

# Executive Summary



**To:** Patti McLauchlin, City Manager

**From:** Todd Stoughton, Assistant City Manager

**CC:** Michael Henriquez Jr., Senior Property Manager

**Date:** 1/12/2022

**RE:** Revocable License Agreement with University of South Florida

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## **Action:**

Respectfully request the City Commission to approve a license agreement between the City of Key West and the University of South Florida/College of Marine Science (USF).

## **Background:**

USF approached the City of Key West requesting to use a small piece (~25 square feet) of Smathers Beach to install a CODAR Ocean Current Monitoring System (OCMS) tapered marine mast antenna (~ 13 feet long to the top dome) and electronics enclosure as part of their Coastal Ocean Monitoring and Prediction System (COMPS). This system will provide real-time data for emergency management use and will be displayed to the general public via the internet. Currently there is one site established in Marathon, Florida, and there will be another CODAR OCMS installation in the Dry Tortugas. Installation site is close to the eastern end of Smathers Beach within the vegetation area, not within the beach area traveled by those that use the beach. If approved, all permits will be applied for by USF.

## **Strategic Plan:**

This license agreement request is consistent with the Key West Forward Strategic Plan, Priority 2: Sea Level Rise.

## **Financial Impact:**

If the City Commission approves the recommendation of Staff as submitted there is no additional costs incurred by the City.

## **Recommendation:**

Request the City Commission approve the five-year revocable license agreement, authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents consistent therewith with the consent and advice of the City Attorney.