



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 22-008

Date: January 28, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: City of Fort Lauderdale Cemetery Division

On October 1, 2018, the Parks and Recreation Department took over the operations of our four cemeteries (Lauderdale Memorial Cemetery, Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Woodlawn Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery).

For the past three fiscal years, the cemetery division has not only been profitable each year but has increased revenue annually. The following is an outline of net earnings for the past three years:

Fiscal Year	Net Revenue
2019	\$1.2 million
2020	\$2.8 million
2021	\$3.2 million

As we continue to move into fiscal year 2022, we remain committed to the following:

- Streamline operations to identify and address current site care costs and maintenance needs;
- Implementation of a fully automated irrigation system at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery;
- Construction of Community Mausoleums at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery;
- Continue the growth of operating revenues to sustain both future operations and long-term site care;
- Seek to implement cemetery master plan objectives; and
- Maintain a robust perpetual care trust fund.

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