

RESOLUTION NO. 23-353

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CAROLINE STREET CORRIDOR AND BAHAMA VILLAGE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AMENDING THE LEASE BETWEEN THE CRA AND FLORIDA STRAITS CONCH COMPANY, INC., DBA CONCH REPUBLIC SEAFOOD COMPANY TO REPLACE THE NAME HARVEY WATKINS WITH DALE WATKINS FOR LOBSTER TRAP STORAGE IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE STORAGE LOT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, Florida Straits Conch Company, Inc., dba Conch Republic Seafood Company, under their lease agreement with the City of Key West dated May 1, 2018, and in association with Fryde Conch, LLC by Harvey Watkins, was permitted to occupy a portion of dirt storage lot owned by the city for the purpose of storing, maintenance and repair of lobster traps, and

WHEREAS, the lease provides for termination of Lessee's right to use City property in the event Mr. Watkins ceases to retain controlling interest in Fryde Conch, LLC, and

WHEREAS Mr. Watkins passed away in October of 2022 and the required notice to vacate the property was provided to Lessee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CAROLINE STREET CORRIDOR AND BAHAMA VILLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Caroline Street Corridor and Bahama

Village Redevelopment Agency approves a lease amendment to permit the continuation of the existing use of approximately 3,000 square feet of the northwesternmost area of the demised premise by Fryde Conch, LLC for the remainder of the 2018 lease so long as Dale Watkins is alive and controls Fryde Conch, LLC.

Section 2: The CRA finds the referenced operations of Fryde Conch, LLC to be a valid public purpose pursuant to Sec. 2-941 of the Code of Ordinances in this below market sublease. Fryde Conch is one of only a few historic working boats of the historic seaport. It has been the expressed and resolved desire to promote and preserve historic working boats and schooners in Key West Bight. The CRA further finds that the visual presentation of the harvesting of Florida spiny lobster to residents and visitors alike is consistent with the historic spirit of the working waterfront at the Key West Bight that was typical of the foundational industries of the city that also included shrimping, turtle harvesting and sponging. This visual presentation of lobster harvesting also serves as an economic engine for the Key West Bight by regularly attracting spectators to the area who in turn are customers of the various businesses there.

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 Agency.

Passed and adopted by Key West Caroline Street Corridor and Bahama Village Redevelopment Agency at a meeting held this 14th day of December, 2023.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Agency on December 15, 2023.

Filed with the Clerk December 15, 2023

Chair Teri Johnston	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Chair Sam Kaufman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Lissette Carey	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	<u>Yes</u>

TERI JOHNSTON, CHAIR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK