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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: January 11, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

Via: Albert P. Childress   
City Manager

From: Steve McAlearney  
Director Port & Marine Services

Subject: Approving a task order to CH2M Hill in an amount not to exceed \$24,201.77 for a berthing improvement evaluation for the Mallory T-Pier

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### **Introduction**

Resolution approving a task order to CH2M Hill in an amount not to exceed \$24,201.77 for a berthing improvement evaluation for the Mallory T-Pier.

### **Background**

The Mallory T-Pier is an extremely important asset to a city at the end of a 120-mile island chain connected to the mainland by 42 bridges. In addition to the revenue it can generate hosting passenger ships, the T-Pier provides obvious usefulness in aiding island recovery in a post-disaster scenario.

In 2018, the City approved a Mallory Square Modernization to Cruise Ship Mooring Facilities Feasibility Study. This study determined that the Mallory T-Pier was “approximately 33 years old, which is nearing the end of its useful life.” State grant funding was subsequently acquired to refurbish the pier. This funding authorized an evaluation to determine the optimal size and layout of pier improvements. The first evaluation, authorized in June 2018 (Res 18-196), studied the pier requirements to host cruise ships up to 750 feet Length Over All (LOA), which the pier had been hosting at that time. An amendment to the original evaluation was authorized in July 2021 (Res 21-139), which eliminated ships larger than the city’s submerged lands lease length of 664 feet LOA.

The evaluation under consideration in this item further reduces the size of ships to be hosted at the T-Pier to 514 feet at the waterline, in accordance with the city’s recent agreement with the Ocean Key Resort and Spa (Res 23-242); and with capacity less than 500 persons (passengers and crew), in accordance with Res 22-073. This evaluation will also specifically consider compatibility with the American Cruise Lines vessel American Glory and the City’s desire to maintain unobstructed waterfront views from Mallory Square. This item has been coordinated with all interested stakeholders, including Safer Cleaner Ships.

This item is being routed to the Commission because, as and additional amendment, the total cost of design exceeds purchasing guideline limits.

**Procurement**

The \$24,201.77 for this task order will come from FDOT grant G1767 and is budgeted in account 101 4302 543 6300 (Infrastructure) under Capital Improvement Plan project number IS 4302 2003.

**Recommendation**

The City Manager's Office recommends approving a task order to CH2M Hill in an amount not to exceed \$24,201.77 for a berthing improvement evaluation for the Mallory T-Pier.