

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH**  
**SECOND/FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**  
**BUDGET FOR OCTOBER 1, 2023 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Thursday, September 21, 2023, 5:05 p.m.  
Key Colony Inn Banquet Room, 700 W. Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach  
& via Zoom Conferencing

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, Roll Call:** Mayor Trefry called the Second and Final Budget Public Hearing for the Budget for October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to September 30, 2024, to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, and Rollcall. **Present:** Vice-Mayor Beth Ramsay-Vickrey, Commissioner Tom Harding, Commissioner Joey Raspe, Mayor Patricia Trefry. **Absent:** Commissioner Freddie Foster. **Also present:** City Administrator Dave Turner, City Attorney Dirk Smits, Police Chief Kris DiGiovanni, Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino, Administrative Assistant Tammie Anderson, City Clerk Silvia Gransee.

Physical Attendance: 3

2. **Agenda Additions, Changes, or Deletions:** None.
3. **Citizen Comments & Correspondence:** City Clerk Gransee informed of having not received any correspondence. There were no citizen comments.
4. **Review of Final Budget for October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024:** Mayor Trefry introduced the agenda item and asked City Administrator Turner to present the review. City Administrator Turner restated the timeline of the budget approval process including hearings that were held. City Administrator Turner gave data from the property appraisers office on the value of the city over the last years with a current value over \$1Billion. City Administrator Turner informed on the percentage used for the calculation of the budget and uncertainty on the unionization of the police and upcoming negotiations. City Administrator Turner further informed on the positive impact of received grants on keeping the millage rate down. City Administrator Turner continued by talking on the decision of lowering the millage to 2.8419 and explained the calculation of ad valorem taxes and different revenue funds for the City. City Administrator Turner gave the proposed general budget calculations as well as a summary of expenses for the upcoming fiscal year. City Administrator Turner explained for the building department to be it's own fund and not taxpayer driven but solely comprised of permit fees. City Administrator Turner continued informing on projected expenses for the city's departments and funds. City Administrator Turner talked on substantial increases in retirement costs, wind and flood insurance, and minor increases in health insurance, and COLA increases. City Administrator Turner updated that negotiations with the City of Marathon on EMS and Fire Services did not go as expected and a substantial increase has been made. City Administrator Turner informed on plans for absorbing the extra cost and to further research the topic. Commissioner Harding informed that a budget modification has to be done once an official bill is received and monthly meetings to be held on that topic. Commissioner Harding continued that the agreement was to keep with the lower millage and the change on service costs occurred after. City Administrator Turner further explained that future increases in costs are not clear and further

research has to be done.

City Administrator Turner continued by recommending on keeping the millage the same with services not changing and future modifications will be worked out.

5. **Budget Changes, If Any:** City Administrator Turner informed on no budget changes other than the change in Fire and EMS costs which will be worked through.
6. **Public Comments, Commission Response:** Mayor Trefry asked for public comment. There was none.

Commissioner Raspe asked for clarification on the topic of Fire and EMS services. City Administrator Turner explained that the City of Marathon has made the change but the City Commission has to approve the change. City Administrator Turner further explained that he is working on different possibilities on how to move forward and some items might have to be put on hold.

7. **Resolution 2023-12 to Adopt Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:** A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Key Colony Beach Of Monroe County, Florida, Adopting The Final Levying Of Ad Valorem Taxes For Fiscal Year 2023-2024; Providing For An Effective Date.

Mayor Trefry provided the reading of Resolution No. 2023-12 and asked for a motion to approve the Resolution.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey to approve the Resolution. Mayor Trefry asked for a second. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ON THE MOTION:** Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

8. **Resolution 2023-13 to Adopt Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:** A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Key Colony Beach Of Monroe County, Florida, Adopting The Final Budget For Fiscal Year 2023-2024; Providing For An Effective Date.

Mayor Trefry provided the reading of Resolution 2023-13 and asked for a motion to approve the Resolution.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey to approve the resolution. Mayor Trefry asked for a second. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ON THE MOTION:** Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Silvia Gransee*

City Clerk

**ADOPTED:** *October 19, 2023*

*Silvia Gransee*

*City Clerk*

