

**MINUTES**  
CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH  
CITY COMMISSION EMERGENCY MEETING  
Monday July 20, 2020 4:00 p.m.  
Virtually via Zoom Conferencing

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call:** The emergency meeting of the Key Colony Beach City Commission was called to order by Mayor DeNeale at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.  
*Present Virtually:* Mayor John DeNeale, Vice Mayor Ron Sutton, Secretary/Treasurer Patti Trefry, Commissioner April Tracy, and Commissioner Kimmeron Lisle.  
*Also Present Virtually:* City Administrator Moonis, City Clerk Rebecca Todd, Executive Assistant Saara Staten, City Attorney Tom Wright, Police Chief DiGiovanni, Building Official Gerard Roussin and Building Inspector Greg Lawton.  
*Excused:* Fire Chief Johnson.  
Public (Virtually) – 100
2. **COVID-19 Response/Possible Closures:** Mayor DeNeale reported the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Health are very concerned about the case count and hospitalizations in Monroe County. The Department of Health Medical Director, Dr. Mark Whiteside, recommended the County and individual municipalities to tighten protective measures. Monroe County Commissioners scheduled a Special Meeting for July 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m. to discuss the shutdown of mini season, possible vacation rental closure, boat ramp closure, park and beach closure, etc. Mayor DeNeale called for this Emergency Meeting to collect input from the KCB Commission and residents to forward to Monroe County. Vice Mayor Sutton and Commissioner Trefry expressed their support for the cancellation of mini season. Commissioner Tracy expressed her concern in the timing of the shutdown, she believed it should have been cancelled several months before. Commissioner Lisle expressed concern in singling out vacation rentals as the cause of the significant spread of COVID-19 in Monroe County. Hotels, day trippers, and restaurants are also responsible. Commissioner Lisle urged Mayor DeNeale to request accurate data to make an informed decision regarding the areas that need tighter restrictions. Mayor DeNeale stated the feedback that will be given to County Mayor Carruthers is that KCB is not suggesting shutting down vacation rentals and are recommending that group sizes at parks and beaches go back to 10 people. Chief DiGiovanni suggested for the Commission to consider an ordinance addition regarding mask enforcement mirroring Key West's ordinance. Mayor DeNeale requested for Attorney Wright to draft that ordinance for the Commission to consider at the next meeting.
3. **Commissioner Open Discussion:** None.
4. **Citizens Comments:** Residents John Ambrosio of 161 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Edwin Erosa of 451 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Richard Woodward of 1101 West Ocean Drive, Steven Barnett of 380 East Ocean Drive, Paul Cole of 701 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Lynne Benton of 311 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Micki Kozick a resident at Key Colony Point, and Dee Sleight of 591 9<sup>th</sup> Street expressed their objection to the closure of vacation rentals in Key Colony Beach or Monroe County.  
Non-residents Brian Schmitt and Lisa Joseph also expressed their objection to the closure of vacation rentals in Key Colony Beach or Monroe County
5. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Saara V. Staten*

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