



**FINAL MINUTES AND AGENDA
TOWN OF JUPITER
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 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.

PROCLAMATION

1. Bicycle Month — March 2026.

Mayor Kuretski presented the proclamation to Ms. Stephanie Thoburn, Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning and Chair of the Vision Zero Advisory Committee (VZAC); Mr. George Dzama, Director of Engineering and Public Works; and Police Chief Don Hennessy.

Ms. Thoburn expressed her appreciation on behalf of the Planning and Zoning, Engineering and Public Works, and Police Departments.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Linda McDermott, a resident of Chadwick Drive, discussed the fire assessment fee and requested that an example of the methodology be included for public reference. She also expressed her appreciation for the detailed presentation.

Mr. Scott Gilow, a resident of Main Street, expressed his concerns regarding parking in Abacoa, particularly during special events, and how it impacted local businesses and residents.

MINUTES

2. February 17, 2026, Town Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilor Choy moved to approve February 17, 2026, Town Council Meeting Minutes; seconded by Vice-Mayor Delaney; motion passed.

Kuretski
Yes

Delaney
Yes

Choy
Yes

Guisinger
Yes

Sundstrom
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.

- Councilor Choy and Councilor Sundstrom pulled Item 4.
- Mayor Kuretski pulled Items 4 and 8.

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

Kuretski	Delaney	Choy	Guisinger	Sundstrom
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Police Officers Pension Modifications/Update

A. Ordinance 12-26, Second Reading, Amendment of Offset Healthcare Premiums Supplemental Retirement Benefits of the Police Officers Retirement Fund.

Title for Ordinance 12-26 was read by Mr. Baird.

B. Ordinance 13-26, Second Reading, Amendment of DROP Supplemental Retirement Benefits of the Police Officers Retirement Fund.

Title for Ordinance 13-26 was read by Mr. Baird.

C. Ordinance 14-26, Second Reading, Correction relating to the Police Officers Retirement Fund Pension Ordinance.

Title for Ordinance 14-26 was read by Mr. Baird.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

- 4. Adopting the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan. MOVED TO REGULAR AGENDA**
- 5. Approving a purchase order to DXP Enterprises (dba Carter & VerPlanck) for two nanofiltration scrubber pumps for an amount of \$84,485.**
- 6. Approval of an amendment to Unit Price Contract W2334 (Deevan, Inc.) and authorization of Work Order 49 for the Abacoa Temporary Fire Station Project**
- 7. Resolution 23-26, Approving a Local Funding Agreement with FDOT for the Western Indiantown Road Improvements Project – Phase II.**
- 8. Resolution 26-26, Approving a Continuing Services Contract to Advanced Archaeology Inc. for Historic and Archaeological Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 annually. MOVED TO REGULAR AGENDA**
- 9. Resolution 39-26, Renewal of the Barry Kaufer Veterans Building Permit Discount Program.**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA TO REGULAR AGENDA

4. Adopting the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan.

Councilor Sundstrom expressed concerns regarding the inclusion of Suni Sands items in the Strategic Plan (Plan), on page 23, Historic Preservation. She thought it was premature to include these items in the Plan, since the Town currently did not own the property. She recommended striking the language and emphasized the need for neutrality and adherence to the public process. She supported adding some of the items later to the Plan after the process had been completed. Councilor Choy and Vice-Mayor Delaney supported this recommendation.

Councilor Choy requested to amend bullet point five on page 10, Strong Local Economy, to add a sentence at the end of the bullet point. She stated the sentence would read "The Housing Trust Fund was created to support local businesses and their workforce." There was discussion about a roundtable discussion, the possibility of an action item, or a new initiative. Councilor Choy confirmed she was open to other options but wanted to see something in the Plan.

There was continued discussion on holding a roundtable, including the item in the Plan or adding the roundtable as an action item in the Plan. Mayor Kuretski noted consensus to hold a roundtable discussion and past practices. Councilor Sundstrom supported adding an action plan to conduct a roundtable. There was a consensus of the Council in supporting the action plan to conduct a roundtable.

Mr. Kitzerow, Town Manager, asked for clarification on whether the Strategic Plan needed to come back to Council after the additional changes are made. There was a consensus that it likely did not need to come back.

Mayor Kuretski circled back to discuss the Suni Sands matter. To not miss an entire funding cycle, he noted that he had asked for a conceptual scope and budget to be added for Suni Sands. He did not support removing the Suni Sands items as requested by Councilor Sundstrom but was open to amending them.

Mayor Kuretski next expressed concern regarding funding for Phase I and Phase II for the Vehicle Maintenance Facility and the Administrative Facility that was requested to be added by Councilor Guisinger at the previous meeting. Mayor Kuretski noted he could not support Phase II without knowing how Phase I was going to be funded.

Councilor Sundstrom supported amending the language to allow for flexibility. Mayor Kuretski stated that with the uncertainty of funding in the upcoming fiscal year due to State matters, and with the estimated costs of the facilities, he wanted to make sure putting the items in the Plan was not interpreted as it becoming a priority.

Councilor Guisinger commented that he wanted to make sure that what is completed is affordable and was supportive of separating out Phase I and Phase II but wanted the project to start this year. Councilor Sundstrom, Choy, and Vice-Mayor Delaney agreed. It was determined that during the budget process the Council would determine what would be scheduled for completion at that time.

Mayor Kuretski reviewed the requested changes. For the Vehicle Maintenance Facility there was consensus to add “Subject to Funding” to the item. There was also consensus to add the roundtable discussion for the Housing Trust Fund.

There was further discussion on the Suni Sands items. Councilor Sundstrom reiterated her concern about adding the items prematurely and requested that they allow the matter to go through the public process first. Mayor Kuretski reiterated that his request was for conceptual information to be included in the Plan. There was discussion about including language referring to conceptual concepts and steps, due diligence, and possible purchased property.

Councilor Guisinger expressed a desire to see language to ensure the Town is not caught behind and wanted to ensure possible savings if projects were completed in conjunction with the developer once the matter is settled.

Councilor Sundstrom clarified that she would be open to amended language for the first Suni Sands item, but would like to see the second item removed, and she wanted anything referencing “town owned” to be removed. She was agreeable to adding “conceptual” terms.

There was continued discussion on the necessity to start having conversations about the plans for the Suni Sands Property, and the timing of those discussions. Councilor Sundstrom preferred to wait for discussions until after the property had been acquired. Vice-Mayor Delaney and Councilor Choy agreed. Mayor Kuretski and Councilor Guisinger were in favor of having discussions simultaneously as the settlement/sale proceeded.

Mr. Hoffman, Senior Director of Community Services, confirmed that the direction from Council was to amend the language in the first Suni Sands item to remove “town owned,” to strike the second Suni Sands item, and to create a new action plan revolving around a conceptual design for stabilization.

It was agreed that the Plan did not need to come back to Council for further review.

Councilor Sundstrom moved to approve the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan, as amended; seconded by Vice-Mayor Delaney; motion passed.

Kuretski	Delaney	Choy	Guisinger	Sundstrom
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

8. Resolution 26-26, Approving a Continuing Services Contract to Advanced Archaeology Inc. for Historic and Archaeological Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 annually.

Mayor Kuretski stated that he did not support the contract award and expressed his concerns regarding the Town’s current procurement process. Mayor Kuretski noted that the consultant, which the Town had been using for the last decade, had increased their hourly rate by 33%.

Councilor Sundstrom inquired how long the current hourly rate had been in place and what the rate was. Mr. John Sickler, Planning and Zoning Director, responded that the hourly rate was \$75 dollars and had been in effect since 2023.

Councilor Sundstrom next asked why a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) had been used and why cost was not listed as a selection criterion. Mr. Scott Reynolds, Director of Finance, explained that the RFQ was for professional services and that Staff had followed the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), under which cost could not be used as a ranking factor for selection.

Mr. Baird, Town Attorney, clarified that under Florida Statutes Chapter 287, municipalities were permitted to select professional services for architects, landscape architects, surveyors and engineers based on qualifications rather than cost. There was discussion regarding the selection of archaeologists under the provision.

Councilor Sundstrom asked whether the Town could select multiple firms based on qualifications and then consider cost at a second level. Mr. Reynolds stated that Staff would have to notify firms upfront if multiple selections would be made. Councilor Sundstrom asked if it would be an issue to always select more than one firm to allow further discussion on cost. Mr. Reynolds explained that the Town would first have to select multiple firms, enter contracts with them, and then choose a consultant for each specific project as needed.

Mayor Kuretski expressed his disapproval of the current process and stated that when costs were not considered during the selection process, decisions could rely more heavily on personal knowledge and judgment, which could influence who was selected. Councilor Sundstrom expressed concern about implying that the process was being influenced and noted that the Town is bound by statutes and in some instances, cost cannot be a factor.

Councilor Sundstrom expressed a desire to see multiple firms awarded contracts moving forward in the procurement process where it might be allowed to be more beneficial for the Town. Mr. Reynolds noted that Staff would look at adding that to the updated procurement policy.

There was additional discussion on the CCNA provision in Chapter 287. Discussion took place on the necessity to move forward with the current contract. Mr. Sickler explained that there was urgency in the matter, as the Town was currently out of contract. Vice-Mayor Delaney suggested that Council approve the contract and revisit the bidding process later.

Mayor Kuretski clarified his earlier comments regarding the consideration for existing consultants and the impact of prior history and knowledge when cost is not a factor. He noted he would always object when cost is not considered.

Councilor Sundstrom noted that Florida Statutes sometimes dictates the required process and that Staff should not be criticized for following those requirements. Vice-Mayor Delaney noted that the public sector was required to follow specific standards that did not always apply in the private sector. Mayor Kuretski commented that the public sector was no less responsible for spending money prudently.

Vice-Mayor Delaney moved to approve Resolution 26-26; seconded by Councilor Sundstrom; motion passed.

Kuretski	Delaney	Choy	Guisinger	Sundstrom
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

At the request of the Applicant, all items related to the Beacon Park Project were Postponed to the March 17, 2026, meeting.

10. **Beacon Park** — Applications for 57.7± acres of property, generally located south of Jupiter Community Park, west of Limestone Creek Road, north of Indiantown Road, and east of the I-95 interchange for the following:

A. East Side of Island Way

Ordinance 7-26, Reconsideration of First Reading, Zoning Map amendment from I-4, Industrial, High Technology and Employment Center District to R-1, Residential Single-Family District, on 34.3± acres located on the east side of Island Way;

B. West Side of Island Way

Ordinance 3-26, First Reading, Consideration of a Future Land Use Map amendment from General Industrial with Bioscience Research Protection Overlay to Medium Density Residential, on 23.4± acres located on the west side of Island Way; and,

Ordinance 8-26, First Reading, Consideration of a Zoning Map amendment from I-4, Industrial, High Technology and Employment Center District to R-3, Residential, Limited Multi-Family District, on 23.4± acres located on the west side of Island Way. (2nd Reading TBD)

11. **Resolution 38-26**, *Quasi-Judicial*, Piatt Public Safety Marina and Park – Site Plan & Special Exception.

Ex Parte Communications:

- Mayor Kuretski had spoken with the Town Manager.
- Vice-Mayor Delaney had met with Staff.
- Councilor Sundstrom had met with Staff and drove by the site.

The Town Clerk swore in four people.

Mr. Garret Watson, Principal Planner, provided a summary of Phase I and Phase II for the Project, which were approved in 2024, and reviewed the proposed amendment to Phase II being considered. He also noted what would be presented at upcoming Town Council meetings for the final phases, including approval of the FIND grant. Mr. Watson continued his presentation and reviewed the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation of approval.

Councilor Guisinger asked if the overlook area would include benches for the public. Mr. Watson responded that the current design plan does not include benches, but they could be added if the Council desired. Councilor Guisinger noted he would like to see them included. He also inquired about the timing of the pavilion, and Mr. Watson noted that it would be part of a later Phase, unless it was decided differently as part of funding.

Vice-Mayor Delaney inquired about moored vessels in the area and the necessity for them to be removed. Mr. Watson confirmed that vessels would not be able to be moored within 150 feet of the public facility.

Mayor Kuretski asked if seagrass informational buoys could be included in the permit application for the dock. Mr. Watson confirmed they could, and that grant funding could also be pursued to install them.

Councilor Guisinger moved to approve Resolution 38-26; seconded by Vice-Mayor Delaney; motion passed.

Kuretski	Delaney	Choy	Guisinger	Sundstrom
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

ROUNDTABLE

12. Fire Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Discussion.

Mr. Scott Reynolds, Director of Finance, introduced Ms. Sandra Neubarth, the Town's Consultant from Accenture, and acknowledged Mr. Thomas Gates, GIS Manager, JFRD Chief Darrel Donatto and Team. Mr. Reynolds noted that the Town had received questions from residents, and he hoped that the presentation would answer those questions.

Mr. Reynolds presented the Fire Non-Ad Valorem Assessment presentation, which included: an overview; explanation of Ad Valorem vs Non-Ad Valorem assessment; explanation of Non-Ad Valorem fire assessment (excluding EMS services); historical fire protection call data from 2022, 2023 and 2024; cost apportionment (based on square footage); current vs proposed funding for JFRD (Option 1 – Fire Assessment; Option 2 – Millage increase); summary of savings (projected overall budget savings of \$9,830,198); advantages and challenges; other Palm Beach County municipal fire assessments; policy direction, including possible exemptions; and next steps.

Mayor Kuretski clarified that this was the first time the Council would begin the process of making rate budget decisions for the Fire Department. He stated he was pleased that projected savings appeared to exceed prior commitments.

Mayor Kuretski noted that when the Palm Beach County (PBC) assessment for 2026 was received, it was \$1.8 million higher than earlier assumptions. He asked whether the upside tax collection was still being swept, which would amount to an additional

\$1.3 million. He explained that the budget was prepared using 95% of the projected tax revenues, as required by the State. He added that the Town had always collected more revenue than projected and remained in good financial condition.

Mayor Kuretski further stated that the Town had learned that PBC could utilize CRA funds while the Town could not. He suggested reconciliation should be considered, as it was not anticipated that revenues would come in under the CRA minimum. He emphasized that the Council should provide policy direction to address the issue in the assessment.

Mayor Kuretski discussed transport fees and asked whether they were consistent with those used by PBC. Mr. Reynolds confirmed that they were. Mayor Kuretski stated that the Council could make decisions regarding the transport fees annually. He thanked Staff for their work and asked whether the Town was bound by the complete study. He noted that some municipalities structured assessments by dwelling units, and the Town had not adopted that approach to remain mindful of lower-income residents. He also referenced the senior exemptions previously enacted by the Town, noting that several components would ultimately become Council policy decisions.

Mayor Kuretski also inquired whether the Town was required to maintain the current residential spread rate or whether adjustments could be made. Ms. Neubarth responded that assessments are typically based on dwelling units; however, the Town has a wide range of home sizes. The breakdown was as follows:

- 1 unit is approximately 43,290 square feet
- 20% of homes are under 1,500 square feet
- 50% are approximately 3,000 square feet or less
- 24% are between 3,000 and 6,000 square feet
- 5% exceeded 6,000 square feet

Mayor Kuretski asked whether square footage calculations were gross square footage that included garages and porches. Ms. Neubarth confirmed that the figures included all areas under roof, regardless of air conditioning or not. Mr. Reynolds and Ms. Neubarth confirmed those numbers were from the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office.

Councilor Guisinger asked why 15% was considered a reasonable assessment rate. Mr. Reynolds explained that the 15% figure was selected because it would have a minimal financial impact on residents while helping to cover the debt service the Town was facing. He added that the Council would have the flexibility to adjust the percentage in the future if necessary.

Councilor Guisinger asked whether the historical call data had come from PBC, and whether they had separated out Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and fire calls in the data, and whether there was any uncertainty associated with the figures provided. Mr. Reynolds stated that they were very confident in the data that had been received. He explained that, moving forward, Fire Chief Donatto and his Staff

would be responsible for collecting and providing the data, at which point it would become the Town's official data. He further noted that every three to five years, Staff would bring the information back to Council for review.

Councilor Sundstrom asked whether there were specific details about the type of calls being represented. Fire Chief Donatto clarified that the reported figures reflected fire-related calls only, not EMS responses. He also explained the distinction between fire calls and public assist calls that don't require medical care. Councilor Sundstrom asked whether the numbers represented each time the truck left the station. Chief Donatto confirmed that the count included each time the truck responded to a call and arrived on scene.

Mayor Kuretski inquired about nursing homes and their impact on service demands. Fire Chief Donatto responded that JFRD would work to reduce service-related calls from those facilities. Mayor Kuretski stated that the Town would collaborate with them to help lower associated costs. Mr. Reynolds added that different tiered rates were available to help address and correct those calls.

Councilor Sundstrom stated that it would be helpful to provide a few examples on the Town's website to assist residents in understanding the proposal. Mr. Reynolds noted they would share the tier rate structure to help residents.

Vice-Mayor Delaney asked why the rate was set at 15% and whether that percentage could be adjusted. Mr. Reynolds responded that the Town had the authority to generate more than \$16 million, representing 100% of the allowable amount. He explained that there was no current need to exceed 15%, but Council could reevaluate the percentage in three to five years.

Vice-Mayor Delaney also inquired whether the CRA funds would be pulled directly. Mr. Reynolds stated that if Council chose to implement the non-ad valorem assessment, the \$2.1 million of the assessment portion could be allocated to support the Fire Department. He further noted that ad-valorem funds would remain in the CRA trust fund.

Councilor Choy complimented the report and asked whether condos and single-family homes were being evaluated differently. Ms. Neubarth explained that PBC data was used, with square footage provided for each condo unit. She noted that if the Council decides to move forward, a public notice would be sent to every property owner 20 days prior to the first public hearing, and that the notice would provide information about the process and opportunities to address any concerns.

Councilor Sundstrom stated she lives in Abacoa and asked if her assessment was just for her house or did it include a portion of the club house. Ms. Neubarth said Councilor Sundstrom was speaking about common element parcels that would not get assessed.

Councilor Choy inquired whether accessory dwelling units are taxed separately and if they were reflected on the tax bill. Ms. Neubarth explained that units with measurable square footage are taxed, while miscellaneous units, such as a shed,

would not be captured. Structures such as pool houses would be included.

Councilor Choy asked why the next review would not take place for another three to five years. Mr. Reynolds stated that at least three or more years of data is needed to conduct a meaningful analysis.

Mayor Kuretski inquired further about the public notice. Mr. Reynolds responded that the process was the same process done when the Town conducted the vegetative cleaning notifications. Ms. Neubarth mentioned it would also be included on the TRIM notice, which is required by law.

Mayor Kuretski clarified that the 15% allocation for the CRA was intended only for fire-related costs. He noted that this 15% would cover roughly half of the costs, but the actual impact may vary because of ad-valorem formulas. He mentioned that he needed further clarification on the difference between the gross square footage and the air-conditioned space and asked if this discrepancy could be reviewed. He also noted that parking garages were not taxable. Ms. Neubarth stated that all buildings were included. Some parcels are mixed-use, so they would need to distinguish between industrial versus commercial portions. There was discussion on garages and those that don't pay ad valorem taxes.

Vice-Mayor Delaney asked the Mayor if he had concerns about condos. Mayor Kuretski replied he was focused on consistency and not condos specifically. Mr. Reynolds emphasized that the data is for the entire structure, not just parts.

Mayor Kuretski requested additional information on air-conditioned areas. Ms. Neubarth clarified that while that information is available, it does not necessarily reflect all areas receiving fire services. She also explained that National Fire Protection (NFP) standards are used to develop service tiers and ranges.

Councilor Sundstrom appreciated that the Town accounts for property diversity, noting that other municipalities might not. Mr. Reynolds stated information on ranges would be provided to the Council and made publicly available on the Town's website.

Mayor Kuretski addressed the policy direction and clarified that the Council's role is limited to acting on information from the study. Mr. Reynolds recommended the same.

Mr. Reynolds provided a timeline of when Staff needed direction from Council, noting that a decision will need to be made by July if the Town wants to move forward with the next steps for the fire assessment. Mayor Kuretski emphasized that June 26 is critical for public notices to be mailed and published, and Mr. Reynolds confirmed.

Councilor Guisinger asked if Staff needed immediate direction on Option 1 versus Option 2 to prepare an Ordinance. Mr. Reynolds responded that immediate direction was not needed, and Staff could continue meeting statutory requirements as a precaution.

Mayor Kuretski asked if Council would need to act in the next few months, and Mr. Reynolds confirmed. Mr. Reynolds stated the Town would have the ability to select Option 1 or 2, but continuing the procedural process would give the Town the option to create an alternative funding source for JFRD.

Mr. Reynolds noted Council had made no final decision and that further discussions would occur during the budget process and public hearings. The procedural process would move forward in order to provide Council options for later decision-making.

Mayor Kuretski asked if procedural process could continue even if Council decided not to move forward, and Mr. Reynolds confirmed it could.

REPORTS

TOWN ATTORNEY:

- 2025 Senate Bill 180 Litigation – Mr. Baird reported that the State’s motion to dismiss was granted in part and denied in part, allowing the litigation to proceed. He further reported that discussions have occurred in the House of Representatives regarding 2026 Senate Bill 840. While the Senate had previously advanced the bill without a companion bill in the House, there is now momentum for a companion measure. Mr. Baird noted there is reason for optimism.

TOWN MANAGER:

- Resident Concern – Mr. Kitzerow reported that a resident had reached out to Jupiter Fire Rescue regarding a recent incident. The resident was concerned because during a recent emergency response by Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, while the resident was attempting to thank a responding firefighter, they were told that the level of service would be reduced once operations transitioned to the Jupiter Fire Rescue Department, potentially placing residents at risk. The resident further reported that firefighter provided a piece of literature explaining the firefighter’s position regarding service levels. The material distributed was identified as a paid political advertisement, and it appeared it was distributed while the firefighter was on duty and engaged in an official response. Mr. Kitzerow noted that this encounter left the resident feeling unsafe and particularly concerned for other residents who may not understand the political implications and who may be concerned about safety. It was also noted by the resident that the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue personnel had multiple copies of the literature.

Mr. Kitzerow stated that upon learning about the matter, he immediately started working on it and contacted County Administrator Mr. Abruzzo and followed up with documentation explaining what occurred and provided copies of what was distributed. He acknowledged Palm Beach County Fire Chief Rowley, who was in attendance, and noted that he had responded promptly to discuss the issue and took it very seriously. Mr. Kitzerow conveyed to Mr. Abruzzo and Mr. Rowley the Town’s displeasure and disappointment and the concern that the incident may not be isolated. He requested that any residents who may have received similar

materials during a call for service contact the Town. Mr. Kitzerow stated that Chief Rowley assured him that the Department was looking into the matter.

- Summer Camp Registration – Mr. Kitzerow reported that registration for the popular summer camp program took place the previous Saturday. A total of 333 children were registered for the first session, scheduled for June 8 through July 2, and 340 children were registered for the second session, scheduled for July 6 through July 31. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Staff for their work.
- Jupiter Police Department Promotions – Mr. Kitzerow congratulated the Police Department employees on their upcoming Leadership Team promotions, effective March 14, 2026. A formal awards ceremony will be held on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Promotions included:
 - Scott Kimbark to rank of Deputy Chief assigned to the Operations Bureau
 - Joe Coonihan to rank of Major
 - Jason Alexander to rank of Captain
 - Matt Owen to rank of Sergeant
- E-bike Safe Riding Program – Mr. Kitzerow announced that the Police Department launched a new program aimed at encouraging safe and responsible e-bike riding. Under the program, when a Jupiter Police officer observes an e-bike rider, particularly a young rider, following the rules and riding responsibly, the rider will receive a voucher for a free treat at Bahama Buck's or Annie's Italian Ice. Mr. Kitzerow thanked both community businesses for participating in the program and commended the Police Department for its creativity.

TOWN COUNCIL – LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

COUNCILOR CHOY:

- E-bikes - Councilor Choy reported that everyone was following the action in Tallahassee closely regarding House Bill 243 and Senate Bill 382 and expressed hope that the legislation would support the measures being implemented in Jupiter. She noted that e-bike safety has become a significant issue nationwide and everyone is waiting for positive information from the Legislature.
- Read for the Record – Councilor Choy shared that she and Councilor Sundstrom participated in reading to students at local schools. She was grateful for the opportunity to represent the Town, and she looked forward to participating again next year. She noted that future participation could potentially be expanded to include Fire and Police.

VICE-MAYOR DELANEY:

- JFRD – Vice Mayor Delaney commented on the Town's undertaking to establish its own Fire Department and expressed pride that the estimated first-year cost savings is projected to be just under \$10 million and how on point the numbers have been.

Mayor Kuretski added that earlier estimates projected minimum cost savings of approximately \$5.5 million, but that they would still need to wait and see.

MAYOR KURETSKI:

- Twenty-Year Anniversary Scripps Facility – Mayor Kuretski shared historical information regarding the twenty-year anniversary of Jupiter being selected to receive the Scripps Florida Facility to launch a Bioscience Cluster, highlighting the significance of the milestone for the Town. He provided an overview of the proposed clusters at the time, with the Scripps facility being the hub at the center, describing potential areas of land, including the cluster five miles out that encompassed the Island Way parcels. He also discussed the bioscience overlay and having met all the State requirements, which allows the Town to now remove parcels from the overlay.

COUNCILOR SUNDSTROM:

- Read for the Record – Councilor Sundstrom noted how incredible the experience was and supported the idea of broadening the scope to include others in the Town.
- Resident Concern – Councilor Sundstrom expressed disappointment regarding the reported actions of the Palm Beach County firefighter and noted she had seen the laminated fliers. She thanked the resident who brought the matter to the Town’s attention. She expressed gratitude to JFRD and noted how hard they are working to build bridges in the community. She expressed hope that similar incidents do not occur in the future, noting the impact on residents, Jupiter firefighters and the firefighting profession. Councilor Sundstrom stated there is often confusion about where the Fire Union ends and where the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue begins, and that it would be helpful to have clarification.

COUNCILOR GUISINGER:

- JFRD - Councilor Guisinger expressed gratitude for all that the Town is doing to launch JFRD come October 1.
- E-bike Safe Riding Program - Councilor Guisinger thanked the Police Department for the program, noting it was a great positive reinforcement of correct e-bike safety. He provided a special thanks to Annie’s Italian Ice and Bahama Buck’s for their participation.
- Rebecca Wilder, Assistant Director, Utilities - Councilor Guisinger commended Ms. Wilder for her receipt of the Town Manager’s Award, and all her hard work in leading the Town-Wide Flood Vulnerability Assessment. He thanked Mr. Kitzerow for recognizing her hard work.

MAYOR KURETSKI (Continued):

- Resident Concern - Mayor Kuretski stated appreciation for Mr. Kitzerow’s leadership and for the resident coming forward. He expressed great disappointment in what had occurred and the behavior of a public safety professional and hoped that leadership would take care of the matter.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:32 P.M.

Merriane Lahmeur, Town Clerk