



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Jonathan Daniels

Department: Port Everglades

Division: Business Administration

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-114 directing the County Administrator to publish Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room (Room 422), Governmental Center, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to consider the application of ISS Marine Services Inc. d/b/a Inchcape Shipping Services, for the granting of the renewal of a nonexclusive franchise for a five-year term, from June 20, 2021, through June 19, 2026, to provide steamship agent services at Port Everglades.

Why Action is Necessary

Public hearing is required pursuant to Chapter 94-429, Laws of Florida, and Section 32.22.a. of the Broward County Administrative Code. Franchises are granted pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Broward County Administrative Code.

What Action Accomplishes

It allows a public hearing date to be set and notices to be published twice in local newspapers.

Is this Action Goal Related

Yes

Previous Action Taken

None

Summary Explanation/Background

THE PORT EVERGLADES DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

This action supports the Broward County Board of County Commissioners' ("Board") Value of "Ensuring economic opportunities for Broward's diverse population and businesses" and the Goal to "Increase the economic strength and impact of revenue-generating County enterprises balancing economic, environmental, and community needs."

ISS Marine Services Inc. d/b/a Inchcape Shipping Services ("ISS Marine"), has been providing steamship agent services at Port Everglades under a series of approved franchise agreements since 1993. On April 26, 2016 (Item No. 3-PH), the Board granted renewal of a nonexclusive franchise to ISS Marine to provide steamship agent services at Port Everglades for a five-year term, from June 20, 2016, through June 19, 2021. ISS Marine has applied for renewal of the franchise.

Staff has reviewed the steamship agent franchise renewal application against the enumerated renewal criteria set forth in Chapter 32 of the Broward County Administrative Code. Staff's due diligence included corresponding with ISS Marine's representative to clarify franchise requirements and reviewing ISS Marine's corporate status, resumes of executive staff and list of managerial personnel, business history/experience, litigation history, insurance, financial documents and creditworthiness, discharge of previous financial obligations to County, compliance with all franchise terms and conditions and established rules and regulations of the County, required licenses and certificates, company programs and policies, list of equipment to be used at Port Everglades, statement of activities and actions indicating that ISS Marine has maintained a favorable service performance record in Port Everglades during the term of the franchise, and that it has promoted and developed growth in the business activities, projects, or facilities of Port Everglades. ISS Marine's safety and environmental history was also reviewed, and no infractions were found. No false or misleading information was submitted as part of the franchise renewal application. ISS Marine has, through the submission of the signed franchise renewal application, agreed to comply with all franchise conditions set forth in Section 32.24 of the Broward County Administrative Code.

Based on the review of information provided in the franchise renewal application, staff has determined that ISS Marine meets the criteria for renewal of the steamship agent franchise. Steamship agent franchises may be granted for any period of time up to five years. Past practice has been for staff to recommend granting the renewal of a steamship agent franchise for a term of five years. Accordingly, staff is recommending that the franchise be renewed for a five-year term. The complete application and supporting documents are on file in the Port Everglades Business Administration Division.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

ISS Marine has paid the required annual fee of \$2,250 and will pay an additional \$9,000 in annual franchise fees over the term of the franchise, for a total of \$11,250.