



MEMORANDUM

Date: September 12, 2024 City Commission meeting

To: The City Commission for the City of Key West

From: Ronald Ramsingh, City Attorney

Subject: Lease extension for the temporary KOTS facility pending construction

Sponsors: Todd Stoughton, Interim City Manager

Background

The City and the County entered into a ground lease, and an amendment for what is referred to as “temporary KOTS”, which is the former Keys Overnight Temporary Shelter from its historic footprint, to another area just south of the current construction area of the new John Jones Navigational Center. The current lease for temporary KOTS expires on October 18, 2024. Construction has taken longer than anticipated. This extension gives the city the ability to run temporary KOTS through May 31, 2025, if needed.

Cost

This is a no cost measure for the city.

Options:

1. Approve the lease extension through May 31, 2025 while the John Jones Navigational Center is under construction. This will provide a path for the city to continue to provide crucial homeless shelter services.

2. Deny the lease extension. The city will not be able to continue to operate the temporary homeless shelter while the John Jones Navigational Center is being constructed.

Recommendation:

To approve the lease extension.