



## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Greg Veliz, City Manager  
Patti McLaughlin, Asst. City Manager

**FROM:** Michael Turner, Community Services Deputy Director

**DATE:** September 11, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Installation of Act Global Artificial Turf at Rosa Hernandez Girls Softball Field by Burke Construction for \$418,000.

**ACTION STATEMENT:** Pursuant to City of Key West, Code of Ordinances, Section 2-797 (4) Exempt Contractual Services, in the Best Interest of the City, this resolution authorizes the installation of Act Global artificial turf by Burke Construction at Rosa Hernandez Field in an amount of \$418,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

The current field is 30 years old and will be celebrating it's 30-year anniversary this season.

The City has been looking to move to artificial turf fields. Due to the excessive use it is an extremely difficult task to keep the fields in decent shape. Artificial turf will not only be durable enough to handle year-round use it will also save on utilities and maintenance. The fill for the turf is an organic material, not rubber like some turf fields use. This will keep the temperature of the fields low making it about the same temperature as a grass field.

Burke Construction is the company who installed the High School Baseball field. They have also done multiple grass fields for the City. They are very familiar with the soil composition and difficulties that come with installing a field in the Keys.

The City did obtain 3 quotes for the installation of artificial turf at Rosa Hernandez Girls Softball Field all with the same specifications and requirements.

Due to their local presence, Burke Construction was not only the lowest quote, but they can be ready to mobilize and begin construction of the field within 10 days of approval. This timeframe is the only one that would allow construction to be completed before the start of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary softball season.

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

It is Staff's position that there would be no pricing advantage in routing a formal ITB and it would further delay the project.

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Replace the existing sod with artificial turf. This will decrease utility expenses and maintenance for the field and allow the field to be in pristine shape even with year-round use.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The total installation will not exceed \$418,000. The funding allocation for installation is included in the Capital Improvement Project to install the turf approved in the budget for \$400,000, in the Infrastructure Surtax Fund 101-7201-572-62. The additional \$18,000 will come from the Infrastructure Surtax Reserves 101-1900-519-94.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approving the competitive bidding exemption, Key West Code of Ordinances Section 2-797(4) Exempt Contractual Services, in the Best Interest of the City, and award the installation of Act Global artificial turf by Burke Construction, in an amount of \$418,000.