



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

City Manager

City Council Regular Meeting Date: November 4, 2025

To: City Council
From: Dana A. Souza, City Manager
Date: October 31, 2025

SUBJECT: Resolution 25-062, is a request from Community Housing and Resources (CHR) for the City Council to grant temporary waiver to allow Lee County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) serving Sanibel, to utilize a CHR unit on Whitehall Drive for EMS housing.

BACKGROUND: At the October 21, 2025, the City Council considered Resolution 25-062, authorizing a temporary waiver for a CHR owned unit on Whitehall Drive, constructed on City owned land, to be used by EMS for housing and limited operations. Since the City allowed CHR to construct housing for below market rate housing purposes, the City Council must grant a waiver for the temporary use by EMS.

At the October 31, 2025, City Council meeting, the City Council tabled a motion to adopt Resolution 25-062 and asked that CHR send communications to properties within a 300' radius of the Whitehall Dr. unit to ensure nearby residents were aware of the potential temporary use of the Whitehall Dr. unit by EMS personnel. An email from Nicole Decker-McHale, CHR's Executive Director, and Bonnie BcCurry, CHR Bookkeeper/Housing Administrator, informing the City that the notification required by the City Council was mailed to properties within the required 300' radius on Friday, October 24th. As of the writing of their email (10/29/25 @ 1:23 pm) CHR had not received any responses to the notice letters.

Resolution 25-062 has been amended to include a Whereas citation that refers to the City Council's request that CHR send notification to nearby residents and that a review of EMS use of the Whitehall Dr. property would be reviewed in six months' time. Also, Section 3 of the Resolution states that the temporary use of the property shall be reviewed by the City Council following six months of use. The language added to amended version of Resolution 25-062 is underlined.

When the City Council resumes discussion of Resolution 25-062 on November 4, 2025, The City Council shall resume consideration of the motion that was on the floor at the time the Resolution was tabled. The motion, according to the City Clerk's record is:

"A motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember DeBruce, to adopt Resolution 25-062 of the City Council of the City of Sanibel, approving a temporary waiver, requested by Community Housing & Resources".

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If the City Council decides to approve Resolution 25-062, the motion that was on the floor should be amended to approve the amended Resolution 25-062, with the additional language discussed at the October 21st meeting. Alternatively, the motion from October 21, 2025, may be withdrawn and a new motion can be offered to consider the amended Resolution 25-062.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Resume discussion of the tabled motion to adopt Resolution 25-062. Consider approving Resolution 25-062 as amended.

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