



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#21-0208

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: March 2, 2021

TITLE: Motion Approving Agreement for Riverwalk Water Trolley - Operations and
Maintenance – Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale LLC – \$735,000 –
(Commission Districts 2 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a three-year agreement, in substantially the form attached, for the purchase of Operations and Maintenance of the Riverwalk Water Trolley with Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale LLC (“WT”) in the estimated three-year amount of \$735,000 and authorize the City Manager to approve two, two-year renewal options, contingent upon satisfactory performance and appropriation of funds.

Background

Since 2014, the Riverwalk Water Trolley service was managed by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (“TMA”). The City terminated its agreement with the TMA in November 2019 and as a result the City needs to enter into a direct agreement with a qualified operator to continue providing water trolley service.

The Riverwalk Water Trolley operates in the Downtown area and enables people to cross the New River for business, dining, entertainment, and shopping with ease. The service also connects to the Community Shuttle Service (formerly known as Sun Trolley), which improves mobility and connectivity within the City. Currently, the Riverwalk Water Trolley service has been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19. However, with the gradual re-opening of the local economy, a reinstatement of service is necessary.

On January 5, 2021, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid No. 12484-813. The City received one bid and one no-bid in response to the solicitation. No vendor that responded indicated holding a status as a Minority Business Enterprise, Women Business Enterprise, or Small Business Enterprise. The bid was reviewed for compliance with the solicitation specifications, and City staff negotiated the pricing as WT was the only bidder.

Resource Impact

There will be a current fiscal year impact to the City in the amount of \$150,000 which

includes approximately 2,727 operating hours. Funds for this purchase are available in the FY 2021 Budget in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of February 12, 2021</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
001-TAM060101-4299	Community Buss	Other Operating Expenses / Other Contributions	\$1,362,370	\$904,591	\$150,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$150,000

Strategic Connections

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- Objective: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with partners

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

Attachments

- Exhibit 1 – Solicitation
- Exhibit 2 – Tabulation
- Exhibit 3 – Agreement

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