



**FINAL MINUTES AND AGENDA
TOWN OF JUPITER
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

Mayor Kuretski called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Mayor Jim Kuretski; Vice-Mayor Ron Delaney; Councilor Phyllis Choy; Councilor Dan Guisinger; Councilor Malise Sundstrom; Town Manager Frank Kitzerow; Town Attorney Thomas J. Baird and Town Clerk Merriane Lahmeur.

MINUTES

1. January 20, 2026, Town Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilor Sundstrom moved to approve January 20, 2026, Town Council Meeting Minutes, as amended; seconded by Vice-Mayor Delaney; motion passed.

Kuretski	Delaney	Choy	Guisinger	Sundstrom
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed in this portion of the agenda are considered routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor or citizen so requests; in which event, the item will be removed and considered at the beginning of the regular agenda.

- Mayor Kuretski pulled item 2, Ordinance 16-26.

Vice-Mayor Delaney moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended; seconded by Councilor Guisinger; motion passed.

Kuretski	Delaney	Choy	Guisinger	Sundstrom
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

PUBLIC HEARING

2. **Ordinance 16-26, First Reading**, Infrastructure Element Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment. (Second Reading TBD) **MOVED TO REGULAR AGENDA**

PUBLIC BUSINESS

3. Approval of Work Order No. 1 to LP Asphalt, LLC (Contract EPW2025-33A) for the Egret Landing Resurfacing project in the amount of \$1,450,637.
4. Approval of Work Order No. 2 to Arkest LLC (Contract EPW 2025-34B) for the Abacoa Temporary Fire Station Renovation project in the amount of \$199,873.

5. Approval of Work Order No. 2 to LP Asphalt, LLC (Contract EPW2025-33A) for the Dolphin Drive Resurfacing project in the amount of \$163,889.
6. **Resolution 18-26**, Approving a Uniform Collection Agreement with the Palm Beach County Tax Collector for the implementation and collection of a non-ad valorem assessment for fire services.
7. **Resolution 19-26**, Approving an Agreement with the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser for the implementation and collection of a non-ad valorem assessment for fire services.
8. **Resolution 33-26**, for the Amended Dedication of a Perpetual Easement to Florida Power and Light Company at Public Works Maintenance Facility.
9. **Resolution 35-26**, 240 Jupiter Street - Dissolve Unity of Title.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA TO REGULAR AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING

2. Ordinance 16-26, First Reading, Infrastructure Element Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment. (Second Reading TBD)

Mayor Kuretski stated that he supported what was being presented and noted that the existing five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Water Master Plan was based on the Water Utility Master Plan adopted by Resolution No. 60-22 in October 2022. He explained that the Town would soon embark on a full Water Utility Master Plan update in 2027; however, he did not support adding new items to the five-year CIP using the 2025 interim plan, because it had not been vetted.

Mayor Kuretski discussed his concerns regarding differences in data in regard to the finished water forecast over the years. He explained that the change in forecast could be due to the new more consistent methodology that Staff has chosen to use. He further discussed the Floridian Aquifer wells and his opposition to any additional wells being added to the five-year plan.

Mayor Kuretski stated a few key observations and takeaways which included: Table 4-4, Water Demand Forecasts for 2025–2035, showing a 4–5% reduction in average day water demand (0.7 MGD) and an 11% reduction in maximum day demand (2.7 MGD) compared to the 2022 Water Utility Master Plan; A capital project to construct Floridian Aquifer Supply Wells RO-14, RO-15, and RO-16 had been underway for several years that will add 4.5 MGD of new raw water capacity upon completion and will increase the Floridian Aquifer raw water supply capacity by 30% at a cost of \$20 million; and given that the water utility service territory was near buildout, he stated that he did not understand the justification for spending an additional \$20 plus million to construct three more Floridian Aquifer raw water supply wells in 2031, as outlined in Section 3.1.2.2 of the Work Plan 2025 Update.

Mayor Kuretski next explained his concerns regarding the conservation rate structure, and a provision within the Town Code, Section 20-159, that provides for a surcharge of 100% on customer accounts whose water usage exceeds the average of the preceding four months by ten percent. He stated he would like to see this provision removed from the Code, and asked Staff to review and provide an update.

The Title for Ordinance 16-26 was read by Mr. Baird.

Vice-Mayor Delaney moved to approve Ordinance 16-26, First Reading; seconded by Councilor Choy; motion passed.

Kuretski	Delaney	Choy	Guisinger	Sundstrom
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC BUSINESS

10. Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement with MESO Scale Diagnostics, LLC for 9-acres of Land at a Purchase Price of \$9 million.

Mr. Baird, Town Attorney, provided a brief overview of the purchase and sale agreement for the 9-acre parcel, which is part of the formerly known as Parcel 19 PUD (Planned Unit Development). He explained that when the application for the Lake Wood Platt was brought forward, one of the public benefits was the conveyance of the 9-acre parcel to the Town with a restriction that the property could only be used for bioscience uses or open space. He stated that the property had remained unused for many years and noted that the purchaser, who is a substantial bioscience user, has offered to purchase the property at the appraised value.

Councilor Sundstrom asked Staff to display the location of the parcel and provide the history of Parcel 19. Mr. John Sickler, Director of Planning and Zoning, displayed the location and gave a brief overview of the history of Parcel 19.

Mayor Kuretski stated that the area both north and south of Indiantown Road, west of the Turnpike, has the lowest intensity that you would find anywhere on an interchange.

Vice-Mayor Delaney stated that the location was ideal for a facility of this nature. He noted he had many questions, but that they would be more appropriate for the site plan review.

Councilor Sundstrom stated that she agreed with Vice-Mayor Delaney and expressed hope that the project would be completed. She also noted that it was Council decision to ensure that the current designated use stays in place if the project is not completed.

Mayor Kuretski discussed the site plan that was approved in 2019 and emphasized the importance of the trip cap. Mayor Kuretski emphasized the importance of the current trip cap and noted that he would not approve any increase.

Councilor Sundstrom stated that the official purchase of the property was contingent upon site plan approval, which will come later.

Councilor Guisinger moved to approve Purchase and Sale Agreement with MESO Scale Diagnostics, LLC for 9-acres of Land at a Purchase Price of \$9 million; seconded by Vice-Mayor Delaney; motion passed.

Kuretski
Yes

Delaney
Yes

Choy
Yes

Guisinger
Yes

Sundstrom
Yes

ROUNDTABLE

11. 2026-2028 Proposed Strategic Plan

Mr. Mike Hoffman, Senior Director of Community Services, provided a presentation on the 2026-2028 Proposed Strategic Plan, which included the 2025–2027 Strategic Plan results, fully completed strategic initiatives, and fully completed action plans associated with ongoing strategic initiatives.

Mayor Kuretski and Mr. Hoffman discussed that some listed items were expected to be completed by the first quarter of the year but had not yet been completed.

Mayor Kuretski noted that the action plan related to the Comprehensive Plan revision to add the Recreational Zoning District did not necessarily mean that the associated properties had been fully addressed. He suggested a follow-up plan and requested that the previously distributed document listing the properties Council wanted to have zoning changes be redistributed to Council. He stated that this would allow Council to collaborate and identify which properties had been completed and which remained outstanding, and to determine whether an additional action item was necessary.

Mayor Kuretski also requested that a copy of the updated Recreational Master Plan be distributed to Council. Councilor Sundstrom asked if the Recreational Master Plan was on the website and Mr. Hoffman confirmed it was.

Mr. Hoffman continued his presentation and reviewed the other proposed changes to the strategic initiatives and action plans.

Mayor Kuretski stated he would like to keep the Vehicle & Pedestrian Traffic Management & Mitigation initiative. He also said he would like to see what projects have been completed before closing out the Protect Local Seagrass & the Loxahatchee River initiative.

Councilor Sundstrom and Police Chief Hennessy discussed anchored vessels and the status of House Bill 481. Chief Hennessy noted that former House Bill 1149 took effect January 1st.

Mayor Kuretski briefly discussed the most recent resident survey results, and the associated mobility ratings. He cited these results as the reason for keeping mobility at the strategic level.

Councilor Sundstrom discussed the need for additional resident and Staff feedback. She noted that she had requested JPD to provide statistics on traffic accidents and provided a quick overview of those results and the possible need for a study. There

was continued discussion about traffic issues. Mr. Hoffman confirmed that there was a consensus to keep Vehicle and Pedestrian Traffic Management in the annual Strategic Plan.

Mr. Hoffman continued his presentation and highlighted the proposed 2026-2028 Strategic Initiatives, and timeline related to Safety.

Councilor Guisinger asked whether Fire Rescue accreditation was required prior to October 1. Mr. Hoffman and Fire Chief Donatto confirmed that they were not required prior to October 1 and that the accreditations were voluntary and were based on evaluations. Councilor Guisinger asked why the initiative was spread over three years, and Fire Chief Donatto explained that some accreditations could not be earned without a full set of data.

Mayor Kuretski requested clarification regarding the high-speed rail initiative and the timeline of work being completed in Phase One. Mr. George Dzama, Director of Engineering and Public Works, stated that during Phase One, Brightline applied for a grant and planned to perform the design of fencing. He also noted that the Town was programming to install fencing for any locations that were not included in their design. He confirmed that the Town had applied for a state appropriation, and that it would be a 50/50 cost share. There was further discussion about rail safety grants and construction timelines.

Mr. Hoffman next reviewed the proposed 2026-2028 Mobility Strategic Plan, the associated initiatives and action plans.

Mayor Kuretski emphasized the importance of participating in Palm Beach County's Transportation Master Plan efforts and asked Staff if feedback could still be submitted. Mr. Dzama stated that the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization had already collected the necessary data and would be holding technical workshops in the coming months, followed by final submission and public engagement, and the final enactment phase.

Mayor Kuretski explained that recommendations may be presented to the Commission in April. He noted that Council's role is primarily supportive, particularly in assisting Palm Beach County (PBC) in pursuing potential public-side funding. He stated that some type of plan is expected; however, the Town has not yet received details, and only a few meetings remain.

Councilor Sundstrom asked for clarification regarding the committees involved and their membership. Mayor Kuretski reported that Mr. Dzama and Mr. Sickler serve on the Upstream Committee, and that he serves on the Elected Officials Committee.

Councilor Sundstrom noted that the Town also has coverage through her participation in the League of Cities committee, through which she receives updates. She explained that information is not distributed regularly, but a substantial number of materials are available on *PBCmoves.com*, including the Transportation Master Plan, survey results, transportation priorities across Palm Beach County, and the

project timeline. She added that public input is encouraged and that some meetings are open to the public. Councilor Sundstrom stated that there may eventually be a dedicated funding source for transportation, along with prioritization of projects affecting the Town.

Mayor Kuretski described the effort as overly complex, noting that different areas have varying needs. He stated that while some residents favor mass transit and others prioritize local roads, broad participation will be necessary once the initial project list is released. He expressed concern that the Town may only have one opportunity to provide input, though he hoped that understanding was incorrect.

Mr. Dzama stated that planning models and scenarios are being conducted. He noted that Staff will attend technical workshops, validate criteria used for planning input, and provide updates during the next phase.

Mayor Kuretski suggested that once Staff receive clarity on timing, a workshop may be an appropriate solution.

Mayor Kuretski then asked whether the Town had completed all collective roadway lighting projects. Councilor Sundstrom responded that a previous project had been completed and closed out, but additional priorities have since been brought to the Town's attention by residents. Mayor Kuretski stated that he believed all collective roadways were included in the program. Mr. Dzama clarified that three collective roadways were identified for this year.

Mayor Kuretski stated that prioritization of locations and funding would apply to new work. He noted that while Council could choose to go below collective roadways, the typical approach is to prioritize the highest-traffic roads.

Councilor Sundstrom stated that she had received feedback from residents and the Jupiter Police Department regarding several locations and agreed that revisiting those items would be beneficial. Mayor Kuretski asked which collective roadways had not yet been completed. Mr. Dzama stated Riverside was one.

Mr. Hoffman continued presenting on Mobility.

Mayor Kuretski noted in the weekly report Council was asked to consider removing the eastbound through lane from the project scope from Central to Chasewood on the Indiantown Road Phase Two Project. He stated it would reduce the cost by approximately \$800,000 and avoid the need for an additional \$1 million from the Town. Mayor Kuretski suggested they give that guidance due to the Town having legislative request with a dollar amount, which meant if the estimate came in higher the Town would be on the hook for the higher amount. Mayor Kuretski noted the project could have been fully funded by FDOT, but it would not be funded for many years and the Town decided to help co-fund.

Mayor Kuretski noted that FDOT funding for the study, design and construction of the intersection roadway improvements at Indiantown Road from Central Boulevard to Maplewood, could include the segment the Town was going to pull out. He stated that it was his understanding, and that he had nothing in writing, and it was hearsay, that the project development in PD&E Phase for the intersection project would include Indiantown Road to Maplewood and asked if that was the case. Mr. Dzama noted they were exploring areas outside the project limits which may include east up to Maplewood and west up too Island Way. He said they do not want to fix an intersection or fix an area and cause a problem elsewhere. He stated it may include it but they may not necessarily implement a project.

Mayor Kuretski said some of the consultants that were submitting proposals had reached out to him and they had not been awarded the project but had told him that Indiantown Road to Maplewood was included. He shared that this one should be coded due to the Town knowing the PD&E project for the intersection of Indiantown Road and Central Boulevard.

Mayor Kuretski noted Council believed it was an intersection. He stated in the MPO priority plan there was a list of projects, he referred to items 27 through 31. He provided a description of the way the process worked annually for the MPO list of priority projects. He explained \$3 million had been funded for the PD&E last year, so they were embarking on an evaluation. He said as an engineer that was a lot of work. He explained he had been advocating for Indiantown Road to be included but was not suggesting it had been successful. He noted Staff had done a remarkable job and we may be shocked at what come out of this.

Mayor Kuretski said in 31 there was a request for some initial funding for the next implementation of the project, which was \$900,000. The long-range funding needs to keep the project going and adds another \$26 million, which was huge, but they had to include more intersections. It's in the queue but it does not mean it would happen. He said that when PD&E is finished, they will be looking for alternatives.

He asked for a footnote to prioritize project due to it linking to the funding behind the project. He stated he could be wrong, but he had heard say it could be including the second project and work itself out as the PD&E was being done. When that happens, the Staff would be more involved and the MPO would only see it when done.

Vice-Mayor Delaney asked Mayor Kuretski whether he was referring to a prior meeting with Palm Beach County (PBC) engineers regarding the Indiantown Road and Central Boulevard intersection. Mayor Kuretski clarified that the meeting was with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), not PBC. He explained that he had recently discovered an FDOT study completed several years ago without the Town's knowledge. The study concluded that Indiantown Road was the most overcapacity roadway segment in the County and included a 150-page conceptual plan that proposed traffic improvements extending to Maplewood Drive.

Mayor Kuretski stated that he questioned the FDOT District Secretary as to why the project was never funded after the study was completed. He was informed that, at the time, TPA funding priorities had shifted, similar to what occurred in Broward County, with emphasis on moving away from roadway projects toward transit initiatives. This shift in priorities was a TPA role not FDOT. Mayor Kuretski emphasized his intent to ensure that the Town is offering viable solutions should funding again become available, while acknowledging that funding would remain a challenge.

Mayor Kuretski noted that recent resident feedback on traffic concerns was still fresh and suggested deleting the eastern portion of Phase Two of the project, as recommended by Staff, to save approximately \$1 million. He explained that Phase Two could be addressed as part of a future project. Mayor Kuretski further stated that Mr. C.J. Lan had advised that removing the displaced intersection component could eliminate the benefits gained from the improvement, and he asked whether Council wished to proceed with its removal.

Councilor Guisinger asked for clarification regarding Phase Two. Mayor Kuretski explained that the proposed Phase Two scope of work reduction involved the eastbound lanes only and not the westbound lanes, specifically from Central Boulevard to the Chasewood Drive intersection. He asked if that direction aligned with Council's intent. Vice Mayor Delaney agreed and stated that available funds should instead be directed toward westbound improvements.

Mr. Dzama noted that this guidance was extremely valuable, particularly as FDOT is considering implementation of a Local Funding Agreement, which would be brought forward at a future meeting. He thanked Council for the direction and confirmed that Staff would proceed accordingly.

Mayor Kuretski commented that the issue may not have been identified without his proactive efforts and inclusion in the weekly report. Mr. Dzama responded that credit was also due to the Town Manager.

Regarding Item Two, Mayor Kuretski stated that he and Staff would continue reviewing what elements the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study would and would not cover. For the time being, the item would remain a standalone project with no funding unless incorporated into a lower-ranked project. He suggested that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) priority project number be included to ensure the item is not overlooked in the future.

On Item Four, Mayor Kuretski expressed support for evaluating the cross-axis concept at Maplewood Drive and Center Street. He thanked Staff for previously including this concept and noted that he has been advocating for it through the MPO. He emphasized that any project receiving funding from other agencies should be

included on the Town's list of priorities and expectations for the transportation plan, particularly as Staff continue to define and refine project scopes.

Mayor Kuretski also discussed the use of adaptive signal technology along the corridor to mitigate traffic congestion. He noted that this initiative had been on hold pending results from a PBC pilot project and asked for an update. Mr. Dzama reported that adaptive signal technology was currently being implemented along Okeechobee Boulevard East of I-95 through a congested corridor, as well as on Hood Road in Palm Beach Gardens. He stated that results from these trials would not be available until the end of the fiscal year.

Mayor Kuretski stated that he has been advocating for adaptive signalization through the MPO, with support from several County Commissioners. He noted that because PBC controls traffic signalization in nearly all municipalities, this technology should be a significant component of transportation plan investments. He added that residents indicated in the survey that improved signalization would help alleviate traffic congestion and, while not necessarily low-cost, it represents one of the most cost-effective solutions when roadway capacity is sufficient and signal timing can be optimized.

Mr. Dzama noted that the Town is implementing traffic signal preemption for fire rescue services. The technology accounts for timing at affected intersections and continuously refines traffic movements throughout the corridor to ensure efficiency. He stated that staff strongly supported the installation of these devices to improve future emergency responses.

Councilor Sundstrom believed Hood Road was selected due to its proximity to the railway and felt there may be interaction issues between the two systems that needed to be resolved. She expressed interest in understanding how the Town's numerous intersections interact with the railway system, what the outcomes have been, and what corrective actions may be required. Mr. Dzama stated that he would continue requesting results related to this issue.

Mayor Kuretski emphasized that requests regarding project status should not create unreasonable expectations. He noted that he was closer to receiving updates than Council and asked to be kept informed. He stated that all items discussed were part of the Palm Beach County Transportation Plan and apologized for the length of the discussion, noting their importance.

Mr. Hoffman reviewed the final Mobility slide, which included the US 1 Bridge, Center Street Corridor, South Island Way, and the Sun Trail/East Coast Greenway.

Mayor Kuretski believed the US 1 Bridge project was complete or nearing completion, with fencing being the only remaining item. He asked Staff to confirm

whether the project was officially complete. Mr. Dzama stated that the fencing had been completed, but landscaping was not scheduled to begin until the bridge project was fully closed out. He noted that Staff would continue to follow up on the matter.

Mayor Kuretski commended Staff for their work on the SUN Trail and provided an update. He explained that two segments were included in the MPO plan: Juno Beach to Indiantown Road, and a revised segment aligning the SUN Trail with the East Coast Greenway from A1A to US 1. He noted that the change was necessary to qualify for SUN Trail funding, making it an automatic priority.

Mr. Dzama stated that SUN Trail funding was expected through multimodal allocations; however, staff had recently been notified by the MPO that funding would not be awarded this year. He said Staff were exploring alternative funding sources and working with the State to navigate these challenges.

Councilor Sundstrom asked whether the Town had a contract with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, noting that Ms. Kim Delaney could help. Mayor Kuretski stated that he believed Ms. Delaney originally brought the East Coast Greenway/SUN Trail project to the Town. Councilor Sundstrom stated she was pleased to have an advocate.

Councilor Guisinger asked whether the projected road construction and service date of the end of 2027 for South Island Way was still accurate. Mr. Dzama stated that the Town has funding for the project and that the primary long-lead item is acquisition of right-of-way.

Councilor Guisinger asked about the duration of construction. Mr. Dzama responded that construction would take approximately 12 months and noted that right-of-way acquisition was the primary action item. Mayor Kuretski stated that he had been pursuing the necessary right-of-way for over a decade and believed that a one-year timeline was reasonable. Vice-Mayor Delaney noted that several right-of-way segments are owned by different parties and would need to be approached individually.

Councilor Guisinger asked whether the design was complete. Mr. Dzama confirmed that it was.

Mr. Hoffman reviewed initiatives related to Green, Blue, and Open Space, including open space preservation, protection of local seagrass, and the Town's resiliency plan.

Mayor Kuretski discussed property acquisition monitoring, noting that action had been taken regarding the Suni Sands property, though additional work remained. He suggested revising the language from "monitor" to language that also implies active pursuit. He stated that a settlement agreement outlines how the Town may proceed

with acquisition and grants the Town the right to do so, though the Town is not yet at that stage. Mayor Kuretski asked for a related action item to be added.

Councilor Sundstrom asked whether the Environmental Task Force had reviewed the vulnerability study. Ms. Amanda Barnes, Director of Utilities, stated that a public presentation was scheduled for February 17 and that the Environmental Task Force had been invited. Councilor Sundstrom requested that the study be presented at the Environmental Task Force's next meeting.

Mr. Hoffman continued his presentation on the Unique, Small Town Feel Initiative.

Mayor Kuretski stated that he would like to see the Piatt Place initiative and related action items completed in phases, and that the public safety item, the dock, should be completed as soon as possible.

Councilor Sundstrom requested an update regarding the Town's partnership with the School District. Mr. Hoffman explained that discussions were ongoing and that Staff could provide an update.

Mr. Hoffman reviewed the Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium, A1A and Jupiter Beach Road Roundabout, and the Historic Preservation Initiative.

Mayor Kuretski stated that developing a plan for the waterfront historic park at Suni Sands should be added to the Historic Preservation Initiative. He noted that he would like it to include the bulkhead replacement and dockage improvements.

Mr. Hoffman continued his presentation on the Proposed Strategic Plan related to Organizational Excellence, including the Municipal Complex and Maintenance Facility Initiative. Mayor Kuretski requested a status update regarding the areas of local importance. Mr. Sickler explained that the related zoning text amendments were on hold due to Senate Bill 180.

Councilor Guisinger asked whether the maintenance facility initiative could be advanced to an earlier timeframe and whether a training facility could be added. Mr. Hoffman clarified that the training strategic initiative was initially a brick-and-mortar training facility, however, the focus had shifted to evaluating existing facilities to determine whether current spaces could be enhanced, as well as exploring and establishing partnerships to expand training opportunities.

Mr. Hoffman provided a recap of the presentation and the next steps in the process.

Mayor Kuretski stated he wanted to provide comments on the Strategic Plan results, specifically regarding fiscal responsibility. He requested consideration for two items to be added, which were to add proactive efforts to secure highly competitive bids and emphasize that bid evaluations and contract awards prioritized the lowest evaluated cost to Jupiter residents and businesses, stating that this approach defined expectations.

Mayor Kuretski provided the recent water meter replacement project as an example. He stated that there were claimed financial benefits for water meter accuracy improvements that were estimated to result in a \$1.3 million per year increase in revenues. He noted he did not believe that it was a benefit because Council could adjust rates. Mayor Kuretski stated that evaluations should always be based on the lowest evaluated cost for the residents and businesses, and not for a project that could lead to more revenues.

Councilor Sundstrom said that she did not fully support strict emphasis on lowest cost across all departments. She stated that while a general approach could be appropriate in some areas, she continued to have concerns about the potential cost to residents when projects did not proceed as planned. She noted that evaluation criteria and weighting percentages could be adjusted and explored to achieve the best overall outcome.

Councilor Sundstrom further emphasized her ongoing concerns regarding utility projects, particularly given the level of expertise required and the potential risks involved. She stressed the importance of selecting contractors with the qualifications necessary to complete projects correctly the first time.

Mayor Kuretski stated that regulated utility evaluations should not be based on increased revenues or rate hikes but instead should focus on cost impacts to residents and businesses. He expressed his concerns regarding projected revenue increases from new water meters, noting that while the monthly household impact was described as minimal, the annual increase was significant. He stated that utility evaluations should prioritize customer savings rather than improved profits.

Vice-Mayor Delaney and Councilor Sundstrom stated, for the water meter replacement project, they believed that the goal was not to increase profit but rather to improve efficiency.

Councilor Choy asked if Staff could develop and design a workforce housing program, and that it be included in the Strategic Plan. Mayor Kuretski suggested that it be included on an agenda as a roundtable item instead.

Mr. Hoffman concluded his presentation and stated that once the plan was formally adopted, the website would be updated with the new plan.

REPORTS

TOWN ATTORNEY

- Senate Bill 180 - Attorney Baird reported on legislative activity regarding 2026 Senate Bill (SB) 840, which amends 2025 Senate Bill 180. He explained SB 840 is currently before the Senate Rules Committee, which is the final committee stop prior to Senate floor consideration. He stated the bill currently has no House

companion and a potential House Bill, HB 1465, was noted as reportedly more restrictive than SB 180.

He further explained that SB 840 reduces the affected radius from 100 miles to 50 miles, which includes the Town of Jupiter and a portion of Palm Beach County. The bill would limit the prohibition on burdensome regulations until June 2026, rather than October 2027 as provided in SB 180. Mr. Baird expressed hope that the House and Senate would align to provide legislative relief.

TOWN MANAGER –

- Town Boards and Committees - Mr. Kitzerow announced that applications for Town boards and committees are due by Friday, February 13, with submissions available on the Town's website.
- Jupiter Fire Rescue Department (JFRD) Swearing-in Ceremony - Mr. Kitzerow noted a swearing-in ceremony was held for three Battalion Chiefs and two Captains. JFRD remains on schedule to become operational on October 1, 2026. The next swearing-in ceremony is scheduled for June 1 at 10:00 a.m., at which approximately 90 personnel will take the oath of office. As of the report date, the Town has received over 1,500 applications for 90 JFRD operational positions, including Firefighters, Driver Engineers, Lieutenants, and Captains.
- Upcoming Construction Projects - Mr. Kitzerow announced the following:
 - February 11: One westbound lane of Indiantown Road between Maplewood Drive and Carver Avenue will be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - Beginning February 16: Carver Avenue will be closed just north of the parking lot for Dr. Travis Kelso's Offices for approximately 10 days. Residents will need to use the Cinquez Park Access Road to enter and exit Carver Avenue.
 - Town staff is coordinating resident notifications through multiple communication channels.
- Jupiter Jubilee – Mr. Kitzerow invited residents to attend Jupiter Jubilee on Saturday, February 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Campus.

TOWN COUNCIL – LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS –

VICE-MAYOR DELANEY:

- JFRD Swearing-in Ceremony - Vice-Mayor Delaney commented on the recent swearing-in ceremony, praising the quality of leadership, teamwork, and camaraderie among Fire Rescue and Police Department personnel. He expressed pride in the rapid progress toward establishing a first-class fire rescue operation.

COUNCILOR CHOY:

- JFRD Swearing-in Ceremony - Councilor Choy commended the leadership and professionalism of the Fire Rescue Department and expressed that she is very proud to be a part of this.

- Resident Engagement - Councilor Choy shared positive observations from her recent visits at two homeowner's meetings and a Police Advisory meeting, noting strong resident participation, thoughtful feedback, and productive engagement with Town Staff.

COUNCILOR GUISINGER:

- Central Boulevard Bridge - Councilor Guisinger inquired about potential overnight closures of Central Boulevard Bridge. It was stated that Florida Power & Light (FPL) line-hardening work may be the cause.
- JFRD Swearing-in Ceremony - Councilor Guisinger praised the recent swearing-in ceremony, stating it was a very nice ceremony, and it is a testament to the quality and experience that is coming. He also thanked the Fire Chief for inviting Council participation.

COUNCILOR SUNDSTROM:

- HB 4071 - Councilor Sundstrom informed the Council that she is tracking House Bill 4071, which is a Palm Beach County Local Bill that does not need a counterpart. It has passed the Intergovernmental and the Ways and Means and is still pending action by the State Affairs Committee.

Councilor Sundstrom noted that she has been in contact with Representative Snyder and others and that she had been advised that an amendment was coming.

- New Town Lobbyists - Councilor Sundstrom gave an update that there was a change in the Town's lobbyist, and that the Town is temporarily working with Ballard Partners and Jeff Atwater for legislative advocacy during the current session, as the contract had ended with GT Law.
- JFRD Hiring - Councilor Sundstrom commented on the back-to-back interviews for the hiring of JFRD personnel. She hoped everyone was in good health as they worked through the application process and she looks forward to being there for the ceremony.
- FPL Lines - Councilor Sundstrom had questions about underground FPL Lines on Indiantown Road. She inquired about the status of escrow funds and how the hardening came about on Indiantown Road.

MAYOR KURETSKI

- Beacon Park Zoning Reconsideration - Mayor Kuretski provided an overview of the action and discussion that took place at the last meeting regarding Ordinance 7-26 and the R1 and R1A designation. It was determined that Ordinance 7-26 needed to be reconsidered to address the issue.

Councilor Sundstrom moved to reconsider Ordinance 7-26 (R1 versus R1A on the Beacon Park Property); Seconded by Councilor Guisinger; motion passed.

Kuretski
Yes

Delaney
Yes

Choy
Yes

Guisinger
Yes

Sundstrom
Yes

- Resident Survey - Mayor Kuretski felt it was commendable to point out that 10% of the resident survey rating attributes places the Town of Jupiter at national or State of Florida community benchmark percentile levels above 90%. Also the Town of Jupiter received statistically higher ratings at least 10 points above the benchmark of other Florida communities which he felt was extraordinary and gave kudos to the Town Staff. He noted that the overall Customer Service by Jupiter employees was greater than 90% of the National benchmark and greater than 92% of the State. He stated that this was incredible and gave kudos to Staff.
- JFRD Swearing-in Ceremony and Hiring – Mayor Kuretski noted the extraordinary teamwork that was taking place for the JFRD hiring. He was delighted to be invited to the swearing-in ceremonies for JFRD.
- County Interlocal Agreement - Mayor Kuretski discussed concerns regarding a proposed Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County related to traffic control jurisdiction, including potential statutory and liability implications. Direction was given for the Town Attorney to review the matter prior to any further consideration. It was clarified that it was a financial and jurisdictional liability.
- JFRD Milestones - Mayor Kuretski noted that if he were ever asked who the first JFRD employee was, his answer would be Mr. Scott Reynolds. He expressed his appreciation for Mr. Reynolds and all the Staff for the efforts.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:31 P.M.

Merriane Lahmeur, Town Clerk