



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 16, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

From: Kelli Funkhouser
Special Events Manager

Subject: **Recommendation to Approve the Annual “Mote’s Ocean Fest” on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Truman Waterfront Major Field by the Splash Pad**

Introduction

The City Manager’s Office requests the approval of the annual “Mote’s Ocean Fest,” on Saturday, April 12, 2025, starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. The event will take place at Truman Waterfront Major Field by the Splash Pad.

Background

The City Manager’s Office has received an application from the “Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc.” for “Mote’s Ocean Fest” on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Truman Waterfront Major Field by the Splash Pad. Mote’s Ocean Fest is a free, family event with live music, food trucks, a kid zone, artisan and non-profit vendors. All proceeds come back to support coral reef research and restoration in the Florida Keys.

Due to having live music at Truman Waterfront Park, a noise exemption is requested. Notice of the City Commission’s proposed action on a Noise Exemption will be published in the 1/30/25 edition of The Citizen and on KeysNews.com. All property owners within 100-foot radius were mailed notice on 1/28/25.

Procurement

There will be no additional expenses to the city as all service costs (Police/Fire/Community Services) are covered by the applicant, based on the Special Event Matrix.

Recommendation

The City Manager’s Office recommends the Mayor & City Commission approve the annual “Mote’s Ocean Fest” on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Truman Waterfront Major Field by the Splash Pad.