



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM: Doug Bradshaw, Director Port & Marine Services

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DATE: July 22, 2019

SUBJECT: Navy Use of Garrison Bight for Training

ACTION STATEMENT:

Approval of a License Agreement with the United States Navy for the non-exclusive right of access in order to conduct certain exercises ("Training Operations") within the City owned Garrison Bight.

BACKGROUND:

The Navy has periodically conducted training exercises within the Bight, with City permission, for numerous years. There has never been an agreement in place for this use. The Navy is in the process of formalizing the use of all their training areas with the respective property owners.

The Navy's training with Garrison Bight typically involves the use of supporting maritime vessels and Combat Swimmers executing a pre-coordinated infiltration and extraction exercise. The exercise includes non-destructive breaching/simulated underwater detonation to pre-approved areas within the Bight-see attached drawing. Prior to any exercise, City Marina tenants are notified and there has never been an issue with the training. Additionally, the use of any live-aboard pier or piling is not allowed. Expected duration of property use is 2-6 hours of training with a total time of 24 hours for pre-exercise site setup and development and post-exercise cleanup.

PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION:

Exercise training by the Navy including what is conducted in the Garrison Bight is vital to their mission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the City

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the License Agreement with the United States Navy for the non-exclusive right of access in order to conduct certain exercises ("Training Operations") within the City owned Garrison Bight.

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