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DATE: November 23, 2011

SUBJECT:

Approval of Task Order No. 4 to Atkins North America for securing a long-term (10+ years) USACE & FDEP permit for Smathers Beach in an amount not to exceed \$39,640.00 and approval of necessary budget transfers.

ACTION STATEMENT:

This resolution will approve Task Order No.4 and necessary budget transfers for general environmental permitting for beach renourishment at Smathers Beach as required by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permits in an amount not to exceed \$39,640.00 to Atkins.

BACKGROUND:

The City completed a 17,500 ton renourishment project for Smather's Beach in July 2011. The FDEP permit expired on July 21, 2011 and the current USACE permit was good for only one renourishing event. Therefore the City has no current FDEP or USACE permit for any future beach renourishment projects.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

By securing a long- term (10+ years) permit for periodic sand placement, the city can plan more frequent and less costly renourishments.

OPTIONS / ADVANTAGES / DISADVANTAGES:

1. Approve task order for Atkins in the amount of \$39,640.00 and authorize necessary general fund budget transfers. Atkins has an existing agreement with the City for general environmental consulting services. Executing this task order will enable the City to proceed with the beach permitting & renourishment projects and will utilize the expertise this firm brings. Additionally Atkins can use much of the data they produced under Task Order No. 1 for oversight and monitoring of the July renourishment which will make the permitting process less costly and more time efficient

2. The City Commission can decline to authorize this task order; however, Atkins has all the recently obtained data from the last renourishment and using a new coastal firm would delay the permitting process which can be a lengthy process.
3. The City Commission can choose not to move forward with the permitting of Smathers beach. This is not recommended by staff. The beach is an important component of our tourism industry, home to not only swimmers, but weddings, water sports and sunbathers. The Key West beaches are promoted by the TDC and having a rocky and narrow beach is less than optimal. Smaller hotels, motels, guest house and inns all rely on beaches for guest recreation as they do not have their own beaches.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This task order is a cost reimbursement task order not to exceed \$39,640.00. The task order contains all tasks required to secure both FDEP & USACE permits. The scope of tasks 1-4 of the proposal are a reasonable reflection of the time, labor and expenses required to secure the necessary permits for beach renourishment. The project funding will come from the Fort Taylor Surcharge reserves 103-1900-519-3400. Recent legislation expanded the uses of the Fort Taylor surcharge to fund beach renourishment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Commission select option 1, the approval of the Task Order No. 4 to Atkins North America, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$39,640.00 and authorize necessary budget transfers.