



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#16-1130

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

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

DATE: October 18, 2016

TITLE: WALK ON - Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to (i) Execute and File a Temporary General Use Permit with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Placement and Operation of a Temporary ADA Accessible Water Taxi/Shuttle Landing for the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show shuttle at the Laura Ward Park, (ii) Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Assignment and Assumption Agreement with Yachting Promotions, Inc. (YPI)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to (i) execute and file a General Use Permit with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for placement and operation of a temporary ADA accessible water taxi/shuttle landing for the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show shuttle at the Laura Ward Park, (ii) authorizing the proper City Officials to execute an Assignment and Assumption Agreement with Yachting Promotions, Inc. (YPI).

Background

Recently, Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC and YPI approached the City seeking assistance to provide a temporary ADA accessible landing to be used as a stop for shuttle service to and from the 2016 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. The City of Fort Lauderdale currently leases an area atop the Federal Highway Tunnel under the New River from FDOT known as the Laura Ward Park. In order to accommodate this request the City must secure a Temporary General Use Permit from FDOT and assign the use of the permit to YPI via the execution of an Assignment and Assumption Agreement.

Execution of the final permit and agreement is subject to City Attorney and FDOT review.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically 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: Evaluate dock availability to complement our public places.

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

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