

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner David Suarez
DATE: September 11, 2024
TITLE: DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON THE POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF THE WATER TAXI FROM MAURICE GIBB MEMORIAL PARK TO THE MIAMI BEACH MARINA, AND TERMINATION OF THE CURRENT WATER TAXI PILOT PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

N/A

ANALYSIS

Due to resident concerns regarding the excessive cost, low ridership, safety, and maintenance issues of the current Water Taxi Pilot Program from Maurice Gibb Memorial Park in Miami Beach to the Venetian Marina & Yacht Club in Miami, the City should reevaluate the Pilot Program and consider its possible termination. The current renegotiation of the Miami Beach Marina lease extension with Suntex presents a timely opportunity to discuss relocation of the water taxi to the Miami Beach Marina, as part of the terms of the lease renewal.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate? (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

CONCLUSION

N/A

Applicable Area

South Beach

**Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item,
pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

No

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond
Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481,
includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

Office of Commissioner David Suarez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Discuss/Action, Possible Relocation of Water Taxi and Termination of Current Pilot Program.
(Suarez)