



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager *L.F. Feldman*

DATE: January 21, 2015

TITLE: REVISED CITY MANAGER REPORTS - Beach Place Security Issues

At the City Commission Regular Meeting of November 17, 2014, the City Commission discussed security issues at Beach Place (17 South Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard). The City Commission postponed review of the Security Plan until the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2015.

Subsequently, the City Manager sent a letter to Thor Equities, LLC (property owner/operator of Beach Place) on December 23, 2014. The letter (attached as Exhibit 1) indicated that the provisions of the Special Entertainment District would be suspended effective January 28, 2015 unless a Security Plan is accepted by the City at the January 21, 2015 Regular City Commission meeting.

On January 14, 2015, the City received the attached (Exhibit 2) proposed security plan from Thor Equities, LLC. The plan provides for:

1. 300 hours per week of private security
2. Two off-duty police officers on Fridays from 4 pm to closing (from September ~~December~~ 1st through March 31st)
3. Two off-duty police officers on Saturdays from 12 pm to closing (from September ~~December~~ 1st through March 31st)
4. Two off-duty police officers on Sundays (from September ~~December~~ 1st through March 31st) from 12 pm until 4 pm
5. Two off-duty police officers during hours when alcohol is sold during Spring Break (February 20th to March 31st); New Year's Eve, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.
6. Signage posted at all areas of egress at the property advising people that open containers of alcohol are prohibit from leaving the property.
7. Crowd control barriers at entranceways when there are larger than normal crowds.
8. Replacement of live-feed camera with CCTV cameras that have the ability to record.
9. Additional two CCTV cameras on first and second levels leading from the plaza to the garage and loading dock double doors.
10. Weekly reports submitted to the City Manager.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has reviewed the proposal and feels that it should be modified as follows:

- Fort Lauderdale Police Department should be granted full access to all recordings from the installed CCTV system.
- The bidirectional antenna system (BDA) serving the property to allow the Fort Lauderdale public safety radios to operate inside the property must be repaired and be fully operational no later than February 28, 2015.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Letter dated December 23, 2014 from City Manager to Thor Equities, LLC
Exhibit 2 – Security Plan dated January 14, 2015 submitted by Thor Equities, LLC

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