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To: City Commission

From: Greg Veliz, Acting City Manager

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Reference: Declaration of Best Interest of the City for Replacement of the Sod at Poinciana Field in the amount of \$43,260.06.

Pursuant to Sec. 2-797 (4-b) of the City of Key West Ordinances, the City of Key West Acting City Manager, Greg Veliz, here by declares a best interest of the city repair, and resodding of 34,000 square feet of the Poinciana School soccer field in the amount of \$43,260.06. This procurement will be ratified by the city commission at the next scheduled city commission meeting.

Background:

- The Poinciana School soccer field is used year-round by youth athletic leagues for their games and practices. The field is also used by the Poinciana Elementary school for their gym classes and youth activities both during and after school hours.
- The soccer field is in disrepair from the constant use by the leagues and the school.
- The sidewalk from the back of the school building to 14th street has been removed to allow for additional playing space. The removal of the sidewalk will allow for 2 soccer fields to be used at one time which in turn will allow for more teams to use the field at one time.
- The soccer field has many holes, divots and bare spots that are causing unsafe conditions for the playing of sports on the grounds.
- There is a short window to complete this work due to the new school year starting August 16, 2017. Once the field is resodded there is a 4-6 week resting period for the new sod to generate roots and a hold to the ground.
- The Community Services Department reached out to many vendors for the repair and resod, however only one vendor T. Mac Wilder and Associates was able to provide both the materials and man power to complete the necessary requirements within the completion window.
- It is in the best interest of the City of Key West to have the repairs and resod of the field completed to allow for the youth leagues and the school to have a safe and complete field to use for their activities.

Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.

Funding:

The total repair and resod cost of the field is \$43,260.06. The funding for this expenditure is from the Recreation Account 001-7201-572-6400, via budget transfer from BP money that was set aside for youth organization uses or improvements.

Sincerely,



Gregory W. Veliz
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