

MINUTES

CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, October 29, 2020 9:30 a.m.
Marble Hall & Virtually via Zoom Conferencing

- Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call:** The special meeting of the Key Colony Beach City Commission was called to order by Mayor DeNeale at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor John DeNeale, Vice Mayor Ron Sutton, Secretary/Treasurer Patti Trefry, Commissioner April Tracy, and Commissioner Kimmeron Lisle.

Also Present: City Clerk Rebecca Todd, Executive Assistant Saara Staten, Police Chief DiGiovanni (Virtually), Building Official Gerard Roussin, and Building Inspector Greg Lawton.

Excused: Fire Chief Johnson.

Public – 3 (Virtually) 2 (Marble Hall)
- Additions, Changes or Deletions:** None.
- COVID-19 Update:** Mayor DeNeale reported the cases increasing leaving 6 people hospitalized in Monroe County.
- Extension of Declaration of Local Emergency:** Mayor DeNeale presented the City of Key Colony Beach 34th Declaration of Local State of Emergency for COVID-19.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Tracy, seconded by Commissioner Trefry to approve the City of Key Colony Beach 34th Declaration of Local State of Emergency.

ON THE MOTION: Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval. (9:31 a.m.)
- 7th & 8th Street Retention Pond Improvement RFP:** Building Official Roussin provided the Commission a draft Request for Proposal regarding 7th & 8th Street Retention Pond Improvements. Building Official Roussin reported the bid package haven been provided to the 2 inquiries received. The bid package opening will be December 3rd. The former bid package was officially retracted, and the new bid package is available.
- Request for Approval to Purchase Christmas Decorations:** Building Official Roussin reported researching new Christmas ornaments due to the damaged state of the current ones. A company in North Carolina was found and Building Official Roussin spoke with a representative who stated the lead time is 4 weeks. If purchased now, a 10% discount can be applied. If the decorations are purchased in January/February 2021 there is usually a buy 2 get 1 free promotion. Beautification Chairperson Greg Burke stated he was unaware of the \$15,000 budgeted for the new decorations. The Beautification Committee recommended for the current decorations be used this year and the new decorations be researched in depth and ordered for next Christmas. Mayor DeNeale requested Building Official Roussin to use as many of the current decorations while remaining safe as possible and then purchase new decorations for next year. Commissioner Trefry stated while she was on the Beautification Committee, she set up Wholesale accounts through the Atlanta Merchandise Mart to buy wholesale and work with preferred provider through the State. Building Official Roussin will research whether street decorations are included in the State Purchasing Plan.
- Commissioner Open Discussion:** Commissioner Tracy addressed personal concerns before officially leaving the Commission. Commissioner Tracy urged the Commission to put focus on the issue of investors taking over the City leaving few full-time residents. Commissioner Tracy recommended for the new City Administrator to have a marketing background and be tasked with that important issue. Commissioner Tracy stated Government Regulations have changed vastly and recommended the hiring of a new City Administrator to avoid future Sunshine violations. Commissioner Tracy encouraged the Commission to ask the Police Chief to move back to Key Colony Beach/Marathon. Vice Mayor Sutton disagreed and stated it

is not included in Key Colony Beach regulations to mandate the Police Chief to live in Key Colony Beach/Marathon.

8. **Citizens Comments and Correspondence:** Kathryn McCullough, 181 5th Street, recommended to research how Islamorada limits the amount of vacation rental licensed issued in their City. Mayor DeNeale stated Key Colony Beach cannot change their vacation rental laws.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Saara V. Staten

Saara V. Staten (on behalf of City Clerk Rebecca Todd)
Executive Assistant