

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Commissioner David Suarez  
DATE: July 24, 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)