

MINUTES
KEY COLONY BEACH
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Thursday January 11, 2018 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 Vice Mayor Sutton at 9:30 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Present: Vice Mayor Ron Sutton, Secretary/Treasurer Jim Pettorini, and Commissioner Jerry Ellis. *Also Present:* City Administrator Chris Moonis via phone, City Clerk Kathryn McCullough, Administrative Assistant Pay Hyland, City Attorney Tom Wright, Assistant Building Official Gerard Roussin, Police Chief Kris DiGiovanni and Fire Chief John Johnson. *Excused:* Mayor John DeNeale, Commissioner April Tracy and Building Official Ed Borysiewicz. Public – 12

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Pettorini to approve the minutes of the 10/26/2017 Regular Commission Meeting, the 11/09/2017 Charter Revision Workshop and the 11/21/2017 Regular Commission Meeting.

ON THE MOTION: Roll call vote. Unanimous approval

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

4. **Special Requests:**

A. St. Patrick's Day Parade – Jack Crowley reported his files and list of all his contacts had been lost to Hurricane Irma so he will be starting from scratch, therefore he will need more help than ever. He requested referrals for persons with unique vehicles or interested in entering a float. He expects, if there is a parade, all the Commissioners will be included in it. He asked for direction from the Commission. Vice Mayor Sutton is in favor of the parade. Chief DiGiovanni and Fire Chief Johnson have already agreed to help Mr. Crowley. Mr. Crowley will put posters around and he may also place an ad in the newspaper. In response to Vice Mayor Sutton's question, Mr. Crowley stated the parade will be staged at 15th Circle at 4:30 pm and the parade will start at 5:00 pm.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice Mayor Sutton, seconded by Commissioner Ellis to approve the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 17, 2018.

ON THE MOTION: Roll call vote. Unanimous approval

B. The Use of Drones in Key Colony Beach – Bruce Stoll, owner and operator for Keys Shot Photography, asked the Commission to re-visit the City's current drone laws. He reported the use of drones is beneficial to real estate sales and home inspections. Mr. Stoll said he is certified and registered with the FAA. Vice Mayor Sutton stated as this is an important issue and it should be heard before the full Commission. Commissioner Pettorini stated is biggest concern his privacy. Vice Mayor Sutton, without objection, tabled the discussion of the use of drones in Key Colony Beach until the next commission meeting.

5. Committee and Staff Reports:

A. Marathon Fire/EMS - Fire Chief Johnson reported 1 medical call, 2 motor vehicle accidents with injuries and 1 car fire since the last meeting. He reported the Florida Department of Transportation has started picking up debris from the Overseas Highway. He expects that to be complete in the next week or so.

B. Recreation Committee – No report.

C. Beautification Committee – No report.

D. Disaster Preparedness Committee -- Assistant Building Official Roussin reported Key West Generator will be here today to address issues with the generator. Vice Mayor Sutton asked Mr. Roussin to convey his appreciation to Alan Morgan and Estaban Cabrera for all the hard work yesterday to clean up and organize Marble Hall.

E. Planning & Zoning – No report.

F. Utility Board – No report.

G. Police Department –Chief DiGiovanni cited 7 reports since the last meeting which included 2 traffic arrests, battery on a law enforcement officer, 2 grand thefts, 1petit theft and one information report. The Police Department also responded to 2 medical calls, 15 assistance calls with the Monroe County Sheriff’s office and 9 miscellaneous calls. There Department issued 22 code enforcement warnings, 9 code enforcement citations, 12 traffic warnings and 3 traffic citations since the last meeting. Officer Griffith has returned to work. On a complaint from a neighbor, the Chief provided information to Assistant Building Official Roussin who in turn issued a fine for renting without a license. The Florida Police Chief’s Association was very informative. He will be picking up two new patrol vehicles, from Miami, as soon as the logos are in place.

H. Building and Public Works: Assistant Building Official Roussin reported meeting with the Beautification Committee to coordinate a volunteer cleanup at Sunset Park. The Beautification Committee with volunteers of the Fishing and Boating Club are planning the clean up at Sunset Park on January 20, 2018. Alan and Estaban are working on removing the larger debris pieces now. Commissioner Ellis instructed Mr. Roussin to obtain 2 or 3 electrician estimates to repair the electric to the Sunset Park gazebo. City Administrator Moonis asked that a list of volunteers and the time worked be maintained as there is an allowance for volunteer work with FEMA. The Building Department is also very busy business license inspections and many post Irma repair inspections.

I. City Secretary/Treasurer: Commissioner Pettorini reported the City ended the 2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year with hurricane expenses in excess of \$1.6 million. The final expenses, after anticipated reimbursement from FEMA and the insurance companies, will be between \$200,000 and \$300,000. There are adequate fund reserves to cover that. The current fiscal year has started slower on income and higher on expenses. Both directly related to Hurricane Irma.

J. City Clerk: - City Clerk McCullough reported the audit has been delayed. The Auditor wants the expenses attributed to Hurricane Irma included in the audit. Ms. McCullough reported a conference call with the Public Risk Management adjustors to determine the format required to file a claim loss of revenues.

K. City Administrator:

1. **City Hall Report:** City Administrator Moonis reported, via telephone, the entire IBTS team will attend the January 25, 2018 Commission meeting. A detailed report of the condition of City Hall, including the Post Office, will be presented. There will be a lot to consider after the report is presented. Mr. Moonis said a decision could be made on the building at the first meeting in February after the Commission has an opportunity to read the report. He also reported the FEMA submittals are on schedule to be completed by the end of January. FEMA is implementing a new model for reimbursement post Hurricane Harvey. Mr. Moonis has been in daily contact with IBTS to insure 'all the I's are dotted and the T's crossed' when the reimbursement request is submitted.

7. Commissioners Open Discussion: Vice Mayor Sutton reported bonding has not yet been received from Slazar Construction for the Stormwater Project on 12th Street. Mike Tibble, Mittaurer has informed Slazar, by certified letter on January 2, 2018, the bonds must be in place within 15 business days of receiving the letter. South Florida Management District (SFWMD) has been notified of the issues with Slazar. Vice Mayor Sutton said a decision to request the next low bidder to complete the project will need to be discussed if Slazar cannot secure the bond. Commissioner Ellis stated the update by Vice Mayor Sutton should have waited until a full commission is present to make a decision. Commissioner Pettorini agreed a decision by the full Commission is preferable on this issue. However, he also thanked Vice Mayor Sutton for taking the time to provide this update.

Commissioner Pettorini reported the 'books have been closed' by the Supervisor of Elections. Mayor DeNeale and Commissioner Tracy, as the only candidates who have filed, are therefore unopposed. There will still be an election, however, for the referendum issue on the ballot. Commissioner Pettorini is concerned about a lower voter turnout. Commissioner Pettorini suggested the ballot questions be explained at the Town Hall Meeting in February.

8. Items for Discussion /Approval

9. Approval of Warrants:

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Pettorini, to approve Warrant No. 122017 in the amount of \$728,279.22.

ON THE MOTION: Roll call vote. Unanimous approval

10. Ordinances and Resolutions: None

11. Commissioners Reports or Comments - None

12. City Attorney Report City Attorney Wright reported he will not be able to attend the January 25, 2018 Commission Meeting due to a conflict. Mr. Wright will provide the Commission with a written opinion on the drone issue.

13. Citizen Comments and Correspondence Wayne Carter, CEO Lower Keys Association of Realtors, reported he will not be able to attend the January 25, 2018 Commission Meeting. He will provide a letter in support of the use of drones. It is extremely important to real estate. However, it is also important to restaurants, boating and water activities. He said video marketing is the wave of the future.

Gale Watkins, 411 10th Street, asked when street signs will be replaced. She also stated, even with the yellow tape, people are using Sunset Park. She questioned the time it is taking to restore the park. Vice Mayor Sutton told Ms. Watkins all the stop signs have been replaced. Assistant Building Official Roussin reported the street number signs are not here yet but they have been ordered. Vice Mayor Sutton asked the public to please be patient with repairs. The City suffered a lot of damage from Irma in addition to two employees. He also reported City Administrator Moonis is still in the hospital and Building Official Borysiewicz is finally taking some well-deserved time off.

City Clerk McCullough reported the receipt of a \$500 contribution, for Beautification, from the American Endowment Foundation. An acknowledgement of the contribution has been sent to Richard and Carol Gross.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 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.
