

# MINUTES

## KEY COLONY BEACH CITY COMMISSION EMERGENCY MEETING

Saturday March 21, 2020 2:00 p.m.

City Hall Auditorium

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call:** The regular meeting of the Key Colony Beach City Commission was called to order by Mayor DeNeale at 2:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Present:* Mayor John DeNeale, Vice Mayor Ron Sutton, Secretary/Treasurer Patti Trefry, Commissioner April Tracy and Commissioner Kimmeron Lisle. *Also Present:* City Administrator Christopher Moonis, City Clerk Rebecca Todd (virtually), Executive Assistant Saara Staten (virtually), City Attorney Tom Wright, Police Chief DiGiovanni (virtually), Building Official Gerard Roussin and Building Inspector Greg Lawton.

*Excused:* Fire Chief Johnson

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**2. Draft Key Colony Beach Emergency Directive:** Attorney Wright presented the Key Colony Beach Emergency Directive drafted with the assistance of City Administrator Moonis. The Order states:

1. The City of Key Colony Beach is closing to occupancy by all persons except those with primary or secondary residences within the City.
2. A residence is defined as a dwelling owned, or rented, by the occupant for a rental period greater than six (6) months.
3. Effective March 23, 2020, at 12 noon, all rentals, where the dwelling is not the residence of the renter, shall cease. The occupant of subject property shall vacate no later than March 24, 2020 at 12 noon.
4. This rental ban shall not apply to rentals to transitory military personnel, first responders, health care workers, construction workers actively engaged in projects in the City or others engaged in formal business in the Florida Keys.
5. Per F.S. 252.46(2), this Order shall take effective immediately upon being filed with the Monroe County Clerk.

Realtor Bruce Schmitt stated his concerns there are visitors arriving or have arrived today to check in for a one week rental and would be required to leave in a few days as opposed to completing their stay through next Saturday. He also has renters who do not have the ability to leave on such short notice. Mayor DeNeale stated Monroe County issued Emergency Directive 20-02 the previous day closing the Florida Keys to tourists and leisure visitors and the Key Colony Beach Commission adopted that directive. After much discussion the commission decided to draft its own emergency directive with more specific language to be applied in conjunction with Monroe County's Emergency Directive. This

evacuation is being handled the same as a hurricane evacuation. It is necessary because the county does not have the resources to support the visitors amid an outbreak of Covid-19. In the event it is determined a visitor can not leave they will be instructed to shelter in place. These visitors will be dealt with on a case by case basis. The directive shall be in effect until May 31<sup>st</sup> to be reviewed at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Commission Meeting. City Administrator Moonis stated the Emergency Directive will be posted on the city website, email blasted to property managers, and filed with the Monroe County Clerk of Court on Monday.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Vice Mayor Sutton, seconded by Commissioner Tracy to approve the Emergency Directive as amended.

**ON THE MOTION:** Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rebecca Todd*

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City Clerk