

MEMORANDUM NO. MF 14-02

DATE: January 9, 2014
TO: Marine Advisory Board
FROM: Andrew Cuba, Manager of Marine Facilities
RE: January 14, 2014 Agenda / Application for Water Taxi License Transfer/
Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC./Code Section 8-146.1

Attached is an application to transfer the existing water taxi license from Water Transportation Alternatives, Inc. to Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC . The assets of the current operation will remain in place with the same number of vessels and currently designated routes. The City Code of Ordinances Section 8-146.1 authorizes the Marine Advisory Board to review and recommend to the City Commission submitted applications requesting authorization to obtain a water taxi license in the City.

Code section 8-146.1(b) requires that the contents of the application include at least the following: name, address and telephone number of the operator, including the names of directors, officers or partners where applicable; description of each vessel proposed to be utilized as a water taxi and a copy of the Florida Vessel Registration and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Certificate of Inspection; a list of all pilots names and addresses including their employment histories over the past five years and their USCG license; berthing location of each water taxi when not in use; method of dispatch and location of the dispatcher; certificate of insurance coverage as required; and proof of required occupational licensing prior to operating. The City Commission, by motion, may grant or reject the application for a water taxi license based on the “applicant’s demonstration that it has the proper equipment and personnel to operate a safe and high quality water taxi operation”.

A Marine Advisory Board recommendation of approval for the license transfer to the applicant Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC for City Commission review should include at least the following:

1. The approval be contingent upon the applicant being fully licensed to a operate a water transportation business in the State of Florida.
2. The approval is contingent upon the applicant meeting all minimal insurance requirements in accord with Code Section 8-146.1(b)(6).
3. All other licenses and certifications for vessels and vessel operators including required licensing fees in accord with the conditions of Code Section 8-146.1(a) & (b) remain in effect and full force prior to operation by the applicant.

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Attachment

cc: Carl Williams, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation
Jon Luscomb, Supervisory of Marine Facilities

