

RESOLUTION NO. KWB 23-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE KEY WEST BIGHT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD (BIGHT BOARD) PROVIDING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) TO SUPPORT THE ONGOING USE OF A 3000 SF PARCEL OF CITY PROPERTY OCCUPIED BY FLORIDA STRAITS CONCH COMPANY, INC., DBA CONCH REPUBLIC SEAFOOD COMPANY AND FRYDE CONCH, LLC FOR LOBSTER TRAP STORAGE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Florida Straits Conch Company, Inc., dba Conch Republic Seafood Company, under their lease agreement with the City of Key West dated May 1, 2018 and a related arrangement with Fryde Conch, LLC by Harvey Watkins, was permitted to occupy a portion of dirt parking lot owned by the City for the purpose of storage, maintenance and repair of lobster traps, and

WHEREAS, the lease provides for termination of Fryde Conch, LLC's right to use City property in the event Mr. Watkins ceases to retain controlling interest in Fryde Conch, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins passed away in October of 2022, and at a regular meeting on December 14, 2022, the Bight Board discussed the value of maintaining the lobster operation to preserve the character of a working historic seaport, and recommended staff review and identify a solution that would provide for the lessee to continue to use the lobster trap area for the balance of their

original 10-year lease term; and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting on July 12, 2023, the Bight Board discussed this situation again, and recommends continued use of the storage area,

and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KEY WEST BIGHT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Key West Bight Board at its regular meeting on July 12, 2023 recommended amend the Florida Straits Conch Company, Inc. lease to allow for continued use of the City property at a rate of Zero Dollars (\$0.00)

Section 2: 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 Agency.

Passed and adopted by Key West Bight Management District Board at a meeting held this 12th day of July, 2023.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Board
on July 12, 2023.



MICHAEL KNOWLES, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



Keri O'BRIEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD