

Sean T. Brandenburg

Chief of Police



Key West

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Ms. Patti McLauchlin, City Manager
FROM: Sean Brandenburg, Chief of Police
DATE: 06/09/2022
RE: Authorize the release of \$150,000.00 to Customs and Border Protection to refurbish our 21-year-old, 27-foot Safeboat.

Action Statement:

Request to ratify the City Manager's emergency declaration pursuant to code of ordinances 2-797 (2), emergency procurement, to Customs and Border Protection for the refurbishment of our 21-year-old, 27-foot Safeboat in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Background:

The Key West Police Department is budgeted this fiscal year (FY21/22) to refurbish its aging 27-foot Safeboat. These funds were approved through a Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) EMW-2021-PU-00389-S01. The Safeboat is one of three required by our agreement with the Coast Guard and Florida Department of Law Enforcement as far as readiness for our Port Security Plan. Our Safeboat needs extensive refurbishment to maintain the level of readiness which is required per the Port Security Plan as well as for day-to-day Police response. For the refurbishment to happen, a Port Security Grant was applied for and received. This is Grant number EMW-2021-PU-00389-S01 was approved by the City Commission on September 14, 2021. As part of this grant, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), was dedicated to the refurbishment of the 27-foot Safeboat.

There are only two vendors capable of doing certified work to Safeboats, the manufacture located in Washington State and Custom and Border Protection (CBP) located in St. Augustine, Florida. We received a shipping quote of roughly twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000.00) for the vessel to be shipped back to the factory; this quote was a few months ago and is most likely much higher now. By using CBP we get a substantial cost savings due to the long-term contract pricing they receive as a government agency. The current pricing contract ends this fiscal year for them and all funds for work to be completed must be received by their finance department by June 12, 2022. If the funds are not received by that date, not only will we be facing at least a thirty percent price increase for the work, but a delay until after October 2022 for the refurbishment.



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Purpose and Justification:

The duties and functions of the Key West Police Marine Unit include, but are not limited to port security, vessel escorts, dignitary escorts, special event participation, vessel inspections and maritime enforcement operations. Our vessels are critical to meet the mission requirements of the marine unit and the department.

Financial Impact:

Funding for this is contained in the FY 21/22 General Fund/Revenue/Public Safety account 0010000 3312000. Expenses, based on the anticipated project cost of \$220,000.00 (which includes the City's 25% match of \$55,000.00), will be budgeted in Account 0012104 5216400 (General Fund/Law Enforcement Grants/Machinery & Equipment).

Recommendation:

The Key West Police Department recommends approving the expenditure to Customs and Border Protection from the grant which was Commission approved (resolution 21-192) of the \$150,000.00, for the refurbishment of our 21-year-old, 27-foot Safeboat. We believe this to be the most cost-effective method for the city, and believe it is unreasonable to wait and request use of code 2-797 (2), emergency procurement, by the city manager due to a, "clear and present threat to public property and/ or other substantial loss."



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