



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 9, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

From: Kelli Funkhouser
Special Events Manager

Subject: **[File 25-4460] Recommendation to Approve the Bahama Village Community Coalition Inc.'s "Goombay Festival" on October 17 & 18, 2025 on Petronia Street between Duval Street and Fort Street**

Introduction

The City Manager's Office requests the approval of the "Goombay Festival" on Petronia Street between Duval and Fort Streets on Friday, October 17, 2025, and Saturday, October 18, 2025.

Background

The City Manager's Office has received an application from the "Bahama Village Community Coalition, Inc." for the Annual Goombay Festival on Friday, October 17, 2025, and Saturday, October 18, 2025, from Noon to 11:00 p.m. on Petronia Street between Duval Street and Fort Street. Goombay Festival is a family tradition that began years ago with members of the Bahama Village. The event will have vendor booths, music, art, and a parade. The stage will be located at Petronia Street and Emma Street. The Junkanoo Parade begins at Nelson English Park, heads east on Catherine Street, then north on Duval Street to west on Angela Street, ending at Emma Street. The applicant has agreed to abide by City Codes and Ordinances, including providing insurance.

Due to having amplified, live music, a noise exemption is requested. Notice of the City Commission's proposed action on a Noise Exemption was published in The Citizen and on KeysNews.com. Property owners within a 100-foot radius were mailed notice.

Procurement

There will be no additional expenses to the city as all service costs (Police/Fire/Community Services) are covered by the applicant. Per the Agreement, applicant will pay a lump sum of \$15,000 for the use of City's right-of-way space on City Property. This lump sum fee includes the support of Key West Police Department and Key West Fire Department.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor & City Commission approve the Bahama Village Community Coalition, Inc.'s Annual "Goombay Festival" on Friday, October 17, 2025, and Saturday, October 18, 2025.