

MINUTES

CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH

CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 2020 9:30 a.m.

Marble Hall & Virtually via Zoom Conferencing

1. **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 (Virtually).

Also Present: City Administrator Christopher Moonis, City Clerk Rebecca Todd, Executive Assistant Saara Staten, Building Official Gerard Roussin, and Police Chief DiGiovanni.

Excused: City Attorney Tom Wright and Fire Chief Johnson.

Public Virtually– 22 (Virtually) 9 (Marble Hall)

2. **COVID-19 Update:** Mayor DeNeale reported directing City Administrator Moonis to clean up and organize Key Colony Beach's website to clearly display current COVID-19 procedures on the homepage.
3. **Extension of Declaration of Local Emergency:** Mayor DeNeale presented the City of Key Colony Beach 28th Declaration of Local State of Emergency for COVID-19.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice Mayor Sutton, seconded by Commissioner Tracy to approve the City of Key Colony Beach 28th Declaration of Local State of Emergency.

ON THE MOTION: Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval. (9:33 a.m.)

4. **City Hall Design Meeting Recap from September 10th:** Mayor DeNeale reported an error in the advertised Zoom information for the Special Commission Meeting on September 10th regarding City Hall leaving many residents unable to attend. Mayor DeNeale recapped the September 10th Meeting and stated Architect Tony Rosabal provided a cost estimate for the two-building design. After analyzing the financials presented, the Commission unanimously agreed to a one building design including the Post Office. Architect Tony Rosabal was directed to provide the Commission with a redesign including the Post Office as part of the main building and eliminating any unnecessary/expensive design elements. No vote was taken on a new design. The next Special meeting regarding City Hall is scheduled for October 8th in Marble Hall and virtually via Zoom. Commissioner Lisle recommended a 10% reduction of the entire proposed City Hall building to reduce costs while maintaining functionality. Vice Mayor Sutton conferred with an accredited and well-respected local contractor regarding the cost estimate and the contractor believed the cost of construction is overestimated/overpriced. Building Official Roussin agreed with the contractor's statement and conferred with local contractors who agreed. Commissioner Trefry requested Building Official Roussin to create his best assumption on what construction costs will be. Commissioner Trefry thanked Building Official Roussin and will forward the data to the other Commissioners.
5. **Commissioner Open Discussion:** None.
6. **Citizens Comments and Correspondence:** Joseph Laconti, 250 Sadowski Causeway, expressed concern about the impact of building a new City Hall and encouraged the Commission to consider the residents who live directly across City Hall in the design.

Peter Diaz, 480 4th Street, expressed concern for the cost estimate presented by Architect Tony Rosabal. Mr. Diaz reported the profit is proposed at 16% and he believes that Florida Keys contractors will not work for less than 25%.

Paul Eville, 77 7th Street, requested documentation that condemned the current City Hall building. Joe Schmidt, 430 4th Street, expressed his concern for the new City Hall.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Saara V. Staten

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

Executive Assistant