



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

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

**DATE:** April 19, 2016

**TITLE:** Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center Update

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center. There are 53 months remaining before the Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) sunsets on September 30, 2020.

**Aquatics Center**

On December 1, 2015 the City Commission terminated the Developer's Agreement with Recreational Design and Construction, Inc. (RDC), and instructed staff to investigate the cost to rehabilitate the existing facility with available CRA funding. Staff issued a task order to Walters Zackria Associates (WZA) under an architectural continuing services agreement to evaluate the existing facility, assess the current condition of the buildings and pools, and present three options for the repair, renovation, or replacement of the buildings and pools. Staff also instructed WZA to look at the feasibility and costs associated with adding a parking garage at the west end of the site. WZA has completed their evaluation and provided a report that includes the following four options:

**Option 1** – Approximately \$20 Million – Renovate all buildings, all pools and the divewell, construct new grandstands, patch the existing pool deck, and complete site work improvements which include raising the existing seawall. The pools and divewell will be renovated “as is”, and would not meet competition standards.

**Option 2** – Approximately \$35.9 Million – Renovate easternmost building, new grandstands, new staff office building, renovate and improve westernmost building to include expanded 2<sup>nd</sup> floor banquet/conference facilities and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor offices/recreation areas, renovate training pool, provide new competition pool and new divewell and new raised pool deck, and provide site work improvements. The new pools and divewell will meet competition standards.

**Option 2A** – Approximately \$38.3 Million – Same improvements as Option 2 except the westernmost building is demolished and replaced with a new 3-level 161 space parking garage with office space on the 1<sup>st</sup> level and observation decks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level. There will be no banquet facility with this option and there is a net loss of approximately 12,000 square feet of building space by demolishing the westernmost building.

**Option 3** – Approximately \$54.3 Million – Clear and demolish site and provide all new pools and buildings.

Each estimated cost includes varying percentages for contingency due to unforeseen costs associated with renovation versus new construction.

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 - City of Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center Facility Assessment

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