

MINUTES
CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING – 2010 STORMWATER PROJECT BID AWARD
Friday, April 30, 2010 9:30 a.m. City Hall Auditorium

The Special Meeting of the Key Colony Beach City Commission was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mayor Sutton followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. *Present were:* Mayor Ron Sutton, Commissioner Jeff Vorick, Commissioner John DeNeale and Commissioner Mary Schmidt. *Excused:* Vice-Mayor Geraldine Zahn. Also Present: Building Official Edward Borysiewicz, Police Chief Robert Petrick and City Clerk Vickie Bollinger. Public: 8

Mayor Sutton stated the special meeting of the city commission was called to award the bid for the stormwater project along West Ocean Drive. He said 5 bids were received with the low bidder being Charley Toppino & Sons Inc. in the amount of \$276,100. The next lowest bidder was \$52,431 higher. The city has no experience working with this contractor so references were called from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), City of Key West, and City of Marathon. DEP and Key West gave the same information that during the past two years projects have been completed on schedule, paperwork has been filed on time, and inspections had all passed. Prior to that there had been compliance and work problems with this contractor, but DEP and Key West reported that is in the past. Marathon reported they worked with the contractor 5 years ago and experienced problems and had not worked with them since then.

Commissioners commented/discussed:

- The \$52,431 is a 16% difference between the two lowest bidders which is significant.
- The Mayor and Building Official will be very involved as they have in the past monitoring this project and they will inspect it on a regular basis.
- It was reported that the Monroe County building inspector said there had been no recent problems with this contractor.
- The contractor who completed the last two projects is out of business. They had subcontracted the well drilling. Toppino has their own well drillers and will do all parts of the project.
- Three of the bidders were from the Keys and two were from the mainland.
- The contract stipulates that Toppino will have a supervisor on-site to monitor their workers.
- The contract engineer, Mike Tibble, has worked on the previous two projects and did a good job.
- If the Mayor and Building Official are monitoring the work, then this project will be as successful as the last two.
- Engineer Mike Tibble will not be on-site every day, but is available for consultation and will come to the city when needed.
- Insurance and bond documents will be submitted before proceeding.
- This is a straightforward project and the contract should be awarded to the low bidder.

Motion – Moved by Commissioner Vorick, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, to award the contract for the 2010 Stormwater Project on West Ocean Drive to Charley Toppino & Sons Inc. for a cost of \$276,100. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Vickie L. Bollinger, City Clerk