

MINUTES

CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, July 2, 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, Building Official Gerard Roussin, Police Chief DiGiovanni, and Fire Chief Johnson.

Public Virtually– 20
- 2. COVID-19 Update:** Mayor DeNeale reported the most recent Mayor’s Meeting received an update from Monroe County Health Department Administrator Bob Eadie. The average age of persons testing positive for Covid-19 is down. Hospitalizations occur 7-10 days after a person becomes sick therefore it is undetermined how badly the recent spike will affect the hospitals. The percentage of tests returning positive has increased. Currently there are 3 Covid-19 patients hospitalized in the County. Contact tracing has determined the increase has been caused 90% by vacation renters coming to the county. The CDC expresses concern with long term health affects caused by the virus. The Mayor’s collectively do not want to shut down the Keys again however, future actions will heavily rely on input from the Health Department and hospital capacity. The Commission and Staff were tested for Covid-19 and are awaiting results. Mayor DeNeale directed City Administrator Moonis to draft a thank you letter to Dr. Norris to be signed by all the Commissioners and the City Administrator.
- 3. Operational Update:** City Administrator Moonis reported Sunset Park will be closed Thursday at dusk until Tuesday at dawn in conjunction with Monroe County parks. The Building and Code Department are providing virtual inspections when possible. Facilities continue to be sanitized including the use of an atomizer with commercial grade chemical. Department Heads meet daily via Zoom and the Police Department is fully functional. Phone calls to City Hall are being forwarded, answered, and routed accordingly and staff works remotely handling other functions. Vice-Mayor Sutton expressed concern regarding staff returning and City Hall opening prior to the CDC recommended guideline of a 14-day quarantine. City Administrator Moonis stated per Dr. Norris if a person tests negative, they may return to normal routine unless ordered otherwise. Employees who are released by the doctor may return to work. The reopening will provide only partial staff in the office and limited hours of exposure to the public.
- 4. Extension of Declaration of Local Emergency:** Mayor DeNeale presented the City of Key Colony Beach 17th Declaration of Local State of Emergency for COVID-19.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice Mayor Sutton, seconded by Commissioner Tracy to approve the City of Key Colony Beach 15th Declaration of Local State of Emergency.

ON THE MOTION: Roll Call Vote. Unanimous approval. (9:49 a.m.)
- 5. Commissioners Comments:** None

6. **Citizens Comments and Correspondence:** Gary Furtak inquired whether all Commissioners are quarantined. Mayor DeNeale stated not all Commissioners are in quarantine dependent on their personal circumstances. Laurie Swanson stated everyone should be extra cautious because people who tested negative last week could be positive today.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca Todd
City Clerk