



**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** February 18, 2014

**TITLE:** Motion authorizing transfer of water taxi license from Water Transportation Alternatives, Inc. to Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a Motion authorizing transfer of water taxi license from Water Transportation Alternatives, Inc. (“Assignor”) to Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC. (“Assignee”), contingent upon Assignee providing to the Supervisor of Marine Facilities the requisite Certificates of Insurance.

**Background**

The applicant is seeking a Motion authorizing the transfer of a water taxi license from Water Transportation Alternatives, Inc. (“Assignor”) to Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC. (“Assignee”) Section 8-146.1(c) of the Code of Ordinances provides that the City Commission, by motion, shall approve or reject the application for a 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. Although there is not a fee associated with obtaining a Waiver, an application fee in the amount of \$300.00 is required. The applicant is the current water taxi operator; the transfer of water taxi license is required due to the change from a Delaware based to a Florida based corporation.

A review of the criteria under the Code with the application reveals that the Assignor has the requisite Certificates of Insurance which need to be assigned or transferred to the Assignee.

In a voice vote, the Marine Advisory Board recommended approval of the application (13:0) (**Exhibit 4**)

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative, included within the **Public Places Cylinder of Excellence**, specifying advancing:

- **Goal 3:** Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas and parks.
- **Objective 1:** Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks, and open spaces for everyone.
- **Initiative 3:** Facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Community; and We are Connected.

#### Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Application Memo

Exhibit 2 – Application (part 1)

Exhibit 2a – Application (part 2)

Exhibit 3 – Section 8-146.1 of the Code of Ordinances

Exhibit 4 – January 14, 2014 Marine Advisory Board Minutes

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