

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE ARTIFICIAL GRASS PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION AT BAYVIEW PARK'S PEPE HERNANDEZ BALL FIELD TO ALLOW FOR USE OF THE PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED \$317,808 BAYVIEW PARK DESIGN FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED AS ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF A MASTER PLAN THAT INCLUDES ALL ELEMENTS, ALL ASSOCIATED COSTS AND SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR EACH PHASE; EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF PROFESSIONAL DESIGN, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, AND LONG-TERM PLANNING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Key West Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has diligently reviewed the proposed development of Bayview Park over several months, and after thorough discussion, voted to postpone the artificial turf to gather additional critical data to inform decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the value of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's expertise and recommends that the Commission align with the Board's data-driven approach, supporting their call for additional information to ensure informed and effective decisions; and

WHEREAS, investment in professional design services is a cost-saving measure that yields long-term benefits by ensuring efficient, high-quality, and sustainable outcomes; and

WHEREAS, park staff have indicated limitations in their capacity to develop a comprehensive plan, and the Engineering

Department has noted that producing such a plan will require significant time, prompting the need to explore external local architects or consultants for professional design and phased implementation recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of a splash pad, as previously discussed, should be part of the park's redevelopment to enhance recreational opportunities for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, community involvement, including input from neighbors and stakeholders, is essential to ensuring that the redevelopment of Bayview Park reflects the needs and desires of the Key West community; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of Bayview Park represents a rare opportunity for a generational update, with the potential to serve the community effectively for the next 50 years, and as such, demands a forward-thinking, comprehensive approach to ensure durability, functionality, and community benefit; and

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

Section 1: The City Commission supports the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's decision to postpone the artificial turf purchase and installation to first produce a professionally designed master plan with all elements included, all associated costs, and proposed projects for each phase.

Section 2: The City Commission directs staff to prioritize

professional design services for the Bayview Park project, recognizing that such investments save costs in the long term.

Section 3: The City Commission authorizes the exploration of external local architects or consultants to provide professional design services and phased implementation recommendations, given the reported limitations of park staff and the Engineering Department in developing a comprehensive plan in a timely manner.

Section 4: The City Commission reaffirms the importance of including a splash pad as a key feature in the Bayview Park redevelopment plans and directs staff to include it in the project design.

Section 5: The City Commission emphasizes the critical role of community involvement, including robust engagement with neighbors and stakeholders, to ensure the Bayview Park redevelopment reflects the community's vision and needs.

Section 6: The City Commission acknowledges that the Bayview Park redevelopment is a once-in-50-year opportunity and commits to a comprehensive, forward-thinking approach to ensure the park's design and functionality meet the needs of the community for the next 50 years.

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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.

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Commissioner Donald "Donie" Lee	_____

DANISE HENRIQUEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK