

MINUTES

KEY COLONY BEACH CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, July 17th, 2025 – 11:50 AM
Marble Hall, 600 W. Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach
& via Zoom Conferencing

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, Roll Call:** The Key Colony Beach City Commission Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Freddie Foster at 11:50 AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, and Rollcall. **Present:** Mayor Freddie Foster, Commissioner Tom Harding, Commissioner Tom DiFransico, Commissioner Doug Colonell (via Zoom), Commissioner Kirk Diehl. **Also present:** Marathon Fire Chief James Muro, Police Sergeant Joe Burden, City Attorney Dirk Smits, Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino, City Administrator John Bartus, Administrative Assistant Linda Jones, City Clerk Silvia Roussin, Recreation Committee Chair Cindy Catto. **Absent:** Building Official Tony Loreno.

Public Attendance: 5

2. **Approval of the Agenda** (*Additions, changes, and deletions can be made via one motion and a second to approve by a majority vote*)

City Clerk Roussin asked for the following agenda additions:

Under Item 8 for Consent Action Items

- New Item 8d. Approval of a Proposal by Decon Environmental Inc. for the City Hall Asbestos Abatement for \$15,700.00.
- A new Item 8e.: Approval to continue the Verily Wastewater Surveillance Testing Service Agreement, per the Recommendation of the Utility Board.

Under Item 9 for Discussion Action Items

- Amendment to Discussion Action Item 9b., increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$60,000, per the Utility Board's recommendation.

Under Item 11: Ordinances & Resolutions

- Under Item 11d (1), A Recommendation by the Utility Board to remove the assessment of monthly charges for laundry machines and additional lavatories under Section 14-6 in the Code of Ordinances, per the recommendation of the Utility Board.

Under Item 12 for the Treasurer's Report

- The Addendum of the June 2025 Financial Summary

Under Item 14 for Commissioner Reports & Comments

- 14a (1) Addendum to the Wastewater Sampling Report

Mayor Foster asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner DiFransico to approve the agenda. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner DiFransico requested that the approval for the Asbestos Abatement be moved to Discussion Action Items. Mayor Foster agreed.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

3. **Call for Nominations for Office of Vice-Mayor and Election to That Office** (*Election Procedure: Person(s) Is/Are Nominated, the Nomination Does Not Require a Second. Votes are cast for each nominee. Vice-Mayor is elected by majority vote. A single nominee is elected by acclamation.*)

NOMINATION: Mayor Foster nominated Commissioner Colonell for the position of Vice-Mayor. There were no other nominations.

ON THE NOMINATION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Colonell was elected to the position of Vice-Mayor.

4. Review of City Commission Seat Applications & Tentative Appointment *(The Commission reserves the right to appoint at a later date, but no later than August 7th, 2025)*

Mayor Foster introduced Fred Swanson and Kirk Diehl as candidates for the open commission seat and invited each to speak to the Commission.

Fred Swanson addressed the Commission, expressing his understanding of the responsibilities of the position. Vice-Mayor Colonell commented on Fred Swanson's impressive utility background and highlighted the importance of the sewer plant in the city. Fred Swanson shared his past work experience and reaffirmed his commitment to the sewer plant and his ongoing service.

Kirk Diehl discussed his background in construction and government and expressed his desire to participate in city processes, emphasizing that he can be a valuable asset to the Commission. Kirk Diehl highlighted that his general contractor skills are relevant to current discussions, as well as his attention to detail.

Mayor Foster asked for a nomination for the open seat.

NOMINATION(s): Vice-Mayor Colonell nominated Kirk Diehl for the open Commission seat. Commissioner DiFransico nominated Fred Swanson for the open seat.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Foster stated that both candidates are respectable and expressed his hope for Fred Swanson to remain on the Utility Board as Chair. He also highlighted the importance of Kirk Diehl's construction background in his decision-making.

ON THE NOMINATION: City Clerk Roussin asked for a vote on Kirk Diehl's nomination. Rollcall vote. Commissioner DiFransico – no. Vice-Mayor Colonell – yes. Commissioner Colonell – yes. Commissioner Harding – yes. Mayor Foster – yes.

Kirk Diehl was appointed to the open City Commission seat.

Mayor Foster emphasized the importance of both positions and both candidates' work.

City Clerk Roussin administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Diehl.

Mayor Foster found cause for Commissioner Diehl to attend the meeting via Zoom and asked for Rollcall.

Present: Vice-Mayor Colonell, Commissioner Harding, Commissioner Diehl, Commissioner DiFransico, Mayor Foster.

5. Special Requests

a. Recognition of Chief of Police DiGiovanni for 20 Years of Service to the City

Mayor Foster highlighted Chief DiGiovanni's 20 years of service and announced plans to formally acknowledge his contributions at next month's Commission meeting when he is present.

b. A Special Request by the Florida Keys SPCA for Approval to Host a Dog Walk Fundraiser in the City

Mayor Foster presented the request, and the Commission had no objection to the request.

6. Citizen Comments and Correspondence

City Clerk Roussin informed of the following citizen correspondence:

- On Thursday, June 26th, Sandy Bachman submitted a request to the City Commission regarding landscaping needs.
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- On Saturday, July 12th, 2025, Joe Turgeon wrote to the City Commission in support of Fred Swanson's candidacy for City Commissioner.
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There was no citizen comment.

7. Committee and Department Reports *(written reports provided; Staff and Board Chairs available for questions)*

a. Marathon Fire/EMS – Marathon Fire Chief James Muro

Marathon Fire Chief James Muro presented his statistical summary, explained cooperative mobility transfers and public assistance efforts. Chief Muro also reported on the upcoming CPR class scheduled for the end of August, confirmed that both helicopters are back in service, and mentioned that the process of finalizing the CEMP is in progress.

b. Police Department – Sgt. Joe Burden

1. Discussion/Approval for the purchase of Two License Plate Readers for \$19,700.00

Sergeant Joe Burden discussed the request for license plate readers, explaining the benefits and purpose of the purchase. He also provided updates on the outfitting of the new police truck and current vehicles in the fleet. Sergeant Burden reported on the bicycle safety conference Chief DiGiovanni attended in Key West and highlighted ongoing challenges with e-bike enforcement. Commissioner Harding expressed concern about fishing at the Sadowski Causeway bridge and raised issues regarding traffic and safety. Sergeant Burden advised to be aware of the concerns and outlined steps being taken to address the issue.

Mayor Foster asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the license plate readers.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Harding to approve. Commissioner DiFransico seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

Mayor Foster reported that the monthly Hot Dogs at Sunset Park event was a great success and received excellent feedback. Sergeant Burden emphasized the importance of community partnerships and noted overwhelming support for the event. Mayor Foster also commented on the closure of the Key Colony Inn and the owner's plans to reopen the restaurant.

c. City Administrator's Report – John Bartus

1. Potential Changes to FEMA

City Administrator Bartus congratulated Vice-Mayor Colonell and Commissioner Diehl on their appointments. He discussed potential FEMA changes, including updates on reimbursements, household adjustments, and impacts on the Keys, as well as potential disaster relief. Mayor Foster mentioned House Bill 180 and the importance of following up with requirements. City Administrator Bartus thanked Commissioner Harding and Jennifer Johnson for their work on the DOGE report. Commissioner Harding explained the purpose of the report, clarifying revenue expansion methods and aid provisions for residents. City Administrator Bartus also expressed appreciation for his one year with the city. Commissioner Harding requested that the Commission be copied on correspondence related to the TDC grants and drainage summaries. Commissioner DiFransico inquired about the possibility of allocating additional funds to reserves.

Commissioner Harding confirmed that income can be contributed to reserves and provided additional comments on storm planning and financial needs.

d. Building/Code Department – Building Official Lorenzo

e. Public Works – Public Works Department Head thanked Vice-Mayor Colonell for the OSHA-10 training and for it to be very useful in daily operations.

f. City Hall – City Clerk Roussin

g. Beautification Committee – Chair Sandy Bachman

Mayor Foster asked Commissioner DiFransico to speak about his meeting with the Recreation and Beautification Chairs. Commissioner DiFransico spoke about assembling a list of improvements for the city and gathering input from the city. Commissioner DiFransico informed that a solicitation to residents has been sent with a request for public input.

h. Planning & Zoning Board – Vice-Chair Lin Walsh

i. Recreation Committee – Chair Cindy Catto

Recreation Committee Chair Cindy Catto outlined her goals for the committee, including understanding responsibilities as defined in Section 12 of the City Charter, specifically 12-8, which details the Committee's powers and duties. Cindy Catto highlighted her concerns and emphasized the Committee's responsibility to propose future improvements to the golf course and its facilities. She commented on the suggestion to remove trees and on the Committee's non-involvement in that decision. Cindy Catto also discussed the Committee's required involvement according to the Code of Ordinances, including leases and budget matters. She stated a desire to ensure that Article 12 is followed by the Commission and that Section 12 is complied with. Mayor Foster asked for the section to be reviewed and for updates to be brought back to the Commission. Cindy Catto mentioned she is seeking discussion on the contract related to the golf course review. Mayor Foster said he is looking for updates from the group. Commissioner Harding requested updates from Cindy for budget purposes, if necessary.

j. Utility Board – Chair Fred Swanson

Mayor Foster discussed allocations by the governor for Stewardship funding in the Florida Keys and the ongoing question of how much the city will receive for improvements.

8. Consent Action Items *(Under the consent agenda, all action items will be voted on after one motion, and a second will be required to approve them without discussion. If a Commission member wants any action item discussed or voted on separately, the Commission member, at the beginning of the open session, must ask that the action be moved to the discussion action item section.)*

- a.** City Commission Public Hearing Minutes 06-11-2025
- b.** City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes 06-11-2025
- c.** Approval of Warrant No. 0625 for \$444,156.97
- d.** Approval to continue the Verily Wastewater Surveillance Testing Service Agreement, per the Recommendation of the Utility Board. ****Addendum****

Mayor Foster asked for a motion to approve the Consent Action Items.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner DiFransico to approve. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

- e. **Approval of a Proposal by Decon Environmental Inc. for the City Hall Asbestos Abatement for \$15,700.00**
****Addendum****

Mayor Foster explained the purpose of the additional abatement and identified areas in Marble Hall that need the additional abatement.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner DiFransico to approve the proposal by Decon Environmental for \$15,700.00. Vice-Mayor Colonell seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

9. Discussion Action Items

a. Discussion/Approval for an Extension to the Interlocal Agreement for Stewardship Act Funding

Mayor Foster discussed the requested approval of the proposed Interlocal Agreement and which municipalities have already approved it. Mayor Foster provided further comments on the agreement, and City Administrator Bartus shared updates on the current stakeholders committed to maintaining it as an equal partnership. Commissioner Harding emphasized the importance of readiness for projects, including engineering plans, preparations, and estimates.

Mayor Foster asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner DiFransico to approve. Mayor Foster asked for a second. Vice-Mayor Colonell seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

b. Discussion/Approval for CPH Engineer Jason Shepler to proceed with Engineering Plans for Stormwater/Wastewater Improvements, not to exceed ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$60,000.00. **Addendum**

Mayor Foster introduced the agenda item and explained the need for funding for engineering plans for Stormwater improvements on 7th, 8th, West Ocean, and 11th and 12th Streets. Mayor Foster shared additional thoughts on the generator replacement requirements and the need for small engineering guidance to determine what is required for the plant. Mayor Foster also discussed the goal of preventing further discharge into the canal and maintaining the cleanliness of the canal systems.

Mayor Foster asked for a motion.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner DiFransico to approve the funding. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Harding reminded of the separation of invoices for stormwater and wastewater for reimbursement purposes.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

10. FY25/26 Budget Discussions

Commissioner Harding discussed the Stormwater Assessment for the upcoming fiscal year, with no proposed increases.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Harding to approve. Commissioner DiFransico seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Diehl suggested clarification on the assessment unit graph for residential units. Commissioner Harding agreed.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Harding provided an update on the ongoing budget discussions, noting no current changes. He recommended the 2.82% millage rate, with the option to adjust the budget through August and waiting on the final numbers for the Fire/EMS costs.

11. Ordinances & Resolutions

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05:** A Resolution Of The City Of Key Colony Beach, Florida, Imposing The Annual Stormwater Utility Special Assessments For Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2025; Approving The Assessment Roll; Providing For Collection Of The Assessments; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Mayor Foster provided the reading of Resolution 2025-05 and asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner DiFransico to approve. Mayor Foster asked for a second. Commissioner Diehl seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

The Resolution was adopted.

- b. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06:** A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Key Colony Beach, Florida; Determining The Proposed Millage Rate, And The Current Year Rolled-Back Rate, And The Date, Time And Place For The First And Second Budget Public Hearings As Required By Law; Directing The Finance Director To File Said Resolution With The Property Appraiser Of Monroe County Pursuant To The Requirements Of Florida Statutes And The Rules And Regulations Of The Department Of Revenue Of The State Of Florida; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Mayor Foster provided the reading of Resolution No. 2025-06 and asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner DiFransico. Mayor Foster asked for a second. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner DiFransico asked for clarification on the maximum millage rate. Commissioner Harding explained voting requirements for millage approval.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

The Resolution was adopted.

- c. **SECOND/FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-499:** An Ordinance Of The City Of Key Colony Beach, Florida; Amending Chapter Fifteen Of The Code Of Ordinances, Entitled Stormwater Utility System; And Providing For Codification; Repealing Any Inconsistent Provisions; Providing For Severability; And Providing An Effective Date.

1. Ordinance No. 2025-499
2. Proof of Publication
3. Business Impact Statement

Mayor Foster provided the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2025-499 and asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Harding to approve. Mayor Foster asked for a second. Commissioner DiFransico seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner DiFransico suggested changing the assessment of units to align with the Stormwater Resolution. Mayor Foster agreed.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

Ordinance No. 2025-499 was adopted.

- d. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-500:** An Ordinance Of The City Of Key Colony Beach, Florida; Amending Chapter Fourteen Of The Code Of Ordinances, Entitled Sewers And Sewage Disposal, Section 14-6

Monthly Rates And Charges, And Providing For Codification; Repealing Any Inconsistent Provisions; Providing For Severability; And Providing An Effective Date. ****New First Reading****
1. Recommendation by the Utility Board (07-15-2025 Meeting)

Mayor Foster provided the first reading of Ordinance 2025-500 and asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Harding to approve. Vice-Mayor Colonell seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Harding presented his recommendation to the Commission and detailed his calculations for the assessment of fees and income. He also addressed the Utility Board's request to eliminate charges for extra washing machines, bathrooms, and sinks in recreational rooms. Commissioner Harding explained the revenue loss that would result from following the Board's recommendation and suggested tabling the Ordinance while requesting the Building Department to review the facilities for accuracy. City Attorney Smits recommended postponing the reading and the Utility Board's recommendation to the next monthly meeting.

MOTION TO POSTPONE: Mayor Foster made a motion to postpone. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner DiFransico asked if a flow rate is assessed alongside the base rate. Commissioner Harding explained that assessments can vary and emphasized the importance of consistency.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

City Clerk Roussin informed that the first reading of Ordinance 2025-500 will be postponed to August 21st.

- e. **SECOND/FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-501:** An Ordinance Of The City Of Key Colony Beach, Florida, Amending Code Of Ordinance Article VI – Finance, Section 2-75 To Increase The Competitive Bidding Threshold To Align With Florida Statute; Repealing Conflicting Ordinances; Providing For Severability; And Providing For An Effective Date.

1. Ordinance No. 2025-501
2. Proof of Publication
3. Business Impact Statement

Mayor Foster provided the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2025-501 and asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Harding to approve. Commissioner DiFransico seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Harding asked for a review of the federal bid requirements for expenditures over \$10,000.00. City Attorney Smits confirmed to follow up.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

Ordinance 2025-501 was adopted.

12. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

a. June 2025 Financial Summary

Commissioner Harding presented his financial summary for June and provided details on the annual running balance and income sources for the general fund and Wastewater funds, which are in good standing.

13. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Smits spoke on the development of a standard purchase order form and contract form to save time and money for the city as requested by Mayor Foster.

City Attorney Smits reported deleting all charges related to the development of the brick contract, and a discussion followed about the obstacles preventing the contract from being finalized. City Administrator Bartus confirmed he will collaborate with Commissioner Harding on the accounting aspects.

14. Commissioner's Reports & Comments

a. Commissioner Harding

1. Wastewater Sampling Summary Report for June 9th, 2025: Commissioner Harding provided the summary indicating low levels of COVID, along with some influenza and RSV in the previous month.
2. Monroe County Local Mitigation Work Group Meeting - 5-year plan: Commissioner Harding reported that all work on the 5-year plan has been completed, and the Monroe County Commission will now review it.
3. FDOT's planned bridge work: Commissioner Harding reported that bridge replacements have been put on hold and will be instead rehabilitation projects, providing further details on the timelines.

b. **Vice-Mayor Colonell:** Nothing further.

c. **Commissioner Diehl:** Commissioner Diehl expressed looking forward to working with the Commission, staff, and citizens of Key Colony Beach.

d. **Commissioner DiFransico:** Commissioner DiFransico reminded residents to submit public input for Beautification projects to be sent to City Clerk Roussin. Commissioner DiFransico commented on observing people fishing on the pier at Sunset Park and suggested enforcing existing ordinances banning fishing on the pier or swimming at the beach. Mayor Foster addressed Commissioner DiFransico's concerns and stated that the matter would be placed on the meeting agenda for next month. Mayor Foster discussed available grant funds for providing water for cleaning, creating a staging area, and sectioning off designated areas, as well as residents' ability to enjoy the park. Commissioner Harding recommended placing warning signs about the dangers of currents. Commissioner Diehl suggested using netting to keep swimmers safe. Mayor Foster stated that he does not want to encourage swimming, but rather allow water use.

e. **Mayor Freddie Foster**

1. **Summary of Senate Bill 180 – Emergency Management:** Mayor Foster stated there is not enough data on the House Bill and warned the Commission to be prepared for changes, which Commissioner Harding agreed with.
2. **Purchase Order Development for Goods and Services:** Mayor Foster thanked City Attorney Smits for creating purchase orders and refunding the cost associated with working on the brick contract.

Mayor Foster thanked the Commission and staff for today's meeting.

12. Citizen Comments

Doug Lipke, owner of Monte Christo Condominiums, discussed the current Golf Course lease and the continuation of management under Daryl Rice. He recommended entering into a 2-year contract with the current management. Doug Lipke also expressed appreciation to the Commission for their work during today's meeting.

Mayor Foster confirmed that an extension of the current contract is in place and stated that his is not in a position to discuss the contract further.

13. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Roussin

City Clerk

ADOPTED: September 18, 2025

Silvia Roussin

City Clerk

07-17-2025 Citizen Correspondence - Regular Meeting

The City Clerk's Office received the following correspondence:

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All correspondence has been shared with the City Commission and will be attached to the meeting minutes for today's meeting.

Silvia Roussin

City Clerk

Silvia Roussin

From: Sandy Bachman <sandy.bachman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 11:14 AM
To: Silvia Roussin
Subject: Golf Course Trees

Please pass my thoughts onto the commisioners and John Bartus

I request that you not cut these trees down as discussed in the last commissioner meeting. Although they don't look their best now with a buzz cut summer trim, hopefully they will grow back. They are not the cutest trees but needed for stray balls hit to the right from the first hole and the left on the ninth hole.

If we have extra landscaping money I'd rather see the clubhouse landscaped along with the public works building. Also the entrance to the tennis courts and flowers for the Sadowski baskets.

Silvia Roussin

From: cynthia catto <ctcatto@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 10:50 AM
To: Silvia Roussin
Subject: Letter to commissioners

Silvia,
Please forward this letter to the city commissioners.
Thank you
Cindy

Dear JCB Commissioners:

At your last meeting on June 11, 2025, you voted to remove the Australian pine trees. Please note these trees prevent errant golf balls from hitting golfers and cars.

When these trees are removed a plan needs to be in place to provide temporary safety. Netting is one suggestion.

Then a permanent planting needs to occur. One option is Buttonwood trees that are native to Florida and have a moderate to fast growth cycle. But buttonwood will require incorporating netting. Buttonwoods and netting are already at the golf course on the 9th tee box along the fence with pickleball. Whatever landscaping is incorporated protection will be needed for up to 30 feet in height.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cynthia Catto
601 West Ocean Dr
KCB

Sent from my iPhone

Silvia Roussin

From: Joe Turgeon <jturgeon@zaclon.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2025 3:23 PM
To: Silvia Roussin
Cc: Swanson Fred/Laurie
Subject: Support for Fred Swanson
Attachments: Commission Application - 7-2025.pdf; FJS Resume - 25.docx

Dear City Commissioners

I am sending this email to confirm my support for Fred Swanson to fill the open seat left by Joey's departure. With my agreement Fred has listed me as a local reference. As a fellow chemical engineer I know Fred is very well qualified and capable of helping the city to continue our forward movement. I have worked with Fred both on the Utility Commission and Inch Beach programs. He has shown the ability to jump in and tackle issues facing both groups as well as the ability to help find appropriate action where consensus is difficult to reach. I think he is well positioned to hit the ground running and provide valuable input on our commission's activities.

JoeTurgeon
216-496-4446

From: Laurie & Fred Swanson <swansonfj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 4:40 PM
To: Joe Turgeon <jturgeon@zaclon.com>
Subject: fjs commissioner application fyi

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] Do not click links or attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Fred
973-634-8938

Silvia Roussin

From: Donald Steamer <boo1936@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2025 3:41 PM
To: Silvia Roussin
Subject: Endorsment of Fred Swanson for Commissioner

I would like to strongly endorse Fred Swanson for the position of City Commissioner. I have known Fred for 21 years and served on the Utility Board with him. In a social setting when we would have discussions about various world affairs, I was always impressed by the way he would carefully consider different sides of an issue before rendering an opinion. Fred brought that same approach to the Utility Board as Treasurer, and Chairman. As a Commissioner, that careful consideration of issues should help guide the City in the proper direction.

Thank You

Donald Steamer