



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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: November 7, 2023

TITLE: Motion Rejecting All Proposals for Management of the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center (JETC) - Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 106 - (**Commission District 2**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission reject all proposals received in response to Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 106 for Management of the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center.

Background

On May 18, 2023, the Procurement Service Division issued Request for Proposals (RFP) Event No. 106 for the Management of the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center (JETC), including 18 lighted Har-Tru clay courts and three (3) hard courts.

On June 20, 2023, the event closed and a total of four (4) firms submitted proposals.

- Casely Tennis Foundation, Inc.
- FM Tennis LLC
- The Sloane Stephens Foundation
- Wiley Drada Tennis LLC

The proposal submitted by Wiley Drada Tennis LLC was deemed non-responsive, due to its failure to include required documentation and information as outlined in the solicitation.

On August 7, 2023, the Evaluation Committee (Committee) convened for a combination meeting of presentations and to evaluate based on the criteria defined in the RFP document. The Committee determined FM Tennis LLC to be the highest ranked, responsive, and responsible firm.

On October 3, 2023, during the City Commission Conference Meeting, a discussion item was placed seeking feedback from the City Commission, neighbors, public, and stakeholders. At that time, it was determined that it is in the City's best interest to have the management of the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center remain with the City of Fort Lauderdale's Parks and Recreation Department. City staff plans to hire or contract with a

subject matter expert (Tennis Professional) to provide tennis facility expertise that includes staff training, instruction, and on-court tennis lessons. Funding for this subject matter expert will come from the vacant Tennis Recreation Supervisor incumbency.

As a result of the City Commission's previous feedback and directive, staff recommends the City Commission rejects all proposals received in response to RFP No. 106 for the Management of the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Strategic Connections

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

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community.
- Objective: Offer a diverse range of recreational and educational programming

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
- The 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 - Notice to Rescind

Exhibit 2 - Solicitation RFP No. 106

Exhibit 3 - Bid Tabulation

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