

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH RAMS HEAD GROUP FOR REDEVELOPMENT AND LONG-TERM LEASE OF THE DIESEL PLANT AND CONNECTED BUILDINGS; PROVIDING CONDITIONS; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PRESENT AN AGREEMENT CONTAINING MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY NEGOTIATED TERMS TO THE CITY COMMISSION FOR FINAL APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, in Resolution 19-070, the City Commission awarded RFP No. 001-19 to the sole proposal received, for redevelopment of the former Keys Energy Services Diesel Plant and connected buildings located at 101 Geraldine Street, 709 Fort Street and 100 Angela Street; and

WHEREAS, the award of RFP was rescinded in Resolution 21-004, in part because of the challenge of securing funding for such a complex and long-term undertaking by a non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, an unsolicited proposal was presented to the City Commission by Bill Muehlhauser of the Rams Head Group on August 17, 2021 for redevelopment of the Diesel Plant complex as a "multi-cultural facility that will include a restaurant, microbrewery, multi-use flex space, coffee shop, walking museum, outdoor courtyard and playground"; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration, the City Commission finds it would be in the best interests of the City to negotiate an Agreement with Rams Head Group for redevelopment and long-term lease of the Diesel Plant property, upon negotiated terms and conditions; and

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

Section 1: That the City Manager is directed to negotiate an Agreement with the Rams Head Group for redevelopment and long-term lease of the Diesel Plant Property.

Section 2: Conditions of the Agreement shall include, but are not limited to, a provision that stabilization and redevelopment of the property shall be at no cost to the City of Key West.

Section 3: That the City Manager is directed to conduct negotiations, and upon mutual agreement with Rams Head and consent of the City Attorney, the City Manager shall present a proposed agreement for review and approval by the City Commission.

Section 4: 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Mayor Teri Johnston	_____
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Gregory Davila	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

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TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK