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TO: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

VIA: Brian L. Barroso, City Manager

FROM: Sean T. Brandenburg, Chief of Police

DATE: December 2, 2025

RE: Authorize the Key West Police Department to purchase a Mobile Command Post from Emergency Vehicles, Inc (EVI), for a total amount of \$1,034,781.00; pursuant to Key West Code of Ordinances, Sections 2-844(a) – Brand Name, 2-797(1)(b) & (1)(c) – Sole Source, and 2-797 (4)(b) – Best Interest. (Legistar 25-4773)

Introduction

The Key West Police Department is requesting to purchase a Mobile Command Post from Emergency Vehicles, Inc. (EVI), for a total amount of \$1,034,781.00; pursuant to Key West Code of Ordinances, Sections 2-844(a) – Brand Name, 2-797(1)(b) & (1)(c) – Sole Source, and 2-797 (4)(b) – Best Interest.

Background

On October 12, 2023, the City Commission passed Resolution 23-267, authorizing Key West Port Operations and the Key West Police Department to accept grant award No. EMW-2023-PU-00396-S01, in the amount of \$944,819.00, from the Department of Homeland Security Port Security Grant Program (plus the City's 25% match of \$314,940.00) for the acquisition of a Mobile Command Post and a Mobile Connectivity Trailer (Mobile Connectivity Trailer was purchased in 2024, Resolution 24-094).

Purchasing a Mobile Command Post is mission critical to adequately respond to and effectively operate during emergency situations and events. In the event of a disaster (natural or otherwise), emergency, or major event, the Key West Police Department is responsible for maintaining the security and safety of our island city. This mobile command post will provide a centralized mobile hub for communications, coordination, and rapid decision-making at the scene of critical incidents and major events. By having command staff and essential technology on-site, a mobile command post eliminates communication delays, speeding up the decision-making process and leads to a more



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effective response to evolving incidents. The mobile command post will enhance operational efficiency, improve public safety, and ensures the department is prepared to manage a wide array of emergency and non-emergency situations.

Procurement

Resolution 23-267 authorized the acceptance of the Port Security Grant award of \$944,819.00 and the City's 25% match of \$314,940.00, for a total amount of \$1,259,759.00. According to Resolution 23-267, the funds for this purchase will be budgeted in account 0012104 5216400. This purchase is pursuant to Key West Code of Ordinances, Sections 2-844(a) – Brand Name, 2-797(1)(b) & (1)(c) – Sole Source, and 2-797 (4)(b) – Best Interest, for a total amount of \$1,034,781.00.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor and Commission approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute documents and authorize the purchase of this mobile command post from Emergency Vehicles, Inc. (EVI) for the amount of \$1,034,781.00.



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