

RESOLUTION NO. 12-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE KEY WEST CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING STAFF TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND PROGRAMMING OF OPERATIONS FOR A NEW SHELTER FOR THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AND REHABILITATION OF THE CITY'S AND COUNTY'S HOMELESS POPULATION LOCATED IN THE KEY WEST ENVIRONS; DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO RETURN TO THE COMMISSION WITH A REPORT ON THE METHODS, STRATEGIES, COSTS AND SCHEDULE FOR ACHIEVING THE GOAL OF REDUCING THE PRESENCE OF THE HOMELESS IN THE CITY PROPER; DIRECTING THE CITY STAFF TO COOPERATE WITH COUNTY AND STATE AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS, AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS IN CARRYING OUT THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS , the City of Key West and Monroe County recognize that in the city and its immediate environs, inclusive of south Stock Island, a significant homeless population exists, many of whom do not have adequate services to transition themselves to a housed and employed status ; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the City and the County to date, though well intentioned and meaningful, have not achieved the goal of significantly reducing the homeless population; and

WHEREAS, evidence exists from other Florida jurisdictions that a well-designed, managed and programmed homeless shelter offering 24 hour availability, food services, training and mentoring programs can serve to lessen the presence of the homeless in the downtowns and neighborhoods of participating cities; and

WHEREAS, such successful homeless facilities require the combined efforts of local, county and civic and charitable organizations to cooperate to identify methods, financing and appropriate experienced personnel to create and manage such 24-hour homeless shelters and training programs; and

WHEREAS, achieving the goal of reducing the number of homeless requires the strong leadership of a lead agency and that lead agency role is best achieved by the City, working with the County; and

WHEREAS , there are City owned properties on Stock Island, to wit, the former Easter Seals building and the present offices of the Mosquito Control District , which may become available upon termination of the District's lease with City, which either singly or together could provide an adequate basic infrastructure for a 24-hour homeless shelter and services center.

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

Section 1: Staff is directed to proceed immediately with the planning, design and programming of operations for a new shelter for the temporary housing and rehabilitation of the city's and county's homeless population located in the Key West environs, concentrating on the above mentioned city owned properties as the most available and most likely appropriate location for such a facility. Staff is also directed to identify the appropriate consultants to aid in the effort and is further to return to the Commission with a report on the methods, strategies, costs and schedule for achieving the goal of

reducing the presence of the homeless in the city proper.

Section 2: City staff is directed to cooperate with county and state agencies and commissions, and local organizations providing services to the homeless in this effort of design, programming and permitting of the new 24-hour service driven homeless facility

Section 3: This resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signatures of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____, 2012.

Filed with the Clerk _____, 2012

Craig Cates, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheryl Smith, City Clerk