

C7 AN A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS, INCLUDING ENGAGING A CONSULTANT, IF NECESSARY, TO APPLY FOR ANY AND ALL AVAILABLE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A WATER TAXI SERVICE BETWEEN MIAMI BEACH AND MIAMI, AND TO COORDINATE WITH THE APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO IDENTIFY FUNDING SOURCES TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SERVICE; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE MONTHLY UPDATES VIA LETTER TO COMMISSION (LTC) TO THE CITY COMMISSION ON THE PROGRESS OF THESE EFFORTS, INCLUDING THE STATUS OF GRANT APPLICATIONS, THE IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES, AND ANY STEPS TAKEN TO SECURE THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THIS INITIATIVE.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: November 20, 2024

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Mayor Steven Meiner.

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-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

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

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Mayor Steven Meiner

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Condensed Title

Apply for State and Federal Grants to Support Water Taxi Service. (Meiner/Dominguez) CA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach has long been committed to enhancing its transportation infrastructure and exploring innovative solutions to improve mobility for residents, visitors, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a water taxi service between Miami Beach and Miami has been identified as an important step toward enhancing connectivity, reducing traffic congestion, and promoting sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor of this Resolution previously sponsored Resolution No. 2023-32645, pursuant to which the Mayor and City Commission directed the City Administration to accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, at its May 23, 2023 meeting, recommending that the City Administration, among other things, study the feasibility of developing a new dock and the various components of such a development, including the cost, potential funding sources, and the availability of state and federal grants for a local match; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission, at its October 30, 2024 meeting, adopted Resolution No. 2024-33352, which directed the Administration to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the establishment of a water taxi service between one or more locations in Miami Beach and one or more locations in Miami, and to present the draft RFP for approval by the City Commission prior to issuance; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the importance of pursuing state and federal funding opportunities to support the development of this water taxi service and ensure its sustainability and success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby direct the Administration to take all necessary steps, including engaging a consultant, if needed, to apply for any and all available state and federal grants to support the creation of a water taxi service between Miami Beach and Miami, and to coordinate with the appropriate state and federal agencies to identify potential funding sources to assist with the development of this service; and further, direct the Administration to provide monthly updates via Letter to Commission (LTC) to the City Commission on the progress of these efforts, including the status of grant applications, the identification of potential funding sources, and any steps taken to secure the necessary financial resources for this initiative.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

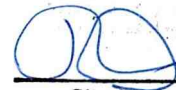
Steven Meiner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Mayor Steven Meiner)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

11/13/2024

Date