

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA, AND HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR FUNDING FOR SEASON ONE OF THE SEASONAL (I.E., NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH APRIL 30) FERRY SERVICE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO MAKE NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; APPROVING A TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 FROM THE BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 TO THE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION DIVISION (2811797) TO PROVIDE THE CITY'S FUNDING FOR SEASON ONE OF THE SEASONAL FERRY SERVICE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, passenger ferries represent one of the most cost-effective options for providing transportation capacity and service between communities and destinations located around Tampa Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, passenger ferries represent a regional transportation capacity option that can be implemented faster than other options; and

**WHEREAS**, the City worked with the City of Tampa, Florida ("Tampa"), Hillsborough County, Florida ("Hillsborough"), and Pinellas County, Florida ("Pinellas") to fund and operate a successful six month ferry pilot project from November 2016 through April 2017, which carried over 40,000 passengers and had a higher fare box recovery than average public transit.

**WHEREAS**, passenger ferries can provide an elegant and iconic connection to and between major cities and destinations around Tampa Bay and have significant potential to boost urban and environmental tourism in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, and Hillsborough County by providing greater participation and attendance at major sporting events, museums, restaurants and special events in these areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Petersburg, Florida ("City") issued a request for proposals for a passenger ferry operator to operate a seasonal (i.e., November 1 through April 30) ferry service for up to three seasons and HMS Ferries, Inc. ("HMS") was selected to operate the seasonal ferry service; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and HMS intend to enter into a license and operating agreement for HMS to manage and operate the seasonal ferry service between St. Petersburg and Tampa ("Ferry Service") for up to three seasons; and

**WHEREAS**, the City requested funding from the Tampa, Hillsborough, and Pinellas for season one (i.e., November 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019) of the Ferry Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, Tampa, Hillsborough, and Pinellas desire to execute an Interlocal Agreement for Tampa, Hillsborough, and Pinellas to each contribute \$150,000 for season one of the Ferry Service; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 7, 2018, the St. Petersburg City Council adopted resolution 2018-292 which affirmed the City's commitment of \$150,000 for seasonal passenger ferry service; and

**WHEREAS**, a transfer in the amount of \$150,000 from the General Fund contingency to the Transportation and Parking Management Department, Transportation Administration Division (2811797) is needed to provide funding for season one of the Ferry Service; and

**WHEREAS**, funding in the amount of \$450,000 received from Tampa, Pinellas, and Hillsborough pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement will be available after City Council approval of the FY19 Operating Budget.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Interlocal Agreement between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Pinellas County, Florida, City of Tampa, Florida, and Hillsborough County, Florida for funding for season one of the seasonal (i.e., November 1 through April 30) ferry service is hereby approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Attorney's Office is authorized to make non-substantive changes to the Interlocal Agreement.

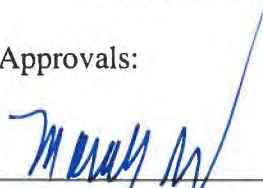
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there is hereby approved the following transfer from the balance of the General Fund contingency (0001) for fiscal year 2018:

<u>General Fund Contingency (0001)</u>	(\$150,000)
Transportation and Parking Management, Transportation Admin (2811797)	\$150,000

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

  
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City Attorney (Designee)

  
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