

*Vice Mayor Romney Rogers, Commissioner, District IV*



Summer is flying by and soon the school buses will be rolling again! I hope everyone has had some relaxation and fun along the way. My family and I visited San Antonio's Riverwalk and the nearby Schlitterbahn Waterpark (*photo at left*) in New Braunfels, TX (<http://www.schlitterbahn.com/nb/>). You may recall we asked the city attorney to move forward with negotiations with this company in an effort to redevelop Fort Lauderdale Stadium into a waterpark, while preserving the stadium. I'll keep you posted as the project develops.

**City Manager:** Many of you know that former City Manager George Gretsas's contract expired at the end of July. On July 7<sup>th</sup>, the Commission selected Assistant City Manager Allyson

Love as Acting City Manager for the interim until our meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The Commission will be discussing what process to employ to choose our next city manager, so stay tuned.

**Budget:** On September 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers at City Hall, the city will hold public hearings on the proposed 2010-2011 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan, available at [http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/2011Budget\\_Book/10-11budget.htm](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/2011Budget_Book/10-11budget.htm). Please come out and let us have your input.

**Neighborhood Development Criteria Revisions (NDCR):** Citizen comments on the NDCR draft are still being received. The City Commission will consider the amended plan in Fall 2010. See [http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/planning\\_zoning/ndcr.htm](http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/planning_zoning/ndcr.htm) to learn more.

**South Andrews Zoning Ordinance:** Staff continues to work on finishing the zoning pieces of this master plan, and meetings are being held with the nearby homeowner and civic associations. See [http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/planning\\_zoning/south\\_andrews\\_masterplan.htm](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/planning_zoning/south_andrews_masterplan.htm).

**Red Light Cameras:** Courtesy warnings are now being issued and, as of September, \$158 fines will be imposed for drivers who run red lights at the following nine (9) intersections where cameras have been installed:

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| o N Federal Hwy at NE 8 St    | o NE 15 Ave at E Sunrise Blvd    | o SR 84 at SW 9 Ave      |
| o W Sunrise Blvd at NW 15 Ave | o W Commercial Blvd at NW 21 Ave | o S Federal Hwy at SR 84 |
| o NW 62 St at NW 9 Ave        | o W Commercial Blvd at NW 9 Ave  | o NW 62 St at NW 31 Ave  |

**Southside School:** I am pleased to report that my *alma mater*, Southside School, is scheduled to reopen to the public as part of the city's centennial celebration in 2011. Built in 1922 at the intersection of SW 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Andrews Avenue, the school is slated to become an arts and cultural center with additional uses, thanks to successful grant applications. The contract for interior renovations is scheduled to be awarded in September.

**First Presbyterian Church:** On July 21<sup>st</sup>, the Planning & Zoning Board approved the rezoning application of First Presbyterian Church. Staff has advised the matter is scheduled to come before the Commission in September.

**Utility Rates and Billing System:** For answers to your questions about the new utility rates and billing system, please see [https://ebiz.fortlauderdale.gov/utilitybilling/water\\_rates.aspx](https://ebiz.fortlauderdale.gov/utilitybilling/water_rates.aspx) and [https://ebiz.fortlauderdale.gov/utilitybilling/New\\_Utility\\_QA.aspx](https://ebiz.fortlauderdale.gov/utilitybilling/New_Utility_QA.aspx), respectively.

**To serve on an advisory board:** Please go to <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/news/2010/061510boards.htm>.

Don't forget my pre-agenda meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays {prior to Commission} at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor. I encourage your attendance and welcome your input.

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*Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.*