



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Bob Vitas, City Manager,
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FROM: Janet Muccino, Project Manager
DATE: March 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Resolution Ratifying Purchasing Ordinance Exception # 2 in the amount of \$16,875 to Atkins North America to perform additional groundwater contamination investigation at the previous City Hall site at 525 Angela Street and expedite abandonment of Monitoring Wells on adjacent properties.

ACTION STATEMENT:

Ratify Purchasing Ordinance Exception # 2 (PE#2) to Atkins in the amount of \$16,875 to expedite investigations supporting removal of monitoring wells on private properties adjacent to 525 Angela Street. An adjacent property owner has implied that the presence of these wells and possible groundwater contamination from 525 Angela Street is impacting the imminent sale of their property.

This project falls under Infrastructure Goal # 2 of the 2011 Strategic Plan which is the safe & secure neighborhoods and business districts.

BACKGROUND:

The City installed several monitoring wells (MW) in the early to mid-1990s to monitor a contamination plume from a fuel underground storage tank (UST) on the parking lot of 525 Angela Street. The UST had been previously removed. Four of the MWs were installed on adjacent private property. In response to adjacent property owners concerns about the MWs and potential contamination on their property, Atkins was tasked, by Purchasing Exception #1 (PE#1), to perform a site assessment at the former City Hall site to determine if any monitoring wells could be abandoned (in particular, the wells on private property). This Task Order also included complete one round of groundwater testing as periodically required by FDEP. This monitoring was completed in December 2013 and documented in the *Former City Hall SARA Limited Contamination Assessment Report* dated February 12, 2014.

PURPOSE & JUSTIFICATION:

Based on the *SARA report*, Atkins, in consultation with FDEP, is recommending the installation up to three (3) new monitoring wells on City property (Task 3) and conduct additional groundwater sampling (Task 4) to further define extent of the contamination plume. This data will be used to support MW abandonment. Following completion of testing and subject to FDEP approval, Atkins will abandon wells on private property under the original Task Order.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Atkins original task order in the amount of \$14,755 was approved by PE#1 funded from 303-1900-519.6200 GN 1204 Angela St. Fire Station. PE #2 was approved and funded by a budget transfer (BT41) from acct 001-1900-519.98.01 to 001-1906-519.46-00 30. Project total to date is \$31,630.

OPTIONS:

Ratify PE #2 for possible well abandonment & FDEP compliance.
Non ratification will result in maintaining status quo of MW locations & regulatory noncompliance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends ratifying Purchasing Ordinance Exception # 2 in the amount of \$16,875.

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