



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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**To: Bogdan Vitas, City Manager**

**From: Jay Gewin, Utilities Manager**

**Date: 6/6/2013**

**Reference: Declaration of Emergency Procurement in Excess of \$20,000 to Fund a Task Order for the Design, Permitting, and Bid Phase Services for an Emergency Outfall and Generator for the Simonton Street Stormwater Pump Station**

City Code Section 2-797 (2) authorizes the City Manager to make emergency procurement of commodities or contractual services where the cost exceeds \$20,000 when there exists a clear and present threat to public health, property, safety, or other substantial loss to the City, including cases where a natural disaster has occurred, is occurring, or is imminently threatening.

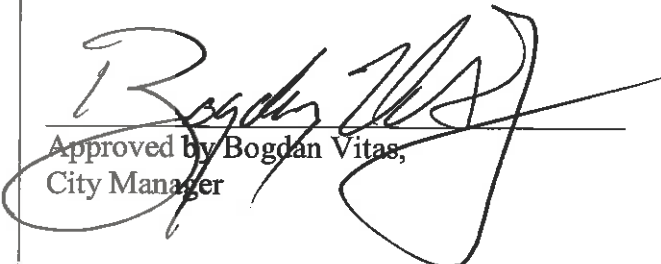
City Staff believes that the businesses of the Front Street stormwater basin would be better served during torrential rains by an emergency stormwater outfall at the Simonton Street Pump Station. This busy pedestrian and traffic corridor suffers from repeated flooding during heavy storms, with floodwaters inundating the area and overwhelming the Simonton Street Pump Station's ability to keep up with the flooding.

Staff believes that the design of this outfall should begin immediately so that we can begin work that will offer a long-term improvement for the area. Repeated flooding on Front St. is a public safety concern for the City, and a frequent threat to local businesses.

The City has an engineering services contract with CH2M Hill that was approved from the City Commission via resolution 12-280. They have submitted task order 4-13-STM in the amount of \$112,117 to design the outfall and emergency generator.

City Staff had recommended including this project in the FY 2014 budget. However, recent repeated floodings of the Front Street area have instead made Staff recommend pursuing this project immediately.

We will seek City Commission after-the-fact ratification of this project.

  
Approved by Bogdan Vitas,  
City Manager

  
Date

MEMORANDUM