than they were at the same point for FY 2014.

Revenue Sources	FY Budget	Fiscal Year to date
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,905,225	\$619,433
Local Option Sales Taxes	\$864,998	\$262,903
Accommodations Taxes	\$877,000	\$712,934
Other Taxes and Licenses	\$1,383,364	\$576,423
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$136,209	\$71,678
Sales and services	\$45,000	\$15,902
Permits & Fees	\$194,000	\$112,716
Public Safety	\$32,000	\$8,250
Investment Earnings	\$1,000	\$799
ABC Revenue	\$50,000	\$14,116
Miscellaneous	\$512,200	\$1,025
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,000,996</b>	<b>\$2,396,180</b>



## EXPENDITURES

The Town expended roughly \$2.26 million (37.7%) of the annual budgeted expenditures during the months from July through November. The fiscal year-to-date expenditures are shown by area of function in the pie chart that follows. Additional details, including the annual budgeted amounts and the year-to-date expenditures by department, are shown in the chart at the bottom of this column.



Department	FY Budget	Fiscal Year to Date
Governing Body	\$28,964	\$14,782
Administration	\$352,325	\$141,893
Finance	\$161,908	\$58,012
Tax	\$18,600	\$5,123
Legal	\$25,000	\$9,119
Public Buildings	\$507,098	\$376,891
Police	\$1,422,069	\$526,040
Fire	\$1,420,369	\$581,539
Inspections	\$413,853	\$158,421
Streets	\$979,291	\$206,136
Powell Bill	\$135,509	\$35,781
Sanitation	\$111,200	\$49,728
Environmental Protection	\$51,000	\$8,448
Planning/Zoning	\$24,603	\$3,222
Economic Development	\$266,068	\$83,998
Town Reserves for SR Funds	\$77,839	\$0
Human Services	\$1,000	\$1,000
Mosquito	\$4,300	\$2,330
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,000,996</b>	<b>\$2,262,464</b>