

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA APPROVING ENTERING INTO A MONTH-TO-MONTH CONTRACT WITH DIRK SMITS AND THE LAW FIRM OF VERNIS & BOWLING TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES, AS THE CITY ATTORNEY, TO THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA FOR A MAXIMUM OF EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS, PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY SELECTION COMMITTEE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY BUDGET TRANSFERS OR AMENDMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS UPON CONSENT OF THE INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the permanent position of City Attorney for the City of Key West, Florida has been vacant for several months; and

WHEREAS, a Selection Committee was created to review applications received for the position of City Attorney and make recommendations to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney Selection Committee has recommended the City contract with an outside law firm on a month-to-month basis for a maximum period of eighteen (18) months during the remaining selection and hiring process for the position of City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the law firm of Vernis & Bowling has experience serving as outside legal counsel for municipalities in Florida and the Florida Keys and is familiar with the processes and practices of the City as well as the laws and

regulations governing municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the law firm of Vernis & Bowling has indicated they are willing to provide legal services for the City of Key West on a month-to-month basis for a maximum eighteen (18) month period;

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

Section 1: That the City Commission hereby approves entering into a contract with Dirk Smits and the law firm of Vernis & Bowling to provide legal services, as the City Attorney, for the City of Key West on a month-to-month basis for a maximum (18) month period.

Section 2: That the City Manager is hereby authorized to make any transfers and/or amendments.

Section 3: The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any necessary documents, upon consent of the Interim City Attorney.

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 _____, 2025.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the
Commission on _____ day of _____, 2025.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2025.

Mayor Danise Henriquez _____

Vice Mayor Lissette Carey _____

Commissioner Aaron Castillo _____

Commissioner Monica Haskell _____

Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover _____

Commissioner Sam Kaufman _____

Commissioner Donald "Donie" Lee _____

DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK