

MINUTES
CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday May 21, 2020 9:30 a.m.
Virtually via Zoom Conferencing

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call:** The special meeting of the Key Colony Beach City Commission was called to order by Mayor DeNeale at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Present Virtually: Mayor John DeNeale, Vice Mayor Ron Sutton, Secretary/Treasurer Patti Trefry, Commissioner April Tracy and Commissioner Kimmeron Lisle.
Also Present Virtually: City Administrator Christopher Moonis, City Clerk Rebecca Todd, Executive Assistant Saara Staten, City Attorney Tom Wright, Police Chief DiGiovanni, Building Official Gerard Roussin and Building Inspector Greg Lawton.
Excused: Fire Chief Johnson
Public (*Virtually*) – 55
2. **COVID-19 Update:** Mayor DeNeale reported approval is pending from the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulations on the reopening policy for vacation rentals on June 1st. Monroe County has requested to open vacation rentals, hotels, and all forms of lodging at 50% occupancy. County health officials are pleased with the reduced rate of infections and no hospitalizations over the last 2 weeks. The 50% occupancy restriction is to ensure the Florida Keys infrastructure can handle the influx of visitors. Several citizens had comments and questions on the vacation rental reopening process to which Mayor DeNeale replied the county's detailed order will provide the directives once approved by the Governor.
3. **City Services Reopening Plan:** City Administrator Moonis stated COVID-19 virus testing is setup for city employees and city commissioners. Details will be forwarded in the afternoon. Testing has been secured through Urgent Care which will be administered through Dr. O'Connor's office. There should be no cost to city employees and commissioners with health insurance. However, if there are some nuances there, the City would cover the difference or work through the insurance companies. The city hall office will reopen to the public Tuesday, May 26th. The hours of operation have been modified to Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm to accommodate the disinfecting of the office and in office staff will be at 50% for at least the next four weeks. Protective measures will be in place including six-foot distancing, wearing a mask will be required to enter, and sanitization procedures will be in place. The Building Department will continue to operate under the current process utilizing the drop box at the bottom of the stairs or by calling or emailing appointment requests. The Police Department will continue current procedures. If assistance is needed, please knock on the KCBPD trailer door and your inquiries will be addressed through social distancing. Marble Hall will be available to all boards, committees and the commission starting Thursday, May 28th. No other activities will be scheduled at Marble Hall, until further notice. The expected guidelines to be released will likely limit occupancy to 50 people while practicing all social distancing guidelines. All parks will be open starting June 1st at normal hours, however the children's playground equipment will remain closed until further notice.
4. **Extension of Declaration of Local Emergency:** Mayor DeNeale presented the City of Key Colony Beach 11th Declaration of Local State of Emergency for COVID-19.
MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Tracy, seconded by Vice Mayor Sutton to approve the City of Key Colony Beach 11th Declaration of Local State of Emergency.
ON THE MOTION: Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval. (9:46 a.m.)

5. **Commissioners Open Discussion:** Vice Mayor Sutton reported receiving several calls from residents concerned there will be another shortage of supplies in grocery stores when the county opens on June 1st. Vice Mayor Sutton relayed this concern to the Marathon Publix Manager who assured him the store learned from the prior experience and it will be monitored. If supplies begin to run short again, a limit will be placed on those items. However, the Marathon Publix is confident they will be equipped for the demand. Mayor DeNeale stated he also spoke with the manager at Publix and received the same response.

Commissioner Lisle requested clarification of occupancy restriction be presented at the next Commission Meeting for Vacation Rental Property Owners.

City Attorney Wright stated he has analyzed several plans the Governor has approved for other counties in Florida and they do not include or require reduced occupancy or weeks off for vacation rentals. Mayor DeNeale questioned if those plans included anything that preempted municipalities on making things more restrictive. City Attorney Wright stated he will research it and discuss at the next commission meeting.

6. **Citizens Comments:** Christopher Foster requested an update on Key Colony Beach Club Condominiums. Building Official Roussin reported the complete plans were submitted and the review of the plans began Monday May 18th. The plan review will take approximately 2 weeks. Island Breeze Realty representative questioned when new licensing will resume. City Clerk Todd reported anybody needing the current 2019-2020 license can print the application and pay the business tax fee on the city's website. Those applications can be submitted via the drop box at city hall or emailed. Effective next Tuesday the office will be open to the public and the applications may be submitted in person. Once the application and payment are received the safety inspection can be scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca Todd
City Clerk