
Business and Community Services (BCS)

- Major Accomplishment:
- Eliminated redundant, outdated and unreasonable development and building regulations.
- Coordinated an agreement for the City's acquisition of the Florida Aquarium.¹
- Negotiated an agreement for the construction of the Tampa Convention Center Hotel.
- Negotiated an agreement to add 33 boat slips at the Tampa Marriott Hotel.
- Created 7,500 jobs by ensuring the City's participation in the State of Florida Qualified Target Industries (QTI) Tax Refund Program.
- Received \$3.4 million in grants for Enterprise Community and Workforce Board initiatives.²
- Assisted 1,400 businesses that created 350 new jobs in the Tampa Enterprise Community.
- Provided for the investment of over \$14.5 million in neighborhood-oriented capital projects.³
- Invested over \$4.5 million in the elimination of slum & blight from public housing and service-providing facilities.
- Hosted the Third Annual Governor's Gulf States Accord Conference.
- Assisted in eight (8) major corporate relocations, including Beneficial Corp., Chase Bankcard, and others.
- Negotiated an agreement and began construction on the Stetson University College of Law/Second District Court of Appeals/Hillsborough County Bar Foundation complex in Tampa Heights.
- Established new and continued to foster existing Sister Cities relationships.⁴
- Acquired the Right-of-Way for Tampa Streetcar.
- Administered the Ybor Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for infrastructure improvements.
- Spearheaded City-wide developments, including:
 - K-force Corporate Office Building
 - Centro Ybor Entertainment Complex
 - Centro Ybor Garage
 - Fernando Noriega, Jr. Garage.
 - Ybor Hilton Garden Inn (the 1st hotel built in Ybor in 100 years)
- Coordinated city services and provided technical assistance for Special Events in Ybor City.
- Intensified Historic Preservation efforts resulting in adaptive reuse of major City landmarks.⁵
- Hosted the Third Annual Governor's Gulf States Accord Conference.
- Coordinated provision of land for future school sites.⁶
- Produced 366 single-family homes of new affordable housing in 15 subdivision projects, providing a \$31 million investment in residential housing development.
- Provided 350 single-family affordable housing units on in-fill sites totaling \$26 million.
- Rehabilitated over 1,300 homes under the Homeowner Rehab Program, Emergency Repairs and Neighborhood Action Plan Program, utilizing over \$7.7 million in financial assistance.⁷
- Purchased 200 vacant homes through Purchase/Rehab and HOPE 3.
- Provided over \$3.6 million in financial assistance for public housing apartment complexes.⁸
- Initiated Mayor's Heights Project, acquiring 440 parcels for total investment of \$12 million.⁹
- Introduced Mayor's Enterprise Development Team (MEDT) for revitalization of East Tampa.¹⁰

Business & Community Services Notes:

- ¹ This effort improved Aquarium's financial situation.
- ² The Enterprise Community and Workforce Board received grants of \$2.9 million and \$500,000 from the Federal Government and State of Florida respectively for the implementation of Community Workforce Board initiatives.
- ³ Construction of 193 new single-family units and purchase of 173 vacant lots acquired for infill development, which provided homeownership opportunities for over 146 first-time homebuyers, at an approximate capital investment of over \$14.5 million.
- ⁴ Sister cities include Agrigento, Italy; Barranquilla, Colombia; Le Havre, France; Oviedo, Spain; Jiaxing, China; Izmir, Turkey; Veracruz, Mexico; and Boca del Rio, Mexico.
- ⁵ This enabled the successful reuse of Centro de Ybor, Centro de West Tampa, Cuban Club, Italian Club, Tampa Union Station, German American Club, and will support the reuse of the Floridan Hotel and the Kress Building.
- ⁶ In coordination with the Hillsborough County School District.
- ⁷ Rehabilitated over 1,300 homes for homeowner occupants consisting of primarily elderly and very low-income under the City's Homeowner Rehab Program, Emergency Repairs, and the Neighborhood Action Plan Program utilizing deferred loans and grants in the amount of \$7.7 million in financial assistance.
- ⁸ The following apartment complexes have received financial assistance from the City:
- L. Young Garden Apartments provided \$1,299,250 for apartment renovations and structural repairs and elevator replacement for this senior housing complex of 450 units.
 - Mary Bethune Hi – Rise Apartments provided \$867,150 for apartment renovations and repairs for this housing complex of 150 units.
 - North Boulevard Homes Apartments provided \$336,000 for roofing repairs/replacement of 734 units.
 - Down payment assistance providing transition to homeownership for 70 former public housing residents for a total of \$1,197,000 in deferred loans and grants.
- ⁹ New development activities completed and underway in Tampa Heights include the following:

Project	Investment
Mobley Park Apartments	\$ 16,000,000
Scattered Site Housing	\$ 7,500,000
Sanctuary Loft Apartments	\$ 4,000,000
Professional office Village	\$ 5,700,000
Ybor Service Center	\$ 2,200,000
Heights Service Center	\$ 2,000,000
Matthews Corporation	\$ 3,000,000
K-Force	\$ 10,000,000
GTE Federal Credit Union	\$ 12,000,000
Children's Board of Hillsborough County	\$ 7,000,000
Stetson Law School	\$ 5,000,000
Total	\$ 74,400,000

- ¹⁰ Accomplishment highlights for Mayor's enterprise Development Team include:
- Construction of 193 new units of affordable single family homes in partnership with nine community non-profit agencies for a total investment of \$17 million
 - Demolition of over 200 condemned and blighted structures making land available for redevelopment, a total cost of \$1.5 million.
 - Construction of 43 new affordable rental units at Osborne Landing Apartments, total investment \$4.3 million.
 - Revitalization of public housing with the development of Belmont Heights, providing a total investment of \$100 million, with \$2 million provided from CDBG funds.
 - Development of a Kash n' Karry grocery store serving the East Tampa community, providing a Section 108 Loan Guarantee for a total investment of \$4 million
 - Development of Albertson's grocery store and renovation of East Gate Shopping Center for total investment of \$10 million.
 - Construction of Middleton Senior High School and renovation of Williams Middle School and Edison elementary School for an economic impact of \$74 million.
 - Relocation of 12th Street Maintenance Yard to 26th Ave. and 40th Street for total investment of \$7 million.
 - Recreation Facility Improvements including College Hill, Jackson Heights, and Desoto for total investment of \$4 million.