

MINUTES

KEY COLONY BEACH CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, May 18, 2023 – 09:49 a.m.

Key Colony Inn Banquet Room, 700 W. Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach
& Virtually via Zoom Conferencing

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, Roll Call: The Key Colony Beach Regular Meeting & Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Trefry at 9:49 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, and Rollcall. **Present:** Vice-Mayor Beth Ramsay-Vickrey, Commissioner Tom Harding, Commissioner Freddie Foster, Commissioner Joey Raspe, Mayor Patricia Trefry. **Also present:** City Administrator Dave Turner, Fire Chief Mike Card, Building Official Lenny Leggett, Police Kris Chief DiGiovanni, City Attorney Dirk Smits, City Attorney Roget Bryan (virtual), City Clerk Silvia Gransee, Code Enforcement Officer Barry Goldman, Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino, Administrative Assistant Tammie Anderson.

Public Attendance: 16

Mayor Trefry spoke on the loss of Carrol Gross, a longtime resident of the City of Key Colony Beach and unofficial member of the Beautification Committee and acknowledged her service to the City.

2. Agenda Additions, Changes & Deletions: Commissioner Foster asked for the addition of a discussion and a vote for a bid on the old City Hall building in assistance with K2M Engineering to be added to the agenda under the City Administrator's Report. City Attorney Smits explained the Mayor's prerogative of a good cause determination on adding items to the agenda. Discussion followed by the City Commission on placing the item on the agenda. Mayor Trefry determined to add the item to the agenda for a discussion and vote under agenda item 8a. Commissioner Foster further asked for the agenda addition off the topic of the City Administrator's cell phone number on the website. The topic was added to the agenda as item 7e.

Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey asked for the Resolution under 11b to be moved up to Item 3b. There were no objections.

Commissioner Harding asked for the addendum of the Treasurer's Report to be added to Item 9a. There were no objections.

3. Special Request

a. Proclamation: Leadership Monroe County 30th Anniversary: Mayor Trefry spoke on the agenda item and asked Kerry Cosme, ReStore Manager, Habitat for Humanity, to speak to the Commission. Kerry Cosme spoke on the benefits and experiences of the program. Mayor Trefry provided the reading of the Proclamation. Fire Chief Mike Card spoke on the importance of Leadership Monroe County and the benefits of the program.

b. Citizens Flood Insurance Requirement and Risk Rating 2.0: Mel Montagne from FIRM spoke to the Commission on the importance of the Resolution, the change of Condominiums no longer needing flood insurance, changes in Risk Rating 2.0 for homeowners and the loss of CRS credits, premium increases, and communication problems with FEMA.

Mel Montagne confirmed Commissioner Foster's question on the requirement on carrying flood and wind insurance for single-family homes effective July 1st. Mayor Trefry gave further insights on flood insurance requirements. Mel Montagne continued giving information on insurance changes. Mayor Trefry thanked Mel Montagne for his presentation.

Resolution No. 2023-04: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida, urging the Florida Legislature to appoint a Monroe County Resident to the Board of Governors of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation of Florida; providing for an effective date.

City Attorney Smits informed on the modification of the wording of ‘Monroe County Resident’ in the Resolution title and Section 2. There were no objections to the changes. Mayor Trefry provided the reading of Resolution No. 2023-04 and asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

4. Citizen Comments and Correspondence

City Clerk Gransee informed on received citizen correspondence.

Mayor Trefry asked for citizen comments. The following citizens provided comments to the City Commission:

Andrew Axelrod, General Counsel to the South Florida Police Benevolent Association, introduced himself to the Commission and spoke on the upcoming unionization of the Police Department and proposed changes to the Personnel Policy.

Laura Swanson, 620 9th Street, voiced her thoughts on the City Commission and City Officials.

Mayor Trefry spoke on decorum and dignity during the meeting.

Chet Dunn, 201 E. Ocean Drive, spoke on the City Administrator, City Hall, and problems with the new City of Marathon Boat Ramp Regulations.

Marie Flood, 241 4th Street, gave her views off the Commission, spending, the City Administrator, City Hall, and rebuilding costs.

Gorgona States, 541 E. Ocean Drive, spoke on City Hall repairs.

Doug Cuje, 341 11th Street, spoke on a bid on the existing City Hall building and a referendum.

Fred Swanson, 620 9th Street, clarified submitted letters to the Commission and gave thoughts on correspondence and community education.

Mayor Trefry asked for comments from virtual attendees:

Cindy Catto, spoke on City Hall and a referendum, as well as being an alternate on the Recreation Committee and opposition to the disbanding of the Committee,

Mr. Pasco, 371 11th Street, spoke in opposition to City Hall.

Joanne Stewart spoke on costs for a new City Hall building.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. 04-20-2023 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes: Mayor Trefry asked for any changes to the minutes. There were none. Mayor Trefry accepted the minutes as written.

6. Committee and Department Reports

a. Marathon Fire/EMS: Marathon Fire Chief Mike Card spoke on EMS and Fire Calls and informed of the Leadership Event in Key Colony Beach at the end of the month.

b. Police Department: No additional report.

c. Building Department: No additional report.

- d. Public Works: No additional report.
- e. City Clerk: No additional report.
- f. **Code Enforcement Officer:** Commissioner Foster asked for a follow-up on Code Enforcement Reports which City Administrator Turner reported to being in the process.
- g. Beautification Committee: No report.
- h. Planning & Zoning Board: No report.
- i. Recreation Committee: No report.
- j. Utility Board: No report.

7. Items for Discussion/Approval

a. Discussion/Approval of the 16th Annual Key Colony Beach Fishing Derby on June 14th, 2023: Commissioner Raspe spoke on omitting the item from the April agenda in error and asked for approval to hold the June Kids Fishing Derby. Mayor Trefry asked for a motion to approve the Kids Fishing Derby.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey to approve the Fishing Derby. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Raspe informed that the Kids Fishing Derby was renamed in Commissioner Sutton’s memory to the “Ron Sutton Memorial Fishing Derby”.

b. Discussion/Approval to Changes to the Personnel Policy regarding Vacation/Sick-time Buyouts & Carry-overs: City Attorney Smits spoke on the agenda item and gave options to the City Commission on how to proceed. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey asked City Attorney Smits for clarification for the policy to be for all staff and not just for the Police Department. City Attorney Smits confirmed. City Administrator Turner stated on following Commission direction for a possible policy change and confirmed large buyouts in the past. Mayor Trefry explained the history behind the proposed changes.

Commissioner Harding spoke on the meaning of unfunded liabilities and the financial burden it presents and stated support for limitations.

Commissioner Foster voiced his opposition to the proposal and stated his objection to the suggested changes. Commissioner Foster further commented on unanswered questions about FMLA use.

City Administrator Turner gave further information and alternatives to the proposed changes.

City Administrator Turner additionally commented on FMLA and federal requirements.

The Commission agreed for City Administrator Turner to bring back the topic of FMLA use at the next Commission meeting.

City Administrator Turner continued speaking on the subject of vacation and sick leave carry-over and buy-outs. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey clarified the vacation leave accumulation to be 168 hours, last year of employment no more than your earned vacation time may be used, and the changes of a maximum of \$8,000.00 and \$12,000.00. City Administrator Turner confirmed the changes.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey to approve the changes to the personnel policy as just discussed with the change of the 168 hours, last year of employment no more than earned vacation may be used, and with inserting the maximum dollar amounts of \$8,000.00 and \$12,000.00 as represented. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Raspe voiced his concern on the use of time within the first three month and asked to extend to six months. Mayor Trefry asked for clarification on the calendar year used. City Administrator Turner explained the available options. Commissioner Raspe gave further thoughts on concerns with overtime and asked City Attorney Smits on possible negotiations with the Union on this issue.

City Attorney Smits gave the available options on how to move forward.

Former Commissioner Kathrine McCullough asked for an opportunity to speak on the matter via zoom. Mayor Trefry informed that citizen comment was over.

Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey asked City Administrator Turner if the use of time can be changed to the first six month of the year. City Administrator agreed.

ON THE MOTION: Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey withdrew her motion.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey to approve the policy changes with the change that:

1. Under vacation leave accumulation in paragraph 2 it will change from 84 hours to 168 hours.
2. Change from the first three month to the first six months of the year.
3. Last year of employment no more than earned vacation may be used.
4. Maximum dollar amount of \$8,000.00 and \$12,000.00.
5. and the rest of the changes as written.

Commissioner Harding seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Foster commented on the Unionization of the Police Department and the impact on employee relations. Commissioner Foster further commented on maximum payout amounts and hourly calculations in relation and reiterated his stance against the changes. Mayor Trefry spoke on employee benefits in relation to the County and the purpose of the proposed policy changes. There was no further discussion and Mayor Trefry called for rollcall.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Commissioner Raspe – yes. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey – yes. Commissioner Harding – yes. Commissioner Foster – no. Mayor Trefry – yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Harding asked City Administrator Turner for a follow-up on the FMLA questions at the next Commission meeting.

a. Discussion/Approval on IEMO Training: Mayor Trefry spoke on the available training for Commissioner and City Administrator Turner confirming the available funds in the budget. Commissioner Harding and Foster stated interest in attending of the training. All were in agreement and no vote was necessary.

b. Discussion/Approval of Special Magistrate Code Compliance Procedures: City Attorney Smits Summarized the proposed procedures to the Commission. Mayor Trefry asked for a motion to approve the Special Magistrate Code Compliance Procedures.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey to approve the Special Magistrate Procedures. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: City Attorney Smits confirmed the City Clerk being the Clerk for the Code Board Hearings. Commissioner Raspe spoke on Section 5c on the City Attorney’s authority and suggested a change to the wording. City Attorney Smits stated to be happy to amend the paragraph.

ON THE MOTION: Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey withdrew her motion.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Raspe to approve the Special Magistrate Procedures with the amendment of Paragraph 5c “Settlement of Code Enforcement” to be removed and brought back at a separate time. Mayor Trefry repeated the motion and asked for a second. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

7e. City Administrator Turner's Cell Phone Number Publication (Agenda Addition): Mayor Trefry spoke on Commissioner Foster's request and commented that the change would have to apply for all Department Heads. City Administrator Turner explained how to reach him by calling City Hall and past experiences of receiving calls on his cell phone. City Administrator further confirmed that for emergencies the Police Department should be called via 911. Commissioner Raspe voiced support for total transparency on having all Department Head numbers on the website. Commissioner Harding commented on employee privacy protection and the Police being responsible for emergencies. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey voiced agreement with Commissioner Harding and spoke on differences between elected officials and city staff and the expected level of transparency. Mayor Trefry spoke on prior concerns by the Chief of Police and the need for all Department Heads to be treated the same. Mayor Trefry called for a vote and motion.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Foster for the City Administrator to provide his number for his City paid cell phone to be added to the website to be contacted when not on site. Mayor Trefry asked for a second. Commissioner Raspe seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Commissioner Harding – no. Commissioner Foster – yes. Commissioner Raspe – yes. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey – no. Mayor Trefry – no. The motion failed.

Mayor Trefry called for a recess at 11:18 am to adjourn at 11:35 am.

The meeting was re-adjourned at 11:35 am.

8. City Administrator Items for Discussion

a. City Hall Update: City Administrator Turner updated on the bid package release on DemandStar and current 22 plan holders. City Attorney Turner further informed that questions are being answered and uploaded on DemandStar as they come in, and for the Commission to make an informed decision after the numbers come in. City Administrator Turner further clarified the purpose and process on DemandStar.

b. Safety Meeting Report: City Administrator Turner reported that all safety meeting reports were submitted.

c. Update on Survey for additional Pickleball/Tennis Courts: City Administrator Turner reported that the survey was received at much lower than approved cost and for the planning to be in the preliminary stages. City Administrator Turner further informed of hearsay of possible donors.

d. Update on Fiber Optics for the City of Key Colony Beach: City Administrator Turner updated on the fiber optics progress with AT&T and Comcast not being a viable option. City Administrator Turner added to have had positive conversation on the subject with Managers of some Condominium's in the City. City Administrator Turner stated that the next step in the process would be to hold a Townhall meeting if the Commission wishes to proceed.

Mayor Trefry asked the Commission if all were in favor of a Townhall meeting. The Commission agreed.

e. Discussion/Approval of obtaining bids to return the current City Hall to pre-Irma conditions (Agenda Addition): Mayor Trefry asked Commissioner Foster for a motion.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Foster to obtain bids to return the current City Hall to pre-Irma conditions. Mayor Trefry asked for a second. Commissioner Raspe seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Foster asked for existing engineering drawings to be able to assist the engineering firm with the bid package. Building Official Leggett stated unfamiliarity with the plans. Commissioner Foster referred to former Building Officials or the engineering firm for assistance. Mayor Trefry

asked for input from City Attorney Smits. City Attorney Smits advised on the process if interest for review by the Commission was received. Commissioner Foster confirmed to Commissioner Harding that the bid will not include the replacement or repair of the roof. Commissioner Foster further spoke on the rules for ADA compliance in relation to the greater than 50-percent substantial damage determination and confirmed the bid not to include ADA compliance. City Attorney Smits explained the answer to be a possible maybe. Commissioner Foster reiterated the bid to be for pre-Irma conditions and not to include the documented sinking floors, pre-Irma. Commissioner Foster stated the Fire Code to be pre-Irma. Commissioner Harding asked for clarification on floor repairs per engineering. Mayor Trefry confirmed to Commissioner Foster to be able to withdraw the motion and restate it.

ON THE MOTION: Commissioner Foster withdrew his motion.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Foster to look for a bid for pre-Irma conditions not to include said things by Commissioner Harding.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Harding voiced concerns on the ability to use the estimate to go forward with and execute. Commissioner Harding further stated this to be a liability for the City and not to be executable.

Vice-Mayor Ramsay Vickrey voiced her disappointment of residents leaving prior to receiving Commissioner comments. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey continued reading a statement on having received correspondence from a resident threatening removal from office and unrest. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey stated her refusal of being bullied and having received residents' concerns on speaking out loud. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey further informed on email addresses being used without approval and residents asking to be removed from list. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey commented on the current City Hall being 65 years old, structural failure, the building sitting ground level in a flood zone, and available monies for a new City Hall building. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey voiced her thoughts on addressing the current needs for the City and the necessity to wait for bids to come in. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey commented on two separate engineering firms having declared prior substantial damage and for cost of repairs to exceed the value of the building among other factors. The Vice-Mayor gave information on prior cost estimates for the old City Hall building, a prior bid for the administrative section of the building, and FEMA's determinations on assessed damage and 50-percent rule. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey stated that a proper bidding process needs to be followed including structural engineering reports, state approval for new building plans, and the compliance with FEMA rules. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey spoke on the deadline for the bidding process and perceptions by some residents of the public to be an extravagant building. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey further spoke on false narratives, bullying, and inciting anger within residents. The Vice-Mayor talked on the City to be bound to State Law and procedures, and prior outside-the-law and under-the-table mentality not applying to her and her choosing to look out for the best interest of the City.

Mayor Trefry asked for the "the 50% Rule" document to be posted on the website.

Mayor Trefry stated that Commissioner Foster made a motion with a second needed.

ON THE MOTION: Commissioner Raspe seconded the motion.

Mayor Trefry asked Commissioner Foster to restate his motion.

RESTATEMENT OF MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Foster to obtain a bid to restore the current City Hall building to pre-Irma conditions to determine if (we) the City violates the 50% FEMA rule.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: Mayor Trefry commented on the deadline for the bid that was issued.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Commissioner Harding – no. Commissioner Foster – yes. Commissioner Raspe – yes. Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey – no. Mayor Trefry – no. The motion failed.

City Administrator Turner asked to go back to his report for additional items. Mayor Trefry agreed and further asked City Attorney Smits to explain questions on a referendum for the City. City Attorney Smits explained the referendum to be a non-binding straw poll, as well as anticipated costs of \$16,000.00 outside a regular scheduled election.

City Administrator Turner spoke on the Key Colony Beach Community Association's wish to donate a substantial amount of money to the City for the relocation and replacement of the Sunset Park Tiki Hut. City Administrator Turner expressed his support for the project and acceptance of monies. The City Administrator additionally explained dimensions and no need for a variance. Ted Fischer, current Chair of the Recreation Committee and President of the KCB CA, spoke to the Commission on the proposed project and having worked with Mike Yunker and City Administrator Turner on the details. Ted Fischer proceeded by informing on a received Tiki Hut quote for \$9,500.00 and a donation to the City in the amount of \$10,000.00, as well as an in-kind donation for the relocation of the existing tiki hut roof by the local Sunbelt Rental Store.

Mayor Trefry thanked the Community Association, the Recreation Committee, and Ted Fischer.

Ted Fischer confirmed to Commissioner Foster for the concrete slab to be taken off.

City Administrator asked for a head-nod from the Commission to move forward and the acceptance of the check. City Administrator Turner confirmed to work with the Building Official to work on all details of the project. Commissioner Raspe asked on the City's liability for a resident to perform work at Sunset Park. Mayor Trefry asked for Ted Fischer to work with the Building Official and City Administrator to follow proper procedures. Commissioner Raspe further commented on the size of the tiki hut and alleviating variance procedures. City Administrator Turner confirmed to work with the Building Official and follow procedures.

Commissioner Harding thanked Ted Fischer for his hard work and donation by the Key Colony Beach Community Association and suggested to City Administrator Turner to use a professional licensed contractor for the flooring job.

9. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer's Report March 2023: Secretary-Treasurer Harding presented the March Treasurer's Report. Secretary-Treasurer informed on wastewater income, capital expenses, predictions on wastewater to go negative with reserve amounts to fill in, and a need for a rate increase. Secretary-Treasurer Harding continued informing on the general fund and updated on income, expenses, net income year to date, infrastructure funds, legal fees, the pickleball court contribution towards fence payment, and the current running balance update.

b. Approval of Warrant 0423 in the amount of \$389,565.54: Mayor Trefry asked for a motion to approve Warrant 0423 in the amount of \$389,565.54.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey to approve the Warrant. Secretary-Treasurer Harding seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

City Administrator Turner spoke on the collection of monies from Code infractions and being on budget.

City Attorney Dirk Smits addressed questions on attorney's attending City meetings and explained that that the City is not being charged by the number of attorneys attending meetings. City Attorney Smits explained that the cost of extra attorneys falls onto his law firm and is no burden to the city. Mr. Smits further explained his involvement in government work for the last 25 years and stated that criticism needs to be underwritten with knowledge.

Mayor Trefry stated appreciation by the Commission to be able to utilize legal advice. City Attorney Smits thanked for the recognition.

10. City Attorney's Report

a. Update on FMIT Coverage pertaining to Sunshine Law: City Attorney Smits updated that an exclusion on coverage for Sunshine Law violations exists but explained possible scenarios for recourse.

b. Report on Florida Statutes on Remote Public Meeting Attendance and Voting: City Attorney Smits gave information on the requirements of a physical quorum of three for City Commission meetings per the Attorney General's opinion. City Attorney Smits further advised on a special Monroe County law that allows volunteer and recommending committees to hold remote meetings with no physical quorum requirements as long as all Public Notice requirements are met.

c. Report on Exemptions for City Hall Building Plans: City Attorney Smits explained blueprint exemptions per Florida Statutes for safety and security of public facilities.

d. Code Enforcement Mitigation Proposal: City Attorney Smits stated that the proposal was taken out.

e. Update on Restructuring Alternatives for Volunteer Boards: City Attorney Smits spoke to the Commission on the agenda item and explained procedures and consequences.

City Attorney Smits additionally informed on sharing a legislative update from the Florida League of Cities.

City Attorney Smits informed that the trademark for the City was received.

City Attorney Smits continued updating on the anticipated change for the County to a Charter and explained possible changes and the need for a referendum for approval. City Attorney Smits informed on monitoring the progress and gave further details on possible changes and timelines.

Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey thanked City Attorney Smits and stated the importance of the correct charter language to prevent unwanted changes in the future.

11. Ordinances & Resolutions

a. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-484: An Ordinance of the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida; amending Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances Related to "Boats, Boat Trailers, Marine Facilities and Waterways", Article III, "Marine Construction and Improvements, Docking of Boats", Division 3 "Docks, Piers, and Mooring Equipment", Section 5-43, Entitled "Elevator Lifts" to increase the maximum lifting capacity for elevator boat lifts within the city; providing for codification; repealing any inconsistent provisions; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Trefry provided the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-484 and asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-484.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

b. Resolution No. 2023-04: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida, urging the Florida Legislature to appoint a Monroe County Resident to the Board of Governors of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation of Florida; providing for an effective date: See under Agenda Item 3b.

c. Resolution No. 2023-06: A Resolution by the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida, adopting Special Magistrate Code Compliance Procedures.

City Attorney Smits explained the purpose of the Resolution and stated that voted upon changes requested by Commissioner Raspe will be included. Mayor Trefry provided the reading of Resolution No. 2023-06 and asked for a motion to approve with said changes.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey to approve with changes. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

12. Commissioner's Reports & Comments

Commissioner Raspe reported on attending the staff meeting for the 'Ron Sutton Fishing Memorial Derby' and informed of ongoing acceptance of donations. Commissioner Raspe further informed of a meeting with City Administrator Turner on Building Department concerns, and the attendance of the Planning & Zoning meeting.

Vice-Mayor Ramsay Vickrey informed on attending the April Beautification Award, meeting with event organizers about next year's 7-meter race, attending the Sheriff's Quarterly Awards Ceremony, attending the Marathon City Council meeting and Chamber after-hours May event, meeting with Mel Montagne from FIRM, attending Wylands's new mural event at Crane Point, as well as attending the Chamber Monthly luncheon.

Commissioner Harding updated on meeting with Richard Clark, the Monroe County Transit Director, on potential help with workforce transportation and further education this fall.

i. Wastewater Sampling Update: Commissioner Harding updated on Wastewater Covid sampling and informed on cost estimates, variations, and the effects of influx on tourism. Commissioner Harding gave additional updates on numbers in other States and Counties, and less available documentation due to the removal of the National Health Emergency. Commissioner Harding informed on available funding through June and a possible spike after July 4th.

ii. Flood Risk – City Hall from Storm Surge: Commissioner Harding informed on the distance to the water for the city hall buildings and storm surge risk. Commissioner Harding reported on available data points from past hurricanes and expected surges for a category 2 to 4 storm and expected sea level rises. Commissioner Harding continued explaining wave action height in addition to the surge. Commissioner Harding informed on expected surges for City Hall and FEMA guidelines. Commissioner Harding spoke on the City Hall building being built in 1959 with multiple entry ways that need dry proofing. Commissioner Harding stated that the proposed City Hall built to City Codes will present the best storm surge protection. Commissioner Harding continued talking about the purpose behind FEMA's height requirements in South Florida. Commissioner Harding reiterated that the current City Hall is suspect to more flooding if that path is being continued. Mayor Trefry recalled the storm surge from Hurricane Ian being comparable to Hurricane Irma and further commented on flood insurance and storm surge mitigation. Commissioner Harding talked on the storm surge from Hurricane Ian and explained a storm surge to be in addition to maximum tide levels. Commissioner Harding recalled his personal encounters of experiencing a storm surge during Hurricane Ian.

Commissioner Foster reported on attending the Utility and Planning & Zoning Board meetings and working with City Attorney Smits on clarification on attending meetings remotely. City Attorney Smits confirmed that participation can be remote or a combination of physical and remote attendance to establish a quorum. Commissioner Harding commented that Zoom meetings can be attended via telephone if preferred. Commissioner Foster confirmed the cost for a special referendum by the Supervisor of Elections Office.

Mayor Trefry reported on taking time off for visiting family and communications with lobbyist for budget requests for the Governor and conversations with a local mayor.

13. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Gransee

City Clerk

ADOPTED: June 15, 2023

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