

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



TO: Patti McLauchlin, City Manager
Nathalia Mellius, Assistant City Attorney

FROM: Michael Henriquez Jr, Senior Property Manager

DATE: March 1, 2022

SUBJECT: Concession Agreement amendment - Key West Wildlife Center, Inc. 1801 White Street

Action statement:

This is a request to approve a Concession Agreement amendment between the City of Key West and the Key West Wildlife Center, Inc., a Florida Non-Profit Corporation, for the premises located at 1801 White Street, Key West.

Background:

The Concessionaire will utilize the property for the operation of a wildlife center, providing rehabilitation and release or rehabilitation and permanent educational habitat for injured wildlife and relocation of chickens out of the city. The use shall be limited to retrieving, rehabilitating, and releasing injured migratory birds, land mammals and reptiles and conducting educational classes dealing with migratory birds, land mammals and reptiles as well as operating the chicken relocation program.

The City of Key West and the Key West Wildlife Center, Inc. have had a successful multi-year relationship via a Concession Agreement. Under the previous and now proposed agreement the concessionaire is granted the right to operate on part of a City owned parcel known as Indigenous Park. Exhibit A depicts the specific area of operation under the proposed concession agreement. The proposed agreement is the continuation of the ten (10) year term, beginning on February 18th, 2019. As part of the agreement the concessionaire is obligated to accept all healthy and unhealthy chickens which are delivered to the property by the general public. The concessionaire will now be able to charge private wide life trappers a reasonable fee. The concessionaire is further obligated to relocate all healthy chickens to a site, as approved by the City Manager or designee, outside of Key West no less than every two months. In exchange for managing the “chicken program” the City of Key West will compensate the concessionaire \$7,500 per month, for the care, habitat maintenance, medical supplies and relocation expenses incurred by the concessionaire.

Financial Impact:

Under the prior agreement, and called for under the proposed agreement, concessionaire provides continuous financial reporting for the expenses incurred in managing the chicken relocation segment of their business. The concessionaire’s records over the last several years indicate that there has been an increase in costs incurred to properly managing the “chicken program”. In short, the Key West Wildlife Center, Inc. addresses the City’s “chicken relocation” efforts in a much more efficient and cost-effective manner. The amended increase from \$4,166.66 to \$7,500 is a fair

financial compensation for the operation of the City's "chicken program". The additional \$20,000 in funds necessary to fulfill the proposed Concession Agreement for the months of April 2022 through September 2022, will be transferred from the City Manager's General Fund Contingency account for FY2022.

Conclusion:

Staff recommends approval of the Concession Agreement between the City of Key West and the Key West Wildlife Center, Inc.

Attachments:

Proposed Concession Agreement

Exhibit A - Demised Premises

Corporate Filings

Previous Concession Agreement