

## FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER BRUCE G. ROBERTS



**City Manager Announcement:** I attended all six semifinalist interviews conducted by our citizen City Manager Search Committee; the entire Commission interviewed the three finalists on April 20th. The three were: former Coral Springs City Manager Michael Levinson; Lee Feldman, the current city manager of Palm Bay; and Pasquale DiGiovanni, the deputy city manager of San Antonio, Texas. The Commission decided to allow for additional time to investigate the candidates further, and will make a selection at the May 17<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting.

**Sun Trolley Initiates New City Excursion:** As of March 25, Sun Trolley started *Fort Lauderdale City Excursion*. Tourists are now able to explore sunny Fort Lauderdale, enjoy the sites, experience the culture, delight in its food and shopping all without the worries of storing their baggage, finding parking or hunting for the City's "Must Do" adventures. Fort Lauderdale's Centennial launch of a "Hop On Hop Off" City excursion offers visitors the ease of the destination's best stops all while traveling either through the waterways aboard a Water Taxi or through the charming City streets aboard the Sun Trolley. For ease of exploration, baggage will be conveniently stored and delivered to either Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport or Port Everglades. For one conveniently low price starting at \$29 per adult and \$19 per child, each will receive full day transport, including to and from the airport and/or port (pre-arranged), baggage storage (two per person) and delivery, plus an array of special offers and discounts only available to "Hop On Hop Off" passengers. To book tickets visit [www.graylinefortlauderdale.com](http://www.graylinefortlauderdale.com) or call 1-800-336-8233. Sun Trolley is managed by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (TMA) and is the community bus service of the City of Fort Lauderdale. Besides managing five different routes, TMA oversees a carpooling service with incentives for employees who elect to carpool, connects Fort Lauderdale neighborhoods to Broward County Transit and TriRail, and coordinates employee transit programs in local businesses. TMA has served residents and tourists to the Fort Lauderdale area since 1993. Contact information: Patricia Zeiler ([pzeiler@sunrolley.com](mailto:pzeiler@sunrolley.com)) 954-761-3543 - Downtown Ft. Lauderdale TMA; 305 S. Andrews Ave, Suite 721, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301. Also note that Commissioner Rogers and myself represent the City of Fort Lauderdale on this board.

**City's New Website:** By now I hope you have had some time to explore the City's new website unveiled on April 1<sup>st</sup> – <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov>. For questions or comments, please contact [webmaster@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:webmaster@fortlauderdale.gov).

**Run with the Mayor in District 1:** Most of you know that the Mayor has one night a month where he runs in any of the 4 Districts - anyone can join in and - while keeping pace with the Mayor - bring up any questions/concerns/ideas to talk about. It really is a very slow pace and more often than not, the Mayor and Commissioner stop to have a conversation on any topic of concern. After the run, everyone meets at a convenient place within the starting point - where you can catch your breath and talk some more while enjoying a beverage and/or snack! We are planning another Run with the Mayor (and Commissioner Roberts) in our District on Monday, June 13, 2011. The route will be planned and we will inform you closer to the date; however, we are looking to run through Imperial Point and Knoll Ridge areas. Please feel free to call the office if you would like to participate and need further information.

**Advisory Board/Committee Vacancies:** We still have some vacancies on our boards and/or committees. Affordable Housing Committee (1); Community Appearance Board (1); Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Redevelopment Board (1); Utility Advisory Committee (1). Please go to the site to get a better understanding of the purpose of each. If interested, you can always contact the office. <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/clerk/boards.htm>.

**OFFICE CONTACT:** Robbi Uptegrove – 954-828-5033; email: [ruptegrove@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:ruptegrove@fortlauderdale.gov). In addition to hosting two pre-agenda meetings twice a month, I am also available to attend your HOA meetings to update your neighborhood on what is going on in the City as well as answer any questions/concerns you may have. Please contact Robbi to schedule.