

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING THE LAW FIRM OF WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L., AS SPECIAL COUNSEL, TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL AND PROJECT SUBMITTED BY WATER TAXI OF FORT LAUDERDALE, LLC TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A WATER TAXI TERMINAL, OR IF NECESSARY ANY SUBSEQUENT-RANKED PROPOSERS, FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A WATER TAXI TERMINAL ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1001 SEABREEZE BOULEVARD, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, Section 4.10 of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, provides, in part, that "[t]he city commission may, by resolution, authorize one (1) or more special counsel to be retained for the purpose of performing such legal duties as may be prescribed by said resolution. Each such resolution shall further prescribe the compensation to be paid the special counsel,"; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to appoint the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L., as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with the unsolicited proposal and project submitted by Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC to construct, operate, and maintain a Water Taxi Terminal, or if necessary any subsequent-ranked proposers, for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of a Water Taxi Terminal on city-owned property located at 1001 Seabreeze Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, including any associated contractual matters.

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

SECTION 1. That the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L., is hereby appointed as special counsel to represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in connection with the unsolicited proposal and project submitted by Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC to construct, operate, and maintain a Water Taxi Terminal, or if necessary any subsequent-ranked proposers,

for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of a Water Taxi Terminal on city-owned property located at 1001 Seabreeze Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, including any associated contractual matters.

SECTION 2. That the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L. shall be compensated for such services assigned after the effective date of this Resolution, at the hourly rates of \$450.00 per hour for shareholders and partners, \$225.00 per hour for associates, and \$95.00 per hour for paralegals, to be paid upon the submission of periodic invoices to and approval by the City Attorney.

SECTION 3. That the City Attorney shall serve as liaison to such special counsel.

SECTION 4. That such special counsel hereby appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

SECTION 5. That the City Attorney is authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to secure the services of special counsel.

SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

ATTEST:

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Mayor  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

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City Clerk  
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

Dean J. Trantalis \_\_\_\_\_

John C. Herbst \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
CORRECTNESS:

Steven Glassman \_\_\_\_\_

Pamela Beasley-Pittman \_\_\_\_\_

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City Attorney  
THOMAS J. ANSBRO

Warren Sturman \_\_\_\_\_