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To: City Commission

From: Brian L. Barroso, City Manager

Date: August 8, 2025

Re: Declaration of Emergency for the Installation of Artificial Turf at the Coffee Butler Key West Amphitheater

Pursuant to Sections 2-797(2) and 2-797(4) of the City of Key West Code of Ordinances, the City Manager declares that an emergency exists, and that it is in the best interest of the City, to proceed with the installation of artificial turf at the Coffee Butler Key West Amphitheater.

This procurement is for **Turf Guys Miami** in the amount of **\$386,652.99**, obtained through the **Sourcewell Contract**, and is exempt from formal competitive procurement requirements under Section 2-797(3) (purchases made under contracts of the federal government, the State of Florida, or its political subdivisions).

Background:

The grass seating area at the Coffee Butler Amphitheater has been an area of concern for some time. During concerts and events there is enormous amounts of traffic with patrons, satellite bars, and vendors. The amphitheater and the events there are a great feature of the City of Key West bringing national acts to our island. These shows and events bring in a substantial number of tourists into town. Any rain event during these events turns the grassy area into a mud puddle destroying the grass and creating a large mess. Also, for the vendors on the grassy area extension cords must be run to them and mats used to cover the cords for safety so patrons do not trip on them. Artificial turf would solve these problems. The turf would look nice year-round and in the event of rain would drain and there would be no mud. Along with the project we will also be running conduits under the turf so that power can be run through them, instead of cords on the ground, providing a safer environment for everyone. This project was brought to the TDC and approved for full reimbursement due to the positive impact it will have on tourism.

Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.

Recommendation:

Due to the item being pulled from last months agenda the only way to schedule the installation and not lose the TDC funding would be to proceed immediately.

Sincerely,



Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency:

