



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager

CC: Sarah Spurlock, Assistant City Manager
Greg Veliz, Assistant City Manager
Doug Bradshaw, Port and Marine Service Director

FROM: Martha Arencibia, Port Coordinator

DATE: April 6, 2015

SUBJECT: Florida Ports Council Annual Membership Dues for FY 14/15

ACTION STATEMENT:

This is a request to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$20,500.00, to the Florida Ports Council for Annual Membership Dues for FY 14/15.

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Ports Council (FPC), is a Florida nonprofit corporation that serves as the professional association for Florida's fifteen public seaports, including the Port of Key West. The FPC is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of the fifteen port directors with staff support located in Tallahassee. The FPC provides leadership, advocacy and information on seaport-related issues before the legislative and executive branches of state and federal government.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, the Florida Ports Council provides administrative support services on matters related to the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) Program. The State Legislature created the FSTED Program in 1990 under Chapter 311, Florida Statutes to finance port transportation projects on a 50-50 matching basis. The program was established in recognition of the importance of Florida's international trade to the state's economic progress and job creation and because the Legislature recognized the urgency of building the transportation capacity needed to satisfy the consumer demands of Florida's growing population.

The City of Key West has received significant funding over the years from the FPC supported FSTED program including the current \$762,000 for Mallory Pier breasting dolphin and the 2009 Mallory Pier upgrades in the amount of \$1,750,000.

PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION:

Maintaining membership in the FPC allows for continued access to much needed grant dollars for the future needs of Mallory Pier as well as continued advocacy and on seaport-related issues before the legislative and executive branches of state and federal government

Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.

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OPTIONS:

1. Approve an expenditure in the amount of \$20,500.00, to the FPC for Annual Membership Dues
2. Do not approve the expenditure and cease being a member of the FPC.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The current year budget for this item is \$18,500.00 in account 001-4302-543-5100. FPC increased the fees over last year which was unexpected. A Budget Transfer from account 001-4302-543-4600 is needed to cover increase.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an expenditure in the amount of \$20,500.00, to the FPC for Annual Membership Dues.

ATTACHMENTS:

Invoice

Spreadsheet denoting the program details and fee structure.