



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 5, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

CC: Marcus Davila
Director of Community Services

From: Kelli Funkhouser
Special Events Manager

Subject: **[File ID: 26-5055] Recommendation to approve the “Southernmost Turkey Trot” on Thursday, November 26, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

Introduction

The City Manager’s Office requests the approval of the “Southernmost Turkey Trot” on Thursday, November 26, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (setup beginning at 5:00 a.m.) starting and ending at Duval and South Streets.

Background

The City Manager’s Office has received an application from “Mile 0 Events” for their 4th annual “Southernmost Turkey Trot” on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 26, 2026. The race will begin and end at the intersection of Duval and South Streets. The race course will take South Street to Simonton, left on Simonton, left on United, right on Duval, left on Wall Street, right into the Mallory Square parking lot, run along Mallory Square, cross the bridge behind the Aquarium, left along southside of Opal Resort, turnaround on the promenade in front of the Hyatt Vacation Club at Sunset Harbor, then head back along promenade, right on Sunset Way, left on Front, right on Duval and right on South Street ending at the Finish Line. There is also a 1-mile Rooster Romp which begins at South Street west of Duval, right on South, left on Simonton, left on United, right on Duval, turnaround at Duval and Olivia Streets, head back on Duval, right on South Street to the Finish Line. Reef Relief is the official charity of the event and funds raised will help support reef education, Coral Camp and community stewardship. The applicant has agreed to abide by City Codes and Ordinances, including providing insurance.

The applicant is requesting approval for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the enclosed area, as there is an after party at the end of the race to be held at the Southernmost Point Bar on South Street. Alcohol will only be sold on the Southernmost Point Bar property, but it is possible that participants will take alcohol onto the street.

Due to having amplified sound, a noise exemption is requested. Notice of the City Commission's proposed action on a Noise Exemption was published in The Citizen and on KeysNews.com. Property owners within a 100-foot radius were mailed notice.

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 and Commission approve the Southernmost Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 26, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. beginning and ending at Duval and South Streets.