

MINUTES

CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH

CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, December 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 Vice Mayor Trefry at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Present: Vice Mayor Patricia Trefry, Secretary/Treasurer Kathryn McCullough, Commissioner John DeNeale, and Commissioner Tom Harding.
Also Present: City Clerk Rebecca Todd, Executive Assistant Saara Staten, City Attorney Dirk Smits (Virtually), Police Chief DiGiovanni (Virtually), Building Official Gerard Roussin, and Building Inspector Greg Lawton.
Public – 16 (Virtually) 3 (Marble Hall)
Excused: Mayor Ron Sutton
2. **Additions, Changes or Deletions:** Building Official Roussin requested to add “Approval of an Extension of a Building Permit”. The Commission requested for this item to be included in the next meeting agenda to provide proper notification to neighbors and residents.
3. **Utility Board: Recommendation for Appointment**
 - A. **Freddie Foster**
 - B. **Toni Appell – Alternate**

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner McCullough, seconded by Commissioner Harding to approve the appointment of Freddie Foster and Toni Appell (Alternate) on the Utility Board.
ON THE MOTION: Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.
4. **COVID-19 Update:** Vice Mayor Trefry read Florida’s COVID-19 Dashboard report for December 16, 2020. The State of Florida added a total of 11,541 new COVID-19 cases and 122 new deaths. The State’s positivity rate is 9.28%. Monroe County added 22 new COVID-19 cases, 22 new deaths, and 6 hospitalizations. Monroe County’s COVID-19 total is 3,890 cases and 30 deaths. The 14-day average positivity rate is 8.57%. Key Colony Beach remains at 18 COVID-19 cases. Marathon Chambers of Commerce voted unanimously to cancel the Marathon Seafood Festival.
5. **Extension of Declaration of Local Emergency:** Vice Mayor Trefry presented the City of Key Colony Beach 42nd Declaration of Local State of Emergency for COVID-19.
MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner DeNeale, seconded by Commissioner Harding to approve the City of Key Colony Beach 42nd Declaration of Local State of Emergency.
ON THE MOTION: Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval. (9:34 a.m.)
6. **Commissioner Items for Discussion/Approval:** Commissioner Harding reported reviewing Code Board Chairperson Joey Raspe’s top 5 violation concerns. Commissioner Harding is reaching out to 3 other cities to see if they have standards for Code violations. Commissioner DeNeale urged Commissioner Harding to work with City Attorney Smits on whether it is appropriate or not for the City Commission to provide penalty standards to the Code Board.
Commissioner McCullough provided the Commission with a copy of Islamorada’s Ordinance that allows the Mayor, Vice Mayor, or City Manager to sign the continuing Declaration of Emergency. Commissioner DeNeale recommended for the verbiage to state that the Mayor, Vice Mayor, or City

Manager is capable of signing an Extension of Declaration of Local Emergency. The initial Declaration of Local Emergency should still be done publicly in a Commission meeting. The Commission also agreed that the extension should last 1 week. The Commission requested for City Attorney Smits to draft a resolution appropriate for Key Colony Beach to approve at the next Regular Meeting.

Mayor Sutton reported communications with Attorney James Dorl regarding his interest in becoming Code Board Attorney. Attorney Dorl is available to begin in January. The Commission requested for Mayor Sutton to proceed and get Attorney Dorl's fees and resume for the Commission to consider at the next Regular Commission Meeting.

7. **Citizens Comments:** None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Saara V. Staten

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

Executive Assistant