



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-1136

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: December 19, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Providing Notice of Decision to Proceed with and Acceptance of the Unsolicited Proposal Submitted by Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC. to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a Water Taxi Terminal and Lease City-Owned Property Located at 1001 Seabreeze Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Authorizing Negotiations of a Proposed Interim and/or Comprehensive Agreement, in Accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, and Authorizing the Preparation of Lease Terms - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission consider a Resolution providing notice of the City Commission's decision to proceed with and acceptance of the unsolicited proposal submitted by Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC. to construct, operate, and maintain a water taxi terminal on and Lease City-Owned Property Located at 1001 Seabreeze Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, authorizing negotiations of a proposed interim and/or comprehensive agreement, in accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, and authorizing the preparation of lease terms to be incorporated in the comprehensive agreement.

Background

On May 12, 2023, the City received an unsolicited proposal from Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC. pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, to construct, operate, and maintain a Water Taxi Terminal located at 1001 Seabreeze Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL. The project includes space for the dockmaster, a ticket office, waiting area, public restaurant, and an event space. The proposer submitted the required application fee of \$25,000 in accordance with Resolution No. 13-187.

In Resolution No. 23-208, 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, In accordance with the foregoing statute, the City advertised and accepted other proposals for the same project in accordance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, for a period of

forty-five (45) days after the initial date of publication, up through and including 5:00 PM, November 10, 2023. The City did not receive any proposed competing proposals during the aforementioned timeframe.

If and when a proposed interim and/or a comprehensive agreement with Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC. is negotiated it will incorporate lease terms for the property located at 1001 Seabreeze Boulevard. The City Manager will present the proposed agreement, inclusive of lease terms, to the City Commission for its review and consideration. A financial analysis of the proposal will be conducted as part of the negotiations and shared with the City Commission as part of the proposed agreement. Furthermore, pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, the approval of the qualifying project by the City of Fort Lauderdale is subject to entering into a comprehensive agreement with Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi, LLC. and the City of Fort Lauderdale may reject the proposal until such time a comprehensive agreement is executed.

Resource Impact

This is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Here.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Element
- Goal 1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Unsolicited Proposal

Exhibit 2 – Resolution 23-208

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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