

RESOLUTION NO. 20-031

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, URGING THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH THE KEY WEST HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE SENIOR LIVING FACILITY KNOWN AS POINCIANA GARDENS; STATING THAT THE FACILITY SHOULD BE WIDELY ACCESSIBLE, ESPECIALLY TO PERSONS IN LOWER INCOME CATEGORIES; STATING THAT THE CITY COMMISSION FINDS THAT SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED RESIDENTS NEED THIS FACILITY TO SUCCEED TO ALLOW THEM TO STAY HOME IN KEY WEST, CLOSE TO FRIENDS, FAMILY AND FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS, WHILE RECEIVING THE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE THEY NEED TO LIVE A FULL LIFE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the City Commission acknowledges that the Poinciana Gardens Senior Living Center, completed in 2018, has not yet been occupied at full capacity, and that it has been subject to significant management challenges; and

WHEREAS, recent media reports say the Key West Housing Authority (KWA) is likely to take over management of the facility, and that KWA may seek to partner with Monroe County, which currently operates Bayshore Manor on Stock Island; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the Poinciana Gardens facility holds the potential to provide safe, comfortable and affordable housing for senior citizens in Key West, if put to its best use by the Key West Housing Authority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Commission urges the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners to work cooperatively with the Key West Housing Authority to ensure the continued operation of the Senior living facility at Poinciana Gardens.

Section 2: That the City Commission finds that the facility should be widely accessible, especially to persons in lower income categories.

Section 3: That the City Commission finds that Senior Citizens and disabled residents need the facility at Poinciana Gardens to succeed, to allow them to stay home in Key West, close to friends, family and familiar surroundings, while receiving assistance they need to live a full life.

Section 4: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Key West Housing Authority and to all members of the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this 5th day of February, 2020.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on 6th day of February, 2020.

Filed with the Clerk on February 6, 2020.

Mayor Teri Johnston	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Gregory Davila	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	<u>Yes</u>

  
TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK