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To: The City Commission for the City of Key West
From: Ronald J. Ramsingh, City Attorney
Meeting Date: September 14, 2023
Agenda Item: Amending Sec. 2-604 to provide for direct appointment and direct removal of members of the Bahama Village Redevelopment Advisory Committee.
Sponsor: Commissioner Kaufman

Action Statement:

The proposed ordinance seeks to amend Sec. 2-604 to permit the direct removal of a BVRAC member by the appointing City Commissioner and not require a majority vote of the City Commission.

Background:

Currently, Sec. 2-604 permits each member of the City Commission to directly appoint a member to the BVRAC. Historically, if the appointing Commissioner wishes to replace their board member, that process has been done unceremoniously by agreement. Since 2015, there have been 2 instances where a Planning Board member declined to vacate the position voluntarily, thereby requiring a contested public hearing. This amendment seeks to avoid a contentious hearing regarding a BVRAC member. I have attached a document outlining the other city boards and their appointment and removal criteria.

Options:

1. To pass the proposed ordinance amendment to permit the direct removal of a BVRAC member by the appointing City Commissioner and not require a majority vote of the City Commission.
2. To deny the proposed ordinance amendment, thereby creating an opportunity to have a contested agenda item for the City Commission to consider.

Recommendation:

Pass the proposed ordinance.