



## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Patti McLaughlin, City Manager  
Todd Stoughton, Asst. City Manager

**FROM:** Michael Turner, Community Services Deputy Director

**DATE:** October 1, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Installation of Astroturf Artificial Turf at George Mira Field by Burke Construction for \$674,000.

**ACTION STATEMENT:** Pursuant to City of Key West, Code of Ordinances, Section 2-797 (4) Exempt Contractual Services, in the Best Interest of the City, this resolution authorizes the installation of Astroturf artificial turf by Burke Construction at George Mira Field in an amount of \$674,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City has been looking to move to artificial turf fields. Due to the excessive use it is an extremely difficult task to keep the fields in decent shape. Artificial turf will not only be durable enough to handle year-round use it will also save on utilities and maintenance. The fill for the turf is an organic material, not rubber like some turf fields use. This will keep the temperature of the fields low making it about the same temperature as a grass field.

Burke Construction is the company who installed the High School Baseball field, Rosa Hernandez Girls Softball Field, and the new Gilleran Field at Truman Waterfront. They have also done multiple grass fields for the City. They are very familiar with the soil composition and difficulties that come with installing a field in the Keys.

The City did obtain 3 quotes for the installation of artificial turf at George Mira Field all with the same specifications and requirements.

Due to their local presence, Burke Construction was not only the lowest quote, but they have an understanding of the soil composition is in Key West and are able to provide what it takes to build fields to the standards we require.

It is Staff's position that there would be no pricing advantage in routing a formal ITB and it would further delay the project.

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

**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Replace the existing sod with artificial turf. This will decrease utility expenses and maintenance for the field and allow the field to be in pristine shape even with year-round use.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The total installation will not exceed \$674,000. The funding allocation for installation is included in the Capital Improvement Project to install the turf approved in the budget for \$725,000, in the Infrastructure Surtax Fund 101-7201-572-63.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approving the competitive bidding exemption, Key West Code of Ordinances Section 2-797(4) Exempt Contractual Services, in the Best Interest of the City, and award the installation of Astroturf artificial turf by Burke Construction, in an amount of \$674,000.