

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, TO RECOMMEND/OPPOSE [SET FORTH POSITION] WITH REGARD TO THE PIER B DEVELOPMENT CORP. REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND TO MODIFY ITS EXISTING SUBMERGED LANDS LEASE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, the City Manager received a notice from the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund advising that Pier B Development Corp. {Pier B) requested a modification to their sovereignty submerged land lease, which would expand the cruise port lease area; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission held a special public meeting on Tuesday, May 9, to accept public comment and to discuss environmental, economic and legal concerns related to this request to expand Cruise port "B"; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission accepted additional public comment and discussed their concerns again at the regular Commission meeting of May 16, 2023, and provided direction to the City Manager and City Attorney to pursue action and information as set forth herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Commission hereby CHOOSES ONE of following options with regard to the Pier B request to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund:

(a) Supports the Pier B request to incorporate the temporary use area into their existing lease for sovereignty submerged lands, and recommends approval of a 25-year extension of the lease to the Board of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; OR

(b) Objects to the Pier B request to incorporate the temporary use area into their existing lease for sovereignty submerged lands, and objects to a 25-year extension of said lease; OR

(c) Adopts a neutral position, providing neither support nor opposition to Pier B's request to expand and extend their sovereignty submerged land lease; OR

(d) Objects to the incorporation of the temporary use area which would expand Pier B's existing lease for sovereignty submerged lands, and supports a 25-year extension of the current lease - which would require annual re-consideration of the temporary use area.]

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to [Jason.Andreotta@floridadep.gov](mailto:Jason.Andreotta@floridadep.gov), [SED\\_Permitting@floridadep.gov](mailto:SED_Permitting@floridadep.gov), Governor Ron DeSantis, Representative James "Jim" Mooney, Jr, and Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Mayor Teri Johnston	_____
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

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TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK