

**MINUTES**  
KEY COLONY BEACH  
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 2:30 P.M.  
City Hall Conference Room

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The Special Meeting of the Key Colony Beach City Commission was called to order by Mayor DeNeale at 2:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor John DeNeale, Vice Mayor Ron Sutton, Secretary Treasurer Jim Pettorini, Commissioner Jerry Ellis and Commissioner April Tracy. Also Present: City Administrator Chris Moonis, City Clerk Kathryn McCullough and Assistant Building Official Gerard Roussin.

2. **Review the bids received and the Utility Board recommendation for the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Stormwater Project:**

City Clerk Kathryn McCullough read the motion made by the Utility Board stating as follows: "To accept the bid submitted by Charley Toppino & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$321,637.00 based on his qualifications, years in business and positive feedback from prior stormwater projects". The motion was a unanimous decision by Utility Board Chair John Dalton, Vice Chair Steve Flood, Board Member Tom Harding and Board Member Toni Appell.

Commissioner Ellis stated, based on the \$100,000 price discrepancy between the two lowest bidders, he contacted City of Marathon Assistant Utilities Director Mark Bombard. Mr. Bombard gave a high recommendation for Slazar based on prior work done for the City. Based on this recommendation Commissioner Ellis would recommend awarding the bid to Slazar Construction & Plumbing.

Vice Mayor Ron Sutton spoke to City of Marathon Assistant Utilities Director Mark Bombard and received a high recommendation for Slazar Construction & Plumbing. Vice Mayor Sutton also contacted owners of other Slazar projects. All reported good workmanship and quality. Vice Mayor Sutton said if Slazar is awarded the project the wells would be subcontracted to Jaffer Well Drilling. Jaffer drilled the wells on the east side. Jaffer did a good job and passed all required inspections. Vice Mayor Sutton concurred with Commissioner Ellis, \$100,000 is a significant savings for the City. Engineer Mike Tibble, Mittauer and Associates, recommended Slazar Construction and Plumbing be awarded the bid for the project.

Commissioner Pettorini agreed \$100,000 is a lot of money. He asked Utility Board Member Tom Harding the basis for the Utility Board recommendation? Mr. Harding informed the Commissioner, the feedback from a couple of the Utility Board Members were negative towards Slazar. This feedback was based on personal experiences. The concern was the City would not receive the same quality of work that Charley Toppino & Sons would provide. Mr. Harding's research found that Charley Toppino and Sons has been in business for a long time and is a reputable contractor. The Utility Board concurred with Mr. Harding's findings

therefore based on this, and past negative experiences with Slazar, the Utility Board decided against the lowest bidder.

Commissioner Pettorini asked if anyone had any experience regarding the quality of work of Toppino vs Slazar. Vice Mayor Sutton informed the Commissioners, Toppino did the City's last stormwater project on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets. They did a good job. He would not be concerned about their quality of work.

3. **Award the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Stormwater Project bid:**

**MOTION:** Motion made by Vice Mayor Ron Sutton, seconded by Commissioner Pettorini to award the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Stormwater Project bid, in the amount of \$224,518.00, contingent on approval by the South Florida Water Management District and City Attorney Tom Wright..

**ON THE MOTION:** Roll call vote. Unanimous approval.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn L. McCullough', written in a cursive style.

Kathryn L. 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.**

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