

RESOLUTION NO. 23-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING NOTICE OF ITS DECISION TO PROCEED WITH AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY WATER TAXI OF FORT LAUDERDALE, LLC TO DEVELOP, CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A WATER TAXI TERMINAL ON AND LEASE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1001 SEABREEZE BOULEVARD, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATIONS FOR A PROPOSED INTERIM AGREEMENT, COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT, OR BOTH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 255.065, FLORIDA STATUTES, AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF THE LEASE TERMS TO BE INCORPORATED IN A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2023, the City of Fort Lauderdale received an unsolicited proposal from Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC, pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes (2021), to develop, construct, operate, and maintain a Water Taxi terminal on city-owned property located at 1001 Seabreeze Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the proposer submitted the required application fee of \$25,000.00 in accordance with Resolution No. 13-187; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission determined that the proposed project would serve a public purpose as a public facility or infrastructure that is used and will be used by the public at large or in support of an accepted public purpose or activity, and constitutes a qualifying project pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes (2023); and

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted Resolution 23-208 declaring its intention to lease the property located at 1001 Seabreeze Boulevard under competitive conditions consistent with and as provided in Section 355.065, Florida Statutes (2023); and

WHEREAS, the City advertised that it would accept other proposals for the same project in accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes (2023), for a period of forty-five (45) days after the initial date of publication, or before 5:00 p.m. local time on November 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, prior to the expiration of the forty-five (45) day period, the City did not receive any competing proposals; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission accepts the proposal from Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC as, in its judgment, the most advantageous lease for the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale intends to enter into a comprehensive agreement for the project proposed in the unsolicited proposal submitted by Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes (2023), hereby provides notice of its decision to proceed with the unsolicited proposal submitted by Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC to develop, construct, operate, and maintain a water taxi terminal on city-owned property located at 1001 Seabreeze Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, pursuant to Section 8.09 of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida accepts the proposal from Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC as, in its judgment, the most advantageous lease for the city and authorizes the preparation of the lease terms to be incorporated in a comprehensive agreement.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, hereby authorizes negotiations for a proposed interim agreement, comprehensive agreement, or both, with Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC in accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes (2023).

SECTION 4. That upon negotiating a proposed interim agreement, a comprehensive agreement, or both with Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC, the City Manager will designate a meeting date to present the proposed agreement to the City Commission for its review and consideration. The comprehensive agreement will constitute the form of lease for execution as required by Section 8.09 of the City Charter.

SECTION 5. That pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes (2023), the approval of the qualifying project by the City of Fort Lauderdale is subject to entering into a comprehensive agreement with Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC, and the City of Fort Lauderdale may reject the proposal until such time a comprehensive agreement is executed.

SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

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