

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING GRANT FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT OF UP TO \$118,000 TO FAIR INSURANCE RATES FOR MONROE (FIRM) - A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION - FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGAGING HYDROLOGIC ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS TO ANALYZE THE SCIENCE AND DATA UTILIZED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) IN THE PRODUCTION OF ITS NEW PRELIMINARY FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS WITH THE AIM OF VALIDATING, CONTESTING AND/OR APPEALING FEMA'S CONCLUSIONS, IN THE CITY OF KEY WEST; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds the accuracy and relevance of FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps has tremendous economic impact upon flood insurance rates, construction costs, affordable living and the local economy as a whole, with millions of dollars at stake annually in additional premiums paid into the National Flood Insurance Program by property owners in the City of Key West; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds further engineering analysis is necessary to produce Flood Insurance Rate Maps that accurately reflect projected flooding levels upon the islands of the City of Key West; and

WHEREAS, FEMA will only consider science and data-based submissions as a valid basis for appeals to its proposed new Flood Insurance Rate Maps; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that during 2018 Fair Insurance Rates for Monroe (FIRM) formed a Flood Map Task Force and has been working on a coordinated countywide effort to educate communities, property owners and policy holders as to the impacts, accuracy and response to the proposed new flood maps; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the Flood Map Task Force has already engaged hydrological engineers to provide an initial assessment of FEMA's preliminary flood maps, with that analysis raising multiple procedural and science-based concerns with potentially over-stated flood levels; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds Fair Insurance Rates for Monroe (FIRM) has offered to oversee a more comprehensive assessment of the FEMA flood maps at actual costs; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds Fair Insurance Rates for Monroe (FIRM) is best suited to serve the interests of the City in this matter; and

WHEREAS, such analysis will enhance the health, welfare and safety of residents and businesses of the City of Key West;

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

Section 1: That the City Commission authorizes the City Manager, to expend an amount up to, but not to exceed \$118,000 as grant funding to FIRM, to specifically fund the engagement of Hydrologic Engineering Consultants to analyze the science and data used by FEMA in the production of its new Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps, towards a goal of validating, contesting and/or appealing FEMA's conclusions.

Section 2: That funds are budgeted for this procurement in account 001-1910-519-310, and any necessary budget transfers or adjustments are hereby authorized.

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 May, 2020.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of May, 2020.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2020.

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

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK