



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Greg Veliz, City Manager

FROM: Kelly Crowe, P.E., City Engineer

CC: Patti McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager
Mark Finigan, Finance Director
Steve McAlearney, Engineering Director

DATE: January 8, 2020

RE: Approval of Task Order with Charley Toppino and Sons, Inc. for the Waddell Avenue Sidewalk Improvements

ACTION STATEMENT:

Authorize the City Manager to approve a work order in the amount of \$55,122.31 to Charley Toppino and Sons, Inc. for the construction of new sidewalk and drainage along Waddell Avenue between Reynolds Street and William Street. Approve necessary budget transfers as outlined in the Financial Issues section below.

BACKGROUND:

Waddell Avenue is a two-lane local road with sidewalks on both sides. The sidewalks on each side are not continuous and have gaps that span entire blocks. The south side of Waddell Avenue has one gap between Reynolds Street and William Street; however, sidewalk exists along the remainder of the south side of the street to Vernon Street (Dog Beach).

The gap along this stretch of Waddell Avenue is currently used as non-restricted public parking which is oriented head-in. Since the stalls are not currently striped, the actual number of stalls varies. Additionally, staff has received reports of rideshare drivers staging in the area as well as sleeping in their vehicles. Staff has corroborated this during several site visits. The head-in parking condition tends to provide refuge from public view. The surface material is a mix of dirt, grass and gravel and is a candidate for pedestrian infrastructure, drainage and beautification upgrades.

Staff had a topographic and right of way survey conducted and sufficient space exists along the south side of Waddell Avenue to construct a 6' wide sidewalk, create eleven (11) parallel parking stalls and add permeable drainage elements. The

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addition of sidewalk would complete the connection from Reynolds Street. Engineering staff has coordinated with the city's Urban Forester and areas for tree planting has been provided. City staff will procure and install trees and ground cover after the sidewalk work is completed.

Residents along this block of Waddell have expressed support for this project. In addition to providing a pedestrian gap closure, the project will enhance the appearance of the area and improve safety. Several residents have pledged a 50% cost share toward the project.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The project will close a pedestrian gap, improve drainage, safety and enhance the appearance of the area. The closure in the gap will provide a direct link for pedestrians from Reynolds Street to Dog Beach. In addition, the 50% cost share will reduce the city's cost for the work to \$27,561.16.

This project is consistent with the Key West Strategic Plan, Infrastructure, Goal #1, *"A transportation system which is aesthetically attractive, functional, efficient, safe and environmentally sensitive"*.

FINANCIAL ISSUES

Funds for this project will be paid from Internal Improvements (Gas Tax) / Streets / Capital Improvements 102-4102-541-6300 Project Number II41021901 (ADA Sidewalks). Charley Toppino and Sons, Inc. will perform the work under their 2017 Right of Way contract per Resolution 17-106. The contract was extended per Resolution 19-054.

Upon approval, a purchase order will be issued to Charley Toppino and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$55,122.31. The resident's portion of the cost share will be reimbursed to the city upon completion of the work. Upon reimbursement, funds in the amount of \$27,561.15 will be deposited back into the 102-4102-541-6300, Project Number II41021901 account.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorizing the City Manager to approve a work order in the amount of \$55,122.31 to Charley Toppino and Sons, Inc. for the construction of the Waddell Avenue Sidewalk Improvements and approve any necessary budget transfers.