

City Manager Greg Harrison Summary of Major Accomplishments 2020-21

- Achieved major milestones for the Fishing Village which include opening the new, highly anticipated Family Fisher Pier. Kilwins, Lucky Fish, and Alvins Island also celebrated openings and have been highly successful even during the pandemic.
- Launched successful ShotSpotter program with the Broward Sheriff's Office.
- Improved the Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS rating has improved for Pompano Beach from a 7 to a 6. The improved rate means there will be an additional 5% discount on flood insurance for a total of 20% discount on flood insurance for all Pompano Beach policy holders in a flood zone.
- Negotiated the Neighborhood and Citywide conversion program and agreement with FPL for approximately 7,000 light fixtures to transform the entire City into an energy efficient and esthetically improved.
- Achieved CAAS accreditation for the Fire Department - The CAAS Commission approved the maximum awarded CAAS Accreditation of 3 years which only 1.4% of international EMS agencies are awarded this prestigious designation.
- Resolved Bulk Trash Pick-up routing issues by supplementing regular contracted service by utilizing City staff.
- Successfully purchased the property adjoining the Blanche Ely House on the north side of the building for needed public parking.
- The City received an unmodified or "Clean" opinion as there were no findings related to the City's financial statements, federal/state grant activities or internal control over those activities. An unmodified opinion is the highest level of assurance our auditors are able to give.
- Effectively relocated the McNab House and Garage, a monumental undertaking.
- Completed the award-winning Atlantic Bridge enhancement project.
- Directed new and different approaches to catch illegal dumpers primarily in the northwest areas of the City which has resulted in numerous violation notices being issued by Code Compliance.
- Bridged the construction financial gap in order to get the Old Town Square project off the ground.
- The City was the first in the State of Florida to partner with the Florida Department of Health in Broward County and initiate a daily walk-up test site at Mitchell Moore Park in April of 2020 and the site remains open today.
- Activated Emergency Operation Center (EOC) for COVID-19 emergency pandemic. Maintained an EOC activation for over one year that remains in place today. Additionally, the City supports a bi-weekly food point of distribution in collaboration with the Department of Health and Feeding South Florida. Daily and weekly situation reports have been provided to City staff and the City Commission. Incident Action Plans have been distributed on a weekly and bi-weekly basis. Maintaining this situational awareness has been a key part of our communication strategy in order for the City's leadership to make critical decisions and keep the City Commission informed. In November of 2020, the Vaccination Planning Team was created to meet this next phase of the response. Through this team, the City initiated multiple vaccination points of dispensing (POD) to meet the dire needs of the public. Multiple sites were created to provide vaccinations utilizing the Fire Department paramedics, Parks and Recreation staff and Public Works staff in addition to supporting a State site. Currently, the City has a public vaccination site that stands ready to open as soon as vaccine levels increase in the County.
- Completed an analog to digital upgrade to the City's Government Access TV Ch.78 and the subsequent web streaming of live Commission, CRA, P&Z, and ZBA Meetings.
- Applied for and received a \$1,000,000 Broward Redevelopment Program Grant.
- Oversaw evaluation, training and improvements of customer service in the Building Department.

- Managed City’s virtual platform for live televised City Commission, Community Redevelopment Agency, Planning and Zoning and Zoning Board of Appeal Meetings to include public participation.
- Pursued and received \$1.3 million in grant funding and cost-recovery funds from federal and State programs for the Fire Department including \$1.2 Million Managed Care Program for emergency medical services, \$84,000 CARES Act Relief Fund, \$35,000 HEROS Grant for Narcan medication, \$35,000 State grant to fund the response to the City’s opioid crisis, \$26,000 State Grant for body protection equipment to protect rescuers who encounter life threatening emergencies.
- Received over two million visitors to the City’s website, a 9% increase from the previous year. The City’s social media had 6.2 million impressions and 214,000 engagements. Responded to over 1,200 requests for information through the website and social media reducing the need for hiring staff to take phone calls or conduct in-person visits to City Hall.
- Eight new lifeguard towers installed on the beach. These new towers offer an iconic esthetic that is unique to Pompano Beach, which further adds to the effort to make Pompano Beach a destination.
- Transitioned City events to a virtual or socially distanced platform due to the pandemic: 4th of July Fireworks, Meals on Wheels food drive-through for seniors, Music under the Stars, Light up Pompano Beach, Larkins Center drive-in movie and bingo, drive-thru Boo Bash, 9/11 remembrance event, drive-thru Breakfast with Santa and Family Carpool Night per CDC guidelines.
- Completed installation of playground equipment at Sgt. Kip A. Jacoby Park AKA Norwood Pines Park.
- Received a \$200,000 FRDAP Grant to help offset the costs of the North Pompano Park improvement.
- Completed an infrastructure upgrade of the City’s website moving it into a new platform.
- Received a \$71,225 grant from Health Foundation of South Florida to assist with outdoor fitness equipment at McNair Park.
- Conducted Cultural Diversity Awareness Training for every Fire Department employee and continued the ongoing Cultural Diversity Awareness Training for all City employees.
- Applied for and received four consecutive Residential Construction Mitigation Program/Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program Grants of \$194,000 from the Florida State Division of Emergency Management.
- Federation of Public Employees labor agreement was negotiated and approved for one year.
- Elected by peers in 31 municipalities to serve as president and lead the Broward County City Managers Association (BCCMA). In this role, provided valuable leadership across all 31 Broward County municipalities and the County to collaborate and reach consensus on numerous issues affecting us Countywide – many of which have direct financial impacts. BCCMA partnered with the Broward League of Cities (“BLOC”) in securing indirect and direct funding for local communities to ensure that cities had some control over the direct dissemination of funds into local communities. The BCCMA/BLOC partnership resulted in a shared partnership plan with Broward County, whereby Broward County allocated a total of approximately \$102 million of its approximately \$341 million allocation from the Federal CARES Act funding stream to the 31 Broward County cities. This funding was instrumental in covering pandemic related expenses of local governments, as well as allowing local governments to help its residents (rental, utilities etc.) and small businesses. Ensured an ongoing lobbying effort of State and federal representatives to provide for more direct federal stimulus funding to local governments.