



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#24-0334**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

**DATE:** June 18, 2024

**TITLE:** Motion Approving a Service Agreement for Professional Tennis Instructor and Facility Management of the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center (JETC) - Scott Pukys - **(Commission District 2)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission approves a Service Agreement for Professional Tennis Instructor and Facility Management of the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center (JETC) at Holiday Park with Scott Pukys, in substantially the form attached, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

**Background**

The Parks and Recreation Department has been actively recruiting a Tennis Professional to oversee Jimmy Evert Tennis Center operations at Holiday Park.

After a thorough selection process, City reviewed resumes from eleven (11) candidates and the top six (6) candidates were interviewed. The top two (2) candidates were then invited for a second round of interviews. Mr. Scott Pukys was ultimately selected for the position due to his extensive experience in tennis operations, particularly in clay court maintenance.

Mr. Pukys has served as the Tennis Director at the Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club since March 2006. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management Information Systems from Ohio State University and brings extensive knowledge in managing tennis center operations, including staff management, memberships, private tennis instruction, tournament organization, and court maintenance.

Under the terms of the agreement, Mr. Pukys will receive an annual management fee of \$103,008. Additionally, Mr. Pukys will benefit from revenue sharing for tennis services, restringing services, retail and concession sales, and the recruitment of new tennis professionals.

Mr. Pukys has the ability to conduct tennis lessons during non-peak hours. The specific timeframe for these non-peak hours will be determined and communicated to Mr. Pukys

in advance by the Director of the City’s Parks and Recreation Department, or his designee, in such a manner as to optimize the general public’s use and access to the tennis courts while allowing Mr. Pukys to maximize the provision of tennis services without impeding public use.

During peak hours, Mr. Pukys will have management responsibilities at JETC, ensuring the smooth operation of the facility, engaging with the community, and enhancing the overall tennis experience for members and visitors.

**Resource Impact**

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$25,752 are available in the FY 2024 Budget in the account listed below:

<i>Funds available as of June 4, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER / ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6026-572-30-3246	Tennis Programs	Service / Materials / Recreation Programming	\$643,309	\$ 85,733	\$ 25,752
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					<b>\$ 25,752</b>

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2024 *Commission Priority*, advancing the Public Places initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Here.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element
- Goal 1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 - Service Agreement for Professional Tennis Instructor and Facility Management

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