



My City: I'm Part of It,
I'm Proud of It

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CITY GOVERNMENT PRESENTATION TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

AN OUTLINE

1. **A GENERIC HISTORY OF CITIES...WHY AND WHAT...ANCIENT COMPARED TO TODAY**
2. **FLORIDA'S CITIES...SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**
3. **OUR CITY'S HISTORY...INCORPARTION (PAST) TO PRESENT...WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT OUR CITY?**
4. **CITY GOVERNMENT...FORM AND FUNCTION**
5. **CITY'S ELECTED OFFICIALS...ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES...ETHICS & SUNSHINE LAW**
6. **CITY STAFF...WHO & WHAT...INNOVATIVE IDEAS**
7. **CITY'S STRATEGIC/LONG RANGE PLAN...OUR VISION FOR CITY'S FUTURE**
8. **CITY REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & BUDGETS**
9. **BASIC CHALLENGES OF CITY GOVERNANCE...COMMUNICATING, ENGAGING & TRUST...SOCIAL MEDIA & OTHER MEDIA**
10. **CITIZENS ROLE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT...VOTE, PLUS...**
11. **QUIZ (KAHOOT)/Q&A**

HELPFUL HINTS: KEEPING STUDENTS ENGAGED THORUGOUT, BY ASKING AND REWARDING...KAHOOT QUIZ AT THE END, KEEPS THEM FOCUSED ON PRESENTATION, BECAUSE STUDENTS ARE COMPETITIVE AND LOVE TECHNOLOGY

REALITY CHECK: CLASSROOM TIME IS INVALUABLE TO SCHOOLS; MUST COMPETE WITH TESTING PREP AND OTHER CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES; RELATIONSHIP WITH PRINCIPAL IS CRITICAL; WIFM NEEDS TO BE CLEAR



Just what is a Florida city?

- Village
- Township
- Hamlet
- Town
 - All controlled by their own charter
 - **Councilperson or Commissioner?**

What does a city do?

- We simply provide services. You elect us because we understand the local community. We know what services you want and how much you want to afford. If you don't agree with my choices, votes, and policies – you vote me out!





Florida City Fun Facts:

- How many municipalities (in Palm Beach County)?
- Oldest city in Florida?
- Newest city in Florida?
- Percentage of residents in municipalities (in Palm Beach County) ?
- Largest city in Florida?
- Smallest city in Florida?
- How and why are cities formed?

Wellington Government

- Style? Council-Manager
Form of Government
- Mayor – ceremonial head (conducts the meeting)
- 4 council members including a Vice Mayor
- Vice Mayor is the longest serving councilmember that has not served as vice mayor (2 year term) except for 2014.....
- City manager – duties and responsibilities
- 5th largest municipality in Palm Beach County



What is Home Rule?

- It is the constitutional provision that allows your local government to exercise power for municipal purposes as long as it is not prohibited by state or federal laws.
- What might be examples of local ordinances?





Local elections:

- Wellington holds an election in March on every even numbered year
- 4 council seats and 1 mayor
- Duties and pay scale
- Non-partisan elections

Taxes & Services

- What's the millage in the Village?
- Other sources of income, user fees, franchise fees, business tax receipts, inter-governmental revenue
- Services: utilities, roadsewe, pooh! And run-off
- Recreation! Well worth the money!
- Police and Fire Rescue
- Library and inter-local agreements
- School district- not ours! Governed by school board and superintendant.



Alternative Funding:



**Section 24 also known as
The Wellington
Environmental Preserve**



Forest Hill Blvd Improvements



Wellington Amphitheater

The Sunshine Law & Ethics

Councilmembers cannot discuss anything with each other that they may ever vote on - unless the meeting is held publicly and recorded

Does this law affect state legislature?

An elected official cannot profit from a vote in any way or use the office for gain.

All gifts (tickets, meals, trips, etc.) must be reported quarterly.

Financial Reports due yearly- state sources of income and debt, not values though (amounts).

How to get elected...

SEAT 2
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