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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 3, 2019

TITLE: Motion Approving Rent Abatement for Riverfront Cruise and Anticipation

Yacht Charters, LLC for Dockage Agreement - (Commission District 4)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission consider approving a motion for rent abatement and other miscellaneous charges of \$41,273.45 for Riverfront Cruises and Anticipation Yacht Charters, LLC ("Riverfront") in their use of municipal dockage space.

Background

Riverfront Cruises and Anticipation Yacht Charters ("Riverfront") has leased commercial dock space from the City since 2012 along the New River operating boat tours and hosting special events for residents and tourists. Under their annual dockage agreement with the City's Marine Facilities, Riverfront Cruise leased dock space ranging from 172 linear feet to 233 linear feet of dock space along the New River/Downtown where the Las Olas Riverfront used to be.

Mr. James Campbell, President and owner of Riverfront, reached out to the City requesting a rent abatement for all charges and fees owed through September 2019. Mr. Campbell reported his business has been negatively impacted by the neighboring development and construction on SW 1 Avenue which has restricted pedestrian access and made it difficult for his clientele to find his business. Construction in the area is expected to be completed by early 2020.

The rent abatement of \$52,986.32 was first considered by the City Commission at the September 17, 2019 meeting and deferred until further financial information was provided by Mr. Campbell. Staff revised the rent abatement amount to \$41,273.45, upon the adjustment of used linear feet and the removal of dockage in October. Fee breakdown includes commercial dockage from March 1, 2019, State of Florida submerged sovereign lease fees (leasehold), metered electric, taxes and assessed late fees (Exhibit 1).

Resource Impact

There is a negative resource impact associated with this item of \$\$41,273.45.

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<u>Strategic Connections</u>
This item is not related to the Vision Plan or Strategic Plan.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Riverfront Cruises and Anticipation Yacht Charters Fee Breakdown

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