

## CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

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#### **City Commission Information Letter**

June 14, 2024

### Happy Father's Day!

#### Leadership Presence Involving the Office of the Chief of Police

Given the current state of leadership transition involving one of the City's two public safety departments, the Delray Beach Fire Rescue Department, I've determined that continuation of a stable organizational leadership structure for the time being in the Delray Beach Police Department is in the best interest of the City of Delray Beach.

Guidance to this effect likewise involves an amendment to Police Chief Russ Mager's employment agreement for two additional years, to now therefore terminate effective December 31, 2026. Employment will remain "at will", which means that either Chief Mager or the City may terminate such employment at any time and for any reason. Additionally, he will be ineligible to receive any additional Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) benefits after December 31, 2024 (as initially committed when he first entered DROP in 2020), nor will he be able to participate in any City of Delray Beach retirement system on or after January 1, 2025. He is also unable to apply for and agrees to forego payment of any retirement benefits while remaining employed with the City of Delray Beach.

In addition to executing necessary amendment documentation to support this arrangement earlier this week, I also hosted a meeting yesterday morning with both Assistant Chief of Police Darrell Hunter and Assistant Chief of Police Jeffrey Rasor to not only personally advise them of direction to this effect, but to also communicate my expectations relative to supporting Chief Mager and his continuous efforts and contributions to advance effective law enforcement outcomes, and to likewise keep our community safe as a result.

## Initial Parks General Obligation Bond Sales Transaction Process

As directed and committed during the May 14<sup>th</sup> City Commission workshop meeting, both the Office of the City Manager and that of Chief Financial Officer Hugh Dunkley are pleased to report that transaction processes necessary for the initial \$10 million Parks General Obligation Bond issue were successfully completed.

As referenced in the attached electronic mail message from the City's External Financial Advisor and PFM Managing Director Jay Glover, outcomes to this effect involved 9 bids from various renowned financial institutions, with JP Morgan Securities, LLC being the successful firm providing the lowest true interest cost of 3.99%.

With resulting fund allocation anticipated to be structured after bond closing (currently scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>), recommendations for related parks project implementation and applicable contractual services are to be executed in the coming months, commensurate with the trajectory for committed external public outreach and engagement as outlined during last week's regular meeting.

# Clarity Regarding Utility Billing Charges Involving the Office of the Inspector General

In connection with the May 21<sup>st</sup> regular City Commission meeting discussion relative to authorizing utility credit adjustments that were first initiated earlier this year, the Office of the City Manager has since been contacted by the Palm Beach County Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to help achieve clarity regarding utility billing charges and applicable transaction processes.

Guidance to this effect involved providing OIG with information that supports adjustments that were made to pertinent customer utility accounts. Additionally, this experience enabled the City of Delray Beach to share with OIG the current situation regarding Badger's advanced metering infrastructure system, as well as corrective actions currently being implemented to continue to fully address this matter.

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Various involved members of the Executive Leadership Team, notably from the Department of Utilities and the Department of Finance, will likewise remain available to further engage with OIG should it become necessary to do so.

### **Update Regarding Old Plumosa School Site**

My office hosted a discussion with School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) Chief Operating Officer Joseph Sanches a few days ago to discuss the current state of affairs regarding the Old Plumosa School site.

The initial purpose of this dialogue was to receive an update relative to demolition of the former school building that was first directed earlier this year. However, given the expression of interest offered by Vice Mayor Juli Casale, during the June 4<sup>th</sup> regular City Commission to collaborate with the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to pursue acquisition of the site for future workforce housing, I was able to share sentiments and merits to this effect rather openly.

Although Mr. Sanches responded by stating that SDPBC's current focus regarding underutilized and/or vacant land is to continue to maintain ownership, he wasn't terribly averse to an expression of interest on our part as outlined. Both CRA Executive Director Renee Jadusingh and I will therefore continue to engage and collaborate to formally express potential desire for the property accordingly.

### <u>Calendar of Meetings, Activities and Functions</u>

While both Chief Financial Officer Hugh Dunkley and I experienced several questions in response to the statistical, financial, and econometric information that was shared as a function of Tuesday evening's presentation and discussion, regarding preliminary Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Proposed Budget considerations, we appreciate the general guidance and feedback that was offered as a result.

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We are likewise now working to finalize recommendations that align with aforementioned feedback to every extent possible, including such that supports continued level of service expectations, as well as goals and objectives to advance the myriad of large-and-small-scale capital projects currently being developed for implementation.

#### Enclosures:

Electronic Mail Message from Jay Glover – City of Delray Beach (FL) – GO Bonds, Series 2024 Calendar for Business Week of June 3, 2024

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Attachments: Final Numbers -- General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024 (Parks Projects).pdf; Bid Packet

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The above referenced bonds were competitively sold this morning. The City received 9 bids with JP Morgan providing the lowest true interest cost of 3.99%. Attached are the final numbers, summary of bids and updated distribution list. We look forward to a successful closing on June 27.

Jay Glover Managing Director

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