

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NO. 2025-284-ND FOR WATER TAXI SERVICE; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH WATER TAXI OF FORT LAUDERDALE LLC, AS THE TOP-RANKED PROPOSER; FURTHER, IF THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT WITH WATER TAXI OF FORT LAUDERDALE LLC, AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH AQUA-JET MIAMI LLC D/B/A AQUA PARTY BOAT, AS THE SECOND-RANKED PROPOSER; FURTHER, IF THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT WITH AQUA-JET MIAMI LLC D/B/A AQUA PARTY BOAT, AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH CODE NAME E-LIXR INC., AS THE THIRD-RANKED PROPOSER; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT UPON CONCLUSION OF SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2025, the Mayor and City Commission authorized the issuance of Request for Qualifications No. 2025-284-ND (the "RFQ") for a water taxi service; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ was released on March 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a voluntary pre-proposal meeting was held on April 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2025, the City received three (3) proposals from Aqua-Jet Miami LLC d/b/a Aqua Party Boat, Code Name E-Lixr Inc., and Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale LLC; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2025, the City Manager appointed the Evaluation Committee (the "Committee") via LTC # 203-2025; and

WHEREAS, the Committee was comprised of Irene Hegedus, Chief of Transportation Enhancements and Special Projects, Department of Transportation and Public Works, Miami-Dade County; Valeria Mejia, ADA Manager, Public Works Department; Lindsey Precht, Assistant Director, Environment and Sustainability Department; Mikhail Ryabov, Transportation Manager, Transportation and Mobility Department; and Linda Stevens, Assistant Director, Marketing and Communications Department; and

WHEREAS, the Committee convened on May 23, 2025, to consider the proposals received; and

WHEREAS, the Committee received an overview of the project, information relative to the City's Cone of Silence Ordinance, the Government Sunshine Law, and general information on the scope of services and a copy of each proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Committee was instructed to score and rank each proposal pursuant to the evaluation criteria established in the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, the Committee process resulted in the ranking of proposers as follows: Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale LLC, as the top-ranked proposer; Aqua-Jet Miami LLC d/b/a Aqua Party Boat, as the second-ranked proposer; and Code Name E-Lixr Inc., as the third-ranked proposer; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing all of the submissions and the Committee's rankings and analysis, the City Manager concurs with the Committee and recommends that the Mayor and City Commission authorize the Administration to enter into negotiations with Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale LLC, as the top-ranked proposer; further, if the Administration is not successful in negotiating an Agreement with Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale LLC, authorizing the Administration to enter into negotiations with Aqua-Jet Miami LLC d/b/a Aqua Party Boat, as the second-ranked proposer; further, if the Administration is not successful in negotiating an Agreement with Aqua-Jet Miami LLC d/b/a Aqua Party Boat, authorizing the Administration to enter into negotiations with Code Name E-Lixr Inc., as the third-ranked proposer; and further authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to execute an agreement upon conclusion of successful negotiations by the Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the City Manager, pursuant to Request for Qualifications No. 2025-284-ND for Water Taxi Service; authorize the Administration to enter into negotiations with Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale LLC, as the top-ranked proposer; further, if the Administration is not successful in negotiating an Agreement with Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale LLC, authorize the Administration to enter into negotiations with Aqua-Jet Miami LLC d/b/a Aqua Party Boat, as the second-ranked proposer; further, if the Administration is not successful in negotiating an Agreement with Aqua-Jet Miami LLC d/b/a Aqua Party Boat, authorize the Administration to enter into negotiations with Code Name E-Lixr Inc., as the third-ranked proposer; and further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute an agreement upon conclusion of successful negotiations by the Administration.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Steven Meiner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

6/3/2025

Date