

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE POTENTIAL CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT HIGGS BEACH TO THE CITY OF KEY WEST; PROVIDING FOR REPORT BACK TO THE CITY COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Higgs Beach is a public beach and recreational facility located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Key West, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County, Florida, currently holds title to certain real property comprising or associated with portions of Higgs Beach (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property is utilized for public recreational and municipal purposes serving residents and visitors of the City; and

WHEREAS, at the City Commission meeting on September 3, 2025, Discussion Item No. 35, the City Commission discussed the potential conveyance of the Property, and directed the City Manager to prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis and return to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, over the past six months, City staff have met with Monroe County leadership on multiple occasions to review legal,

financial, and operational components of a potential conveyance of the Higgs Beach Property; and

WHEREAS, City staff has evaluated these factors to determine both short and long-term fiscal impacts to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed the Cost Benefit Analysis and desires to explore the conveyance of the Property from Monroe County to the City to allow for unified management, maintenance, improvement, and operation of Higgs Beach; and

WHEREAS, Section 163.01, Florida Statutes (Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act), authorizes public agencies to enter into interlocal agreements for the joint exercise of powers or transfer of property interests; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it to be in the public interest to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of a proposed Interlocal Agreement with Monroe County for the conveyance of the Property, subject to final approval by the City Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The above recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed and incorporated as findings of the City Commission.

Section 2: The City Commission hereby authorizes the City

Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of an Interlocal Agreement with Monroe County, Florida, regarding the potential conveyance of real property located at Higgs Beach to the City of Key West.

Section 3: Any proposed Interlocal Agreement and related conveyance documents shall be presented to the City Commission for review and approval prior to execution.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Mayor Donald "Donie" Lee	_____
Commissioner Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Greg Veliz	_____

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DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK