

MINUTES
KEY COLONY BEACH
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 24, 2016, 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, Vice-Mayor Ron Sutton, Secretary Treasurer Jim Pettorini, Commissioner Tucker DeGraw and Commissioner April Tracy. *Also Present:* City Clerk Kathryn McCullough, City Attorney Thomas Wright, Building Official Ed Borysiewicz, Police Sergeant Lindsay Birkland, and Fire Chief John Johnson. Excused - Chief Kris DiGiovanni. Public - 10

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting March 10, 2016-Approved as submitted. Commissioner DeGraw commented that the minutes for the Special Meeting on February 25, 2016 have not been posted. The City Clerk explained that meeting was clerked by the Utility Clerk who has been off sick. If she does not return shortly Kathryn McCullough will prepare the minutes. Commissioner DeGraw questioned how the Assistant City Clerk was selected. Kathryn explained she reviewed all the applicants who had applied for the City Clerk position. She contacted those that had the qualifications to ascertain if there would be interest in the Assistant position. The three qualified applicants who expressed an interest in the Assistant Clerk position were interviewed by Kathryn and the Mayor. Based on those interviews the position was offered to Rebecca Todd.

3. **Special Requests:** – 7 Meter Run Across Causeway Bridge April 1, 2016

Joe Turgeon, 9th Street, requested approval for a 7 M Bridge Run across Sadowski Causeway Bridge on April 1st, 2016 as an April Fool's event. M is the recognized symbol for meter and 7 meters is 23 feet, which is the length of the Causeway Bridge. Because of the interest generated by this idea Mr. Turgeon felt it appropriate to request permission from the City. He invited the City Commissioners to join in as the race will take place after the City's Organizational meeting on the same date. Attorney Wright suggested the road be closed for the period of the run for safety purposes. Chief DiGiovanni stated if the Causeway is closed during the staging for the race traffic will back up onto US1. Traffic can be stopped, however, for a couple of minutes for the actual race.

Motion: Made by Vice Mayor Sutton, seconded by Mayor Ellis, to allow the 7M Run across the Sadowski Causeway Bridge on April 1, 2016 at 11:00 AM with the guidance of Police Chief DiGiovanni.

On the Motion: Roll Call Vote – Unanimous Approval.

4. **Committee and Staff Reports:**

A. Marathon Fire/EMS – Chief Johnson asked, tongue in cheek, if the City would like Marathon Fire/EMS on full standby for the Bridge Run. The Chief also reported their department responded to 6 medical calls, 1 false alarm and 1 medical assist since the last meeting. He reminded everyone that there are a whole lot of people still in town, so please be alert and patient. He also stated hurricane season is just around the corner and suggested residents start preparing their properties for the season.

B. Recreation Committee –No report.

C. Beautification Committee – No report.

D. Disaster Preparedness Committee – No report.

E. Planning & Zoning Committee –No report.

F. Utility Board –No report.

G. Police Department – Chief DiGiovanni reported there has been 1 death investigation at Casa Clara, 3 medical calls, 16 miscellaneous calls, 13 assists to MSCO, 12 miscellaneous calls, 11 traffic stops with 1 citation issued, 13 code enforcement warnings, in addition to ongoing business checks, vacation watch property checks, traffic patrol, bicycle patrols and boat patrols since the last commission meeting. The Chief reported receiving positive feedback regarding the St. Patrick’s Day parade. Sgt. Smith is out until next Friday attending his daughter’s wedding. Also talks are starting between the Chief and the Boating and Fishing Club concerning the Kids Fishing Derby this year.

H. Building and Public Works – Building Official Ed Borysiewicz reported the Public Works Department is working with Dave Evans on the dewatering box at the sewer plant. The mangrove trim along the Causeway has been completed by Alex’s Landscaping. The Do Not Block Intersection sign has been ordered for the Causeway and will be installed as soon as it is received. The new Public Works employee, Matt McKeon, started Monday. With respect to the 7M Bridge run, a tape will be placed on the Causeway next to the mangroves as there is a pretty steep drop off there.

I. City Secretary/Treasurer – Commissioner Pettorini reported everything is still on schedule. The short fall in the Ad Valorem taxes reported last month is back on track. Everything is in good shape.

J. City Clerk - City Clerk McCullough reported the renewals the long term boat parking is progressing. With the assistance of Jennifer Johnson, of Bishop and Rosasco, the quarterly sewer invoices were sent out on time. She also reported Rebecca Todd, the new assistant city clerk will be starting on Monday.

5. **Unfinished Business:** None

6. **Items for Discussion/Approval:** None

7. **City Administrator Items for Discussion/Approval:**

A. Conservation Energy Block Grant for Street and Park Lighting. Christine Weans reported there are Federal grants available for lighting through the Department of Energy in the \$50,000 to \$150,000. range. Vice Mayor Sutton questioned if this grant application could also include lights along the Causeway. Commissioner DeGraw asked if there would be problems with the FKEC. The Building Official stated there is no problem with FKEC and since there is already underground electric at each pole, wires for new lights could just be trenched. Commissioner Pettorini asked if matching funds were required. Ms. Weans answered no matching funds were necessary for this grant. John DeNeale, 10 Street resident, asked if there would be a problem during turtle season. Ms. Weans stated the type of lighting selected for turtle protection could help with the grant. It was the general consensus of the Commission that Ms. Weans should proceed with the application for this grant.

B. The Mayor informed the Commission he will be attending a Meeting with the Governor and the Cabinet in Tallahassee on March 29, 2016. This meeting is confirm with the Governor and Cabinet the agreement the City had previously signed with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). The Governor has appointed a new Director for the DEO and this trip will also give the Mayor an opportunity to introduce himself to the new Director.

C. Mayfield Grant Extension has been requested. The Mayor reported an extension to the Mayfield Grant has been submitted. The City Clerk reported the reasons for the grant extension are twofold. First, the Grant Manager needed to be changed from Cathy Henninger to Kathryn McCullough. Secondly, Tim Banks of the FDEP suggested as the agreement

already needed to be modified a time extension should also be requested . The next round of expenses were sent to Mr. Banks last night for his review before the actual submittal is made. Kathryn also thanked Lyn Paterson for the long hours she put in assisting with the checking and cross checking of expenses to be submitted. Vice Mayor Ron Sutton also voiced his appreciation to Lyn. Mayor Ellis reported he and Lyn were in the office for several hours on Saturday helping to get the sewer invoices out.

8. Ordinances and Resolutions: None

9. Warrant Approval: None

10: Commissioner Reports & Comments:

Commissioner DeGraw stated since this is his last meeting, he wants everyone to know he feels very privileged to have been selected to complete the term vacated by Commissioner Wovas. He went on to say that he has been a resident of Key Colony Beach for 26 years, he was previously a Commissioner for 6 years and now for 6 months. He has seen a lot of good things and some not so good things. However, he has never seen the disrespect that is currently being shown to the City's volunteers. He does not understand why volunteers who have put in years on committees and contributed countless hours of their time are going to be replaced. Vice Mayor Ron Sutton thanked Commissioner DeGraw, personally, for coming back and helping the City and this Commission. He also thanked Commissioner DeGraw for all he has done for the City over the years.

11: City Attorney Report: No report.

12: Correspondence & Citizen Comments: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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.
