RESOLUTION NO. 90-623

A RESOLUTION ADDING CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO THE BRIDLE PATH ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE MONROE COUNTY LAND AUTHORITY AND REQUESTING ALLOCATION OF NECESSARY FUNDING FROM TOURIST TAX DUE TO THE CITY OF KEY WEST; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

whereas, the Bridle Path along South Roosevelt Boulevard serves many important public uses, providing parking at Smathers Beach, scenic recreational space for walking, jogging, and bicycling, and a buffer for the adjoining wetlands and Salt Ponds, and the City of Key West has asserted a public easement or servitude in said area based upon historic public use; and

WHEREAS, proposed development threatens public use and enjoyment of this area and the natural habitat values of the Salt Ponds; and

WHEREAS, proposed beach improvement projects will require additional public parking; and

WHEREAS, problems with parking and public safety on South Roosevelt are already severe and need to be resolved before further development makes public acquisition much more difficult; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West has identified the environmentally sensitive Salt Ponds area, and especially the Bridle Path, as a high priority for conservation and public acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bridle Path Acquisition Project is part of the Salt Ponds C.A.R.L. (Conservation and Recreation Lands) project sponsored by the City and Florida Audubon Society; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bridle Path Acquisition would benefit the community by quieting title to 5.4 acres of the bridle path for parking and recreation and purchasing 65.5 acres of ponds and wetlands for conservation and passive recreation; and

WHEREAS, parking fees collected could be used to pay for cleaning, landscaping and maintaining the Bridle Path as well as repaying the Land Authority funds to be recycled to purchase additional lands;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Key West, Florida that the City of Key West hereby nominates two additional

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properties shown on the attached Bridle Path Acquisition Project for consideration by the Land Authority and requests allocation of the necessary funds from the 1/4 of the fourth cent of the tourist tax due to the City. The Land Authority is requested to proceed with negotiations with property owners. The City by passage of this Resolution makes no admission as to the existence or lack thereof of a public easement or servitude in the Bridle Path area. The City may resort to the use of its eminent domain powers if necessary in order to preserve the public values in the Bridle Path and its adjoining Salt Ponds.

This Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signatures of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this 28 day of December , 1990.

TONY TARRACTING MAYOR

ATATEST:

JOSEPHINE PARKER, CITY CLERK

BRIDLE PATH ACQUISITION PROJECT

CONSERVATION & RECREATION PARKING & RECREATION

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FIGURE 60 FROM THE KEY WEST SALT PONDS CARL PROPOSAL

BRIDLE PATH ACQUISITION PROJECT - REVISED

