

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY MISSION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE THE CITY OF KEY WEST ART IN PUBLIC PLACES BOARD AND TO FACILITATE SELECTION AND PLACEMENT OF PERMANENT ART IN AND AROUND THE NEW CITY HALL, MOST SPECIFICALLY THE TIGER STATUE

WHEREAS, the City of Key West has established an Art In Public Places Board to "advise the City Commission in the selection and location of public art in the City of Key West," promoting . . . "the inclusion of aesthetic considerations in local decision-making . . ." and "encouraging artists capable of creating works of art in public places" (Guidelines p. 1); and

WHEREAS, Board appointees are required to be, and on the presently seated Board in fact are, art professionals (Ordinance 16-01 p. 3) and

WHEREAS, in the Public Art set-aside clause (16-01 p. 5), "one percent (1%) of the construction costs of all new public or private construction and renovation projects, including any governmental agency owned projects within the city, as specified herein shall be set aside for the acquisition, commission and installation of works of art to be placed on the site of said construction or renovation;" and

WHEREAS, the current AIPP Board has not been shown by staff any sketch, plan, photograph or other depiction of any art that staff has selected for display in the new City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the AIPP Board on May 9 discussed with dismay the reported imminent replacement of the industrial shop class steel tiger statue, and with City Planning Department Director Thaddeus Cohen present, asked AIPP Board Chair Richard Tallmadge immediately to draft a letter to the Mayor and Commissioners communicating the Board's alarm, concern, and recommendation that the tiger be placed elsewhere on the site, perhaps at Varela Street in proximity to the children at the Montessori Children's School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tallmadge that week drafted said letter which reportedly incorporated selected edits suggested by Mr. Cohen and was sent (undated) to the Mayor and Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cohen then informed the Board on June 13 that the letter was in fact the improper format for presentation to the Mayor and City Commission and that he would draft a Resolution for presentation to the Mayor and Commission in time for the next AIPP meeting on July 11; and

WHEREAS the offer of a AIPP Board member to construct the Resolution was accepted; and

WHEREAS at the July 11 AIPP meeting Mr. Cohen advised that each of three Be It Resolved Clauses needed to be presented in a separate resolution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Key West AIPP Board rejects the responsibility for *ex post facto* billing for any and all art work already owned by the City which has not been commissioned, purchased or presented to the Board for vetting; and further rejects automatic approval of the choices of City staff which have been neither presented to nor approved by the Board, most specifically the Tiger statue.

Section 2: 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 _____, 2016.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2016.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2016.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Vice Mayor Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Richard Payne	_____
Commissioner Margaret Romero	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK