

MINUTES
KEY COLONY BEACH
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Thursday February 23, 2017 9:30 A.M.
City Hall Auditorium

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 Jerry Ellis at 9:30 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Present: Mayor Jerry Ellis, Secretary/Treasurer Jim Pettorini, Commissioner John DeNeale and Commissioner April Tracy. *Excused:* Vice Mayor Ron Sutton. *Also Present:* City Clerk Kathryn McCullough, City Attorney Tom Wright, Building Official Ed Borysiewicz. Police Chief Kris DiGiovanni and Fire Chief John Johnson. Public -7

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION: Motion made by Mayor Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Tracy, to approve the minutes of the 01/12/2017 Regular Commission Meeting and the 01/26/2017 Regular Commission Meeting.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimous approval.

3. **Agenda Additions, Changes, Deletions:** None

4. **Special Requests:**

A. Proclamation – Problem Gambling Awareness Month, March 2017. Mayor Ellis read a proclamation recognizing March 2017 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the City of Key Colony Beach.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner DeNeale, seconded by Commissioner Tracy, to adopt the proclamation recognizing March 2017 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the City of Key Colony Beach.

ON THE MOTION: Roll call vote. Unanimous approval.

5. **Committee and Staff Reports:**

A. Marathon Fire/EMS –Fire Chief John Johnson reported 6 responses to Key Colony Beach since the last Commission meeting; 1 internal fire alarm, 4 medical calls and 1 vehicle accident on the Causeway. The fire department is set up for Key Colony Beach Days for the parade and the function all day. The fire department will also participate in the St. Patrick’s Day parade.

B. Recreation Committee – No report.

C. Beautification Committee – No report.

D. Disaster Preparedness Committee –No report.

E. Planning & Zoning Board –On behalf of the Planning & Zoning, Mayor Ellis announced 3 members with terms expiring on 04/01/2017 will be retiring from the Board. The City is looking for volunteers for this very important Board.

F. Utility Board – Mayor Ellis reported the slab has been poured at the sewage treatment plant. It was the most difficult and time consuming portion for the construction of the new tank. The construction of the walls, the roof and storage building should progress much faster. Mayor Ellis expressed his appreciation to the residents in this area for their patience.

G. Police Department – Chief DiGiovanni said there has been 1 report, 4 medical/alarm calls, 16 Sheriff Office assist calls and 4 miscellaneous calls since the last meeting. The

Police Department also issued 31 code enforcement warnings, 1 citation and 12 traffic warnings. Chief announced 55 dogs turned out for Florida Keys SPCA “Paws in the Park” on Saturday February 11, 2017. The function raised almost \$2,000 for SPCA programs. There were protestors at an NRA lunch held at Havana Jacks. There were no incidents. Sgt. Smith reached 10 years of service with the Police Department in July 2016. Chief DiGiovanni apologized for not making this announcement in July. The Chief also reported a possible crocodile sighting at Sunset Park. Crocodiles move until a food source is located. There is no evidence the crocodile is still there, however, they live in South Florida waters so always be mindful with your children and pets. And, lastly, the Police Department is planning for a safe event for KCB Day on March 5, 2017. Mayor Ellis reported the City has taken the initiative to go to every condominium and business on the ocean to advise them of the possible crocodile sighting.

H. Building and Public Works – Building Official Borysiewicz reported Public Works is cleaning all the storm drains today. Public Works also surveyed the irrigation system with the Beautification Committee and are making a few repairs. He has received a set of plans for a new house at the end of 14th Street. He is currently reviewing plans for a new house and a new duplex at the end of 4th Street, and he is expecting to receive plans for a new house on 9th Street.

I. City Secretary/Treasurer – Commissioner Pettorini reported everything is moving along smoothly. Revenues are ahead of projections by 4% and the City is behind in expenses by 14%. An excellent report was provided by the Treasurer of the Utility Board.

J. City Clerk - No report.

6. **Unfinished Business:** N/A

7. **Commissioners Open Discussion:** Commissioner DeNeale reported he has coordinated with Eddy Worthington of KCS Technical Solutions, the City Clerk and Ed Borysiewicz on his initiative to provide power point presentations of the commission meeting agendas. Two 65” Sony TV’s will be purchased, one for Marble Hall and one for the conference room. Commissioner DeNeale would also like to purchase 10 tablets for the Commissioners and staff. Samsung/Galaxy tablets are available for \$300 each. Commissioner DeNeale and Utility Clerk Blanca Kulig will coordinate implementation and training. He would like to meet with the Commissioners at 9:00 AM on March 9th before Commission Meeting in the small conference room. He will go over a few slides, with the Commissioners, on how this will work. The cost for the TV’s, the tablets, electrical connections and incidentals should be less than \$6,000. There are dollars in the budget computer line item for these expenses.

8. **Items for Discussion/Approval:**

A. Discussion/Approval of Commission opposition to Florida House Bill 7005. Commissioner Tracy reported she is a member of the Florida Restaurant and Housing Association who started sending emails a couple of weeks ago regarding this bill. This bill, which is 172 pages, is listed as an economic program. The House Bill is requesting defunding, or a drastic decrease in funding to the programs listed under this bill and to also provide accountability and transparency from both the private and public providers of these services. The prime concern of the Restaurant & Housing Association, the Marathon Chamber of Commerce, most municipalities and chambers across the State, is the VISIT FLORIDA program which is facing a 67% budget decrease. VISIT FLORIDA is a advertising/marketing program promoting Florida tourism across the United States and globally. The budget decrease will have a direct and negative impact on Florida’s

major industry, tourism. Commissioner DeNeale said he found, in his research, that accountability and transparency is needed as proposed by some sections of this bill. For example, the Urban High-Crime Job tax credit program has issued the most tax credits to companies such as Lowe's Target, Home Depot and Walmart. And even though these companies received large tax credits they all reported no decrease in crime in these high crime areas. Commissioner DeNeale supports VISIT FLORIDA however he also supports transparency and accountability in the agency. Commissioner Tracy requested the Mayor send a letter, on behalf of the entire Commission, opposing the budget decrease for VISIT FLORIDA.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Tracy, seconded by Commissioner DeNeale, authorizing Mayor Ellis to send a letter to the House of Representatives supporting VISIT FLORIDA.

ON THE MOTION: Roll call vote. Unanimous approval.

9. **City Administrator Items for Discussion/Approval:** N/A

10. **Ordinances and Resolutions:** N/A

11. **Warrant Approval:**

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Pettorini, seconded by Commissioner Tracy, to approve Warrant No. 012017 in the amount of \$512,606.93.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimous approval.

12: **Commissioner's Reports or Comments:** Commissioner DeNeale reminded everyone of Hot Dogs in the Hut this Saturday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

13: **City Attorney Report:** Attorney Wright reported the City was served an amended complaint in the case involving the manhole cover. He cautioned the Commissioners and all city employees to direct any questions concerning this case to the City's Attorney.

14: **Correspondence & Citizen Comments:** City Clerk McCullough reported receipt of a letter from Ann Longstreth expressing concerns about the use of the exercise path. An email was received from Donna Devlin expressing her gratitude for the Chief's professionalism and assistance with her car issues. She visits Key Colony Beach often and will continue to do so because she feels so safe in our city.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn McCullough, City Clerk

Note: These minutes are unofficial and have not been formally approved by the Commission. The approval will be at the next scheduled Commission meeting.