

# MINUTES

CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH  
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
Wednesday, December 30, 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: Executive Assistant Saara Staten, City Attorney Dirk Smits (Virtually), Police Chief DiGiovanni (Virtually), Building Official Gerard Roussin, and Building Inspector Greg Lawton. Excused: Mayor Ron Sutton and City Clerk Rebecca Todd. Public – 16 (Virtually) 2 (Marble Hall)

- 2. Additions, Changes or Deletions:** None.

- 3. Request for HappyNKeys 10k & Half Marathon:** Organizer of HappyNKeys, Lara Martin, presented the 10k/Half Marathon scheduled for January 16, 2021 beginning at 6:30 a.m. A Sherriff has been hired to ensure safety during the event. Discussion continued between Police Chief DiGiovanni, the Commission, and Ms. Lara Martin.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Commissioner DeNeale, seconded by Commissioner McCullough to approve the HappyNKeys 10k & Half Marathon on January 16<sup>th</sup> in Key Colony Beach.

**ON THE MOTION:** Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

- 4. Code Board Attorney Replacement:** Mayor Sutton presented Attorney James Dorl's interest in becoming the Code Board Attorney. The Commission reviewed Attorney Dorl's rates and background. Building Official Roussin stated the next Code Board hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The Commission scheduled an internal meeting to review Code procedures with Staff & Code Attorney for Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. and a Code Board Workshop on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> after the Special Commission Meeting.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Commissioner DeNeale, seconded by Commissioner Harding to approve the hiring of James J. Dorl as Code Board Attorney.

**ON THE MOTION:** Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

- 5. COVID-19 Update:** Vice Mayor Trefry reported Key Colony Beach remains at 22 COVID-19 cases. The Department of Health reported the State of Florida added 11,887 cases with a positivity rate of 22.75% on December 29, 2020. Monroe County's COVID-19 totals 4,182 cases and 35 deaths. Monroe County has received 280 initial vaccine shots. Vice Mayor Trefry encouraged all to stay safe during the Holiday season, wear masks, wash hands, and social distance.

- 6. Extension of Declaration of Local Emergency:** Vice Mayor Trefry presented the City of Key Colony Beach 44<sup>th</sup> 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 44<sup>th</sup> Declaration of Local State of Emergency.

**ON THE MOTION:** Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval. (9:48 a.m.)

- 7. Commissioner Items for Discussion/Approval:** Commissioner DeNeale recommended for City Attorney Smits to draft a resolution for the City Commission to approve at the January 6<sup>th</sup> Special Commission Meeting.

This resolution will allow the Mayor, Vice-Mayor or designee if the Mayor is not available, to declare and continue a local state of Emergency. The initial declaration of the local state of Emergency will be ratified at the next Commission Meeting.

Commissioner McCullough wished everyone a happy and safe New Years.

Vice Mayor Trefry discussed the upcoming meeting schedule for extending the local state of Emergency. The next Special Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> where the resolution will be considered for approval.

Mayor Sutton will contact newly appointed Code Board Attorney James Dorl with the good news of his appointment and inform him of the upcoming meetings he needs to attend.

**8. Citizens Comments:** None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Saara V. Staten*

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