

MINUTES
KEY COLONY BEACH
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, November 12, 2020 9:30 a.m.
Marble Hall

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, and Roll Call:** The regular 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 and Prayer.

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

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

Excused: Fire Chief Johnson.

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2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 8, 2020 City Commission Regular Meeting, October 22, 2020 City Commission Regular Meeting, October 29, 2020 City Commission Special Meeting, and November 5, 2020 City Commission Special Meeting were approved by acclamation.

3. **Agenda Additions, Changes, Deletions:** Mayor DeNeale added “Refinancing of Long-Term Debt” to Commissioner Items for Discussion/Approval. Mayor DeNeale moved “Nominations/Election to Fill the Unexpired Term of Resigned Commissioner Tracy” and “Swear in New Commissioner” to Special Requests.

4. **Special Requests:**

A. Nominations/Election to Fill the Unexpired Term if Resigned Commissioner Tracy: Mayor DeNeale invited each candidate to the podium to present themselves to the Commission and residents.

1. **Kathryn McCullough** introduced herself as a resident of Key Colony Beach since 1982 giving her a long-term historical view of the growth and changes of the island. She has filled the positions of Utility Clerk, Assistant City Clerk, and City Clerk for Key Colony Beach. She currently serves on the Code Enforcement Board and Planning & Zoning Board. Ms. McCullough is in favor of a fiscally responsible and functional replacement of City Hall and hiring a City Administrator.
2. **Ed Borysiewicz** introduced himself as a resident and Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer of Key Colony Beach from 1987 until 2019. His interest in serving as a Commissioner is to help the City and his 30+ year reputation speaks for itself.

Mayor DeNeale thanked everyone for stepping up and called for nominations. Vice Mayor Sutton nominated Ed Borysiewicz. Commissioner Trefry nominated Kathryn McCullough. Nominations were closed. Mayor DeNeale asked for a show of hands for Kathryn McCullough. Mayor DeNeale, Commissioner Trefry, and Commissioner Lisle raised their hands. Vice Mayor Sutton raised his hand for Ed Borysiewicz.

B. Swear in New Commissioner: City Clerk Todd administered the oath of office to Kathryn McCullough. Commissioner McCullough took her seat on the dais.

C. Oxitec Mosquito Project – Meredith Fensom, Oxitec Head of Global Affairs and Chad Huff, Florida Keys Mosquito Control District Public Information Officer: Head of Global Public Affairs Meredith Fensom and Executive Director of FKMCD Andrea Leal presented a project to bring Oxitec Mosquitos to the Florida Keys. The mission is to develop safe, highly effective biological solutions to control

disease-spreading and crop-destroying insects at a global scale. The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito is an invasive species in the Florida Keys that spreads dengue. Oxitec's *Aedes aegypti* mosquito technology ("OX5034") targets suppression, male-only releases which do not bite, traceable in the field, self-limiting in the environment, proven effectiveness, and is safe, non-toxin, and non-allergenic. For more information and additional resources, please visit www.keysmosquitoproject.com.

5. Committee and Staff Reports:

A. Marathon Fire/EMS: No Report.

B. Recreation Committee: No Report.

C. Beautification Committee: No Report.

D. Disaster Preparedness Committee: Building Official Roussin reported being thankful for Tropical Storm Eta not affecting Key Colony Beach as expected. The City prepared as much as they did because the night before Tropical Storm Eta, 90-100 mph winds were projected.

E. Planning & Zoning Board: No Report.

F. Utility Board: No Report.

G. Police Department: Chief DiGiovanni reported since the last meeting there were 3 reports: 1 found property, 1 traffic arrest resulting in a ROR on Sadowski, and 1 trespass. They responded to 2 medical and alarm calls, provided backup to MCSO and FWC 19 times, and received 16 miscellaneous calls along with traffic citations, code warnings and citations, road patrol, boat patrol and vacation watch program. During the last 3 weeks, the Police Officers received training on how to distribute Narcan for drug overdoses by the Marathon Fire EMS. The Officers also received training in riot shield and baton overview. New resident Joseph Burden is a retired Sergeant from Louisville Metro PD. The Police department is trying to hire Mr. Burden as a reserve officer for training and boat enforcement. Monroe County Sheriff Sergeant Thomas Hill provided training with less than lethal shotgun with bean bags. During the annual training session with the Sheriff's Office, KCBPD practiced deploying spikes in the event of a chase, taser deployment, handling noncompliant subjects in custody and defensive tactics. Chief DiGiovanni thanked the Glunz Hotel & Resort for providing 2 rooms at no charge for two Police Officers on duty to stay in Key Colony Beach during Tropical Storm Eta. Commissioner Trefry recommended sending an official thank you letter to the Glunz Hotel & Resort from the Commission. Chief DiGiovanni updated the Commission on trying to sell the old car computer mounts on govdeals.com.

H. Building Department/Public Works: Building Official Roussin thanked the Public Works crew for their hard work in preparation for Tropical Storm Eta.

1. Approval of Superior Electric Invoices for Installation of City Hall and Police Station Transfer Switches for \$2,464.65 and \$2,389.38 – Building Official Roussin requested the approval of Superior Electric invoices for installation of City Hall and Police Station Transfer Switches for \$2,464.65 and \$2,389.38. The transfer switches are transferable after the trailers are no longer needed. Mayor/City Administrator DeNeale approved both invoices.

I. City Secretary/Treasurer: Commissioner Trefry reported City Clerk Todd working on year end books. The cash on hand situation looks positive and the expenses seem to be down. That information is expected by next month.

J. City Clerk: City Clerk Todd reported completing the quarterly reports and the workers compensation audit. The Utility CD's were opened at Iberia Bank for the approved rate. The legal ad for City Attorney has been posted throughout the Florida Keys in the 3 Keys Weekly Publications. City Clerk Todd will be

reaching out to attorneys individually. Utility Clerk Hyland returned from vacation last week. Assistant City Clerk Michelle Farr resigned. City Clerk Todd stated the City is considering filling that position from within. The Planning & Zoning Board and Code Enforcement Board both have a vacancy and she encouraged any residents who are interested in serving on a board to contact her. The Utility Board has an upcoming vacancy as well.

K. City Administrator: No Report.

6. Items for Discussion /Approval:

A. COVID-19 Update/Declaration – Local State of Emergency Continuation: Mayor DeNeale provided an update for COVID-19. Mayor DeNeale presented the City of Key Colony Beach 36th Declaration of Local State of Emergency for COVID-19.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Trefry, seconded by Vice Mayor Sutton to approve the City of Key Colony Beach 36th Declaration of Local State of Emergency (10:18 a.m.).

ON THE MOTION: Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

B. Letters of Congratulations to Elected State and County Officials: Mayor DeNeale reported a great turn out of over 85% for the election. Letters of congratulations have been prepared for Commissioner Mike Forster, Commissioner Craig Cates, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, State Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez, State Representative Jim Mooney, and Congressman Carlos Gimenez.

C. Refinancing of Long-Term Debt: Vice Mayor Sutton presented the available rates from local banks to refinance the combined loans for Sunset Park and Sadowski Causeway totaling \$1,463,372.90. The best rate available is from Iberia Bank at 1.93%. Mayor DeNeale requested the payment schedule and called for an Emergency Meeting at 1:00 p.m. to review for approval.

7. Approval of Warrant: Warrant 1020 in the amount of \$461,418.02.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Trefry, seconded by Commissioner Lisle to approve Warrant 1020 in the amount of \$461,418.02.

ON THE MOTION: Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

8. Ordinances and Resolutions: None.

9. Commissioner Reports: Commissioner McCullough thanked the Commission for electing her and thanked Commissioner Lisle for her hard work on the Commission.

10. City Attorney Report: No Report.

11. Citizen Comments and Correspondence: City Clerk Todd reported receiving much gratitude from residents for Tropical Storm Eta updates. Lauren Schmitt, 430 4th Street, questioned the purpose of transfer switches and Building Official Roussin explained their necessity to provide power from generators in the event of a disaster. City Clerk Todd reported receiving correspondence from Mary Anne Royce, 721 West Ocean Drive, requesting the Commission to address density issues of dwelling units. This email was forwarded to Building Official Roussin and Attorney Malafy who are tentatively scheduling this for the November 24th Commission meeting to review the Substantial damage report for Ocean Front Condominiums.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Saara V. Staten

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

Executive Assistant