



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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DATE: May 2, 2012

SUBJECT:

Approval of Task Order No. 8 to Atkins North America for securing a Joint Coastal Permit for long-term (10+ years) periodic renourishments for Rest Beach in an amount not to exceed \$86,707 and approval of necessary budget transfers.

ACTION STATEMENT:

This resolution will approve Task Order No.8 to Atkins and necessary budget transfers for securing a Joint Coastal Permit (JCP) for beach renourishment at Rest Beach as required by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

BACKGROUND:

Rest beach has experienced severe erosion since its 1995 renourishment. In March 2012 the FDEP issued an emergency permit allowing the city to place 200 CY of sand on the beach to help stabilize the protective berms. The project was completed April 2012. The City has no current FDEP or USACE permit for any future beach renourishment projects on Rest Beach.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

The JCP permit will propose the placement of approximately 4500 CY of sand on Rest beach to rebuild it to the 1995 template. By securing a long- term (10+ years) permit for periodic sand placement, the city can plan more frequent and less costly renourishments.

OPTIONS:

Approve task order for Atkins in the amount of \$86,707 and authorize necessary general fund budget transfers. Atkins has an existing agreement with the City for general environmental consulting services. Executing this task order will enable the City to proceed with the beach permitting & renourishment project and will utilize the expertise this firm brings.

MEMORANDUM

The City Commission can choose not to move forward with the permitting of Rest beach. This is not recommended by staff. The beach is an important component of our tourism industry and enjoyed by locals. By maintaining the beach the city would qualify for FEMA funds to rebuild protective berms destroyed by tropical storms.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This task order is a cost reimbursement task order not to exceed \$86,707. The task order contains all tasks required to secure both FDEP & USACE permits. The scope of tasks 1-6 of the proposal are a reasonable reflection of the time, labor and expenses required to secure the necessary permits for beach renourishment.

The Rest Beach renourishment project which includes permitting, construction & CEI is estimated at \$490,000. The TDC has approved a grant agreement for reimbursement of up to \$245,000 (50%) of the renourishment cost. The TDC agreement includes reimbursement of 50% (\$43,353.50) of the permitting task order amount of \$86,707.

The project funding will come from the Fort Taylor Surcharge Fund reserves 103-1900-519-3400. Recent legislation expanded the uses of the Fort Taylor surcharge to fund beach renourishment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve Task Order No 8 to Atkins North America, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$86,707 and authorize necessary budget transfers.