



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 9, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Ronald Ramsingh, City Attorney

Subject: Resolution to request transfer of ownership of 2 parcels east of the MLK Pool
From the Land Authority to the City of Key West.

Sponsor: Commissioner Clayton Lopez, District VI

Introduction

This Resolution is being brought to the City Commission for consideration to request that the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (Land Authority) transfer ownership of 2 parcels of land at 306 Catherine St. and 307 Louisa St; approximately 3,700 and 4,000 square feet each.

Background

The two parcels in question are depicted in the attachments to the accompanying Resolution to be considered at the May 9, 2024 City Commission meeting. The two parcels are immediately to the east and adjacent to the MLK Pool, and visually considered a part of Willie Ward Park. Commissioner Lopez has had recent conversations with Monroe County officials, where a desire to acquire two parcels from the Land Authority was discussed. Section 1.08 of the city charter requires approval by the voters to acquire any real property by any means. If this Resolution is approved, it will be considered by the Land Authority at their May 15, 2024 meeting.

There will be first reading of a companion ordinance to this Resolution at the May 9, 2024 City Commission meeting as well, optimistically contemplating approval of the Resolution by both the City Commission and the Land Authority. Assuming both Resolutions pass and the Ordinance passes second reading in June, we will meet publishing deadlines to have this considered by the voters at the November 5, 2024 general election. The parcels are in the HHDR zoning district

(Historic High Density Residential), where parks are conditional uses. If the conveyance is approved, it will carry a deed restriction limiting use of the parcels to parks and/or recreation in perpetuity. There are no plans to use these parcels for anything but parks and/or recreation. Legal consideration of \$10.00 for each parcel will be paid.

Procurement

This measure does not have any direct impact on procurement.

Recommendation

I recommend approval of this Resolution. If approved, it will be considered by the Land Authority on May 15, 2025. If approved, and the 1st and 2nd reading of the accompanying Ordinance is likewise approved, the measure will be presented to voters for approval at the November 5, 2024 general election.