BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. - More than a dozen city workers in Boynton Beach will soon be out jobs. Termination notices went out Wednesday informing employees they'd be let go in August.

In all 13 city workers at six departments including Animal Control and the police department are being laid off. One position at the library was vacant. It's a scenario Vice Mayor Bill Orlove wanted to avoid.

"There are good, hard-working people who unfortunately are going to lose their jobs," says Orlove.

Orlove says the layoffs were crucial to help balance a $1.7 million dollar budget deficit.

A Boca Raton Economist says we should expect to see more of this across florida. As property taxes continue to drop, Florida Atlantic University Economics Professor Bill Stronge says so will budgets.

"They've got to the point where the federal stimulus is ending and they've run through a lot of their savings. Now they have to make tough decisions when it comes to laying people off," says Stronge.

Stronge says there is a silver lining, at least for Florida. He says tourism could lead us out of this recession faster than other states.

"We're on track to have a better winter season and probably a better summer season than last year," says Stronge.

In the meantime Boynton Beach city leaders still have to find another $250,000 to slash from the budget.

No sworn police officers were let go in Boynton Beach. As far as the $250,000 that needs to be cut to balance the budget, the city wants to talk to the public about it at a couple meetings. A final decision needs to be made by October 1st.