

# MINUTES

## KEY COLONY BEACH CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 3:30 PM  
Marble Hall, 600 W. Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach  
& via Zoom Conferencing

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, and Roll Call:** The Key Colony Beach City Commission Regular Meeting & Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Freddie Foster at 3:30 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, and Rollcall. **Present:** Mayor Freddie Foster, Vice-Mayor Doug Colonell, Commissioner Tom Harding, Commissioner Tom DiFransico, Commissioner Kirk Diehl. **Also present:** Marathon Fire Chief James Muro, Assistant City Attorney Scott Black, City Administrator John Bartus, Sergeant Jamie Buxton, Building Official Tony Loreno, Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino, Administrative Assistant Par Darnall, City Clerk Silvia Roussin.

**Public Attendance:** 11

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 informed of the following proposed agenda changes:

Under Item 3 for Special Requests:

- Recognition of Sgt. Jamie Buxton for her life-saving actions on February 9, 2026

Under Item 5

- Addendum to 5g.: The Beautification Report by Chair Bachman

Under Item 7 for Discussion Action Items:

- Addendum to Item 7a. Recommendation by Jason Shepler to award the Pervious Paver Bid
- A new Item 7f. Recommendation by the Utility Board to approve a Quote by Nuvonic for Annual Preventive Spares and Service.

Under Item 11 Commissioner's Reports and Comments

- Under 11a. Commissioner Harding: The addendum to the Wastewater Report

Commissioner DiFransico requested an addendum to discuss rescinding the Commission's prior approval of the Fish Cleaning Table installation. Mayor Foster asked whether the request required urgent action. Commissioner DiFransico stated that it did, noting the table had already been ordered and would be installed if no action were taken. Assistant City Attorney Black advised that while urgent matters may be added to the agenda, items that are not time-sensitive should be deferred to the next meeting. Public Works Department Head Guarino confirmed that the Fish Cleaning Table had been ordered.

Mayor Foster reminded that the Commission had previously approved the installation and stated that Commissioner DiFransico could address the matter during his report, but he did not support placing it on the agenda for a vote because it was not an urgent issue. Commissioner DiFransico reiterated his request to add the item and restated his proposal to discuss and potentially rescind the prior decision. Mayor Foster commented on previous Commission approvals and subsequent requests for rescission following public feedback.

Mayor Foster requested a separate motion on the proposed agenda addition.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Commissioner DiFransico to add the discussion on the Fish Cleaning Table at Sunset Park to the agenda. Vice-Mayor Colonell seconded the motion.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION:** Commissioner DiFransico commented that the initial approval he understood was for a small bait-prep station on the pier; however, the station now planned for installation is significantly larger, which he believes would be an eyesore and inappropriate for the park. Mayor Foster noted that fish are currently being cleaned along the rails and that he expects future cleaning to take place at the designated station, adding that grant funds are available for the project. The Commission briefly discussed the possibility of installing a smaller station. Assistant City

Attorney Black reminded the Commission that the vote before them concerned only whether to add the discussion item to the agenda, not the merits of the fish-cleaning station itself.

**ON THE MOTION:** Rollcall vote. Commissioner Harding – no. Commissioner DiFransico – yes. Commissioner Diehl – no. Vice-Mayor Colonell – yes. Mayor Foster – no. The motion failed.

Mayor Foster asked for a motion to approve the agenda with changes as read into the record by City Clerk Roussin.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Commissioner DiFransico to approve the agenda with changes read into the record. Vice-Mayor Colonell seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

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

### 3. Special Requests

- a. Recognition of Sgt. Jamie Buxton for her life-saving actions on February 9, 2026.

Mayor Foster read Officer Buckwalter’s commendation letter into the record, recognizing Sgt. Jamie Buxton for her life-saving actions in rescuing an unconscious and unresponsive individual who later made a full recovery. Mayor Foster presented Sgt. Buxton with the Police Life-Saving Medal in honor of her bravery and exemplary service.

### 4. Citizen Comments and Correspondence:

City Clerk Roussin informed of the following citizen correspondence:

- 02-05-2026, Roy Virost, 80 7<sup>th</sup> Street, wrote to the City Commission requesting to lower the speed limit on the island from 25 mph to 20 mph.
- 02-13-2026, Tammy Monarch, Gaithersburg, Maryland, wrote to the City and the Beautification and Recreation Committee, thanking them for the improvements to public spaces and parks.
- 02-14-2026, Jo and Chris Corso, KCB Residents, wrote to the City Commission with a suggestion to bury overhead wires to make it safer and more beautiful.
- 02-18-2026, 980 Shelter Bay Drive, Theodore Bently wrote the City Commission questioning the recently installed No-Overnight-Parking signs along Shelter Bay Drive.

In addition, the City Commission received resident correspondence with concerns about the installation of license plate reader cameras in the city from

- Jan Pflueger, 240 8<sup>th</sup> Street,
- Sandy Bachman, KCB Resident,
- Laurie Swanson, 620 9<sup>th</sup> Street, and
- Theodore Bently, 980 Shelter Bay Drive.

Mayor Foster asked for citizen comments.

Barbara Heitman, 180 11<sup>th</sup> Street, addressed the Commission regarding the proposed installation of license plate readers on the Causeway and expressed several concerns and questions. Barbara Heitman requested clarification on the Treasurer’s report referencing funds received from the Department of Homeland Security and its connection to an agreement signed by Chief DiGiovanni with ICE in March 2025. Ms. Heitman asked whether the agreement had ever been discussed by the Commission and commented on the Chief’s authority to execute the agreement without legal or Commission review. She further requested the names of any police officers who received ICE training, information on related payments, whether additional officers were planned to be trained, and the release of the financial agreement. Barbara Heitman summarized her requests by asking for the policy and procedures governing the license plate readers, specifically, who is authorized to access the data, how the KCB Police Department intends to use it, and with which agencies it may be shared. Barbara Heitman requested a full review and discussion of the ICE agreement and its operational details at the next Commission meeting.

Theodore Bentley, 980 Shelter Bay Drive, addressed the Commission regarding the no-overnight-parking sign located in front of his driveway on Shelter Bay Drive. He questioned the sign's purpose, stating that he believes it is unreasonable

and unnecessary. Mr. Bentley requested that the signs be removed and added that they create a hazard for trailers backing in and out of driveways.

Laurie Swanson, 620 9th Street, addressed the Commission regarding her arrest by the Florida Highway Patrol on January 16, 2026. She described a subsequent incident in which she reported being followed by a Customs and Border Protection vehicle after witnessing what she believed to be a kidnapping involving Border Patrol. Ms. Swanson raised concerns about the role of the Sheriff's Office in relation to these events. Ms. Swanson referenced the Memorandum of Understanding signed by Chief DiGiovanni with ICE, expressed concern that local police officers were acting in coordination with ICE, and referenced incidents in Minneapolis. Laurie Swanson stated that she no longer feels safe in the city and expressed opposition to the installation of license plate readers, citing concerns about potential data sharing with ICE. Laurie Swanson reiterated her belief that the city should not move forward with license plate readers or an ICE agreement.

Carman Slusher, 411 12th Street, asked about the status and progress of the 7th Street Boat Ramp. Commissioner Diehl informed that the City Administrator mentioned an opportunity for a grant to fund the boat ramp's renovation, which, if approved, will likely start construction in 2027.

Cindy Catto, 601 W. Ocean Drive, requested a community meeting on the License Plate Readers and ICE Agreement to allow a full discussion with citizens and expressed concerns about what could happen.

Fred Swanson, 620 9th Street, expressed his belief in the Police Department and their purpose but does not believe in ICE. Fred Swanson recalled personally knowing people who were arrested and reiterated his opposition to supporting ICE.

There were no further comments, and Mayor Foster gave appreciation for all the comments received.

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

**a. Marathon Fire/EMS** – Marathon Fire Chief Muro recognized Sgt. Buxton for her life-saving efforts and continued providing his statistical report for the past month. Fire Chief Muro reported on the CPR Program held on Wednesdays and Saturdays, stated that all Monroe County Helicopters are to be in use, and provided an update on high-need patients being transported daily to the mainland.

Commissioner Harding asked for an example of the NERS Report, which Chief Muro confirmed could be provided.

**b. Police Department** – Sgt. Jamie Buxton had nothing additional to report.

**c. City Administrator** John Bartus reported on a productive trip to Tallahassee and provided an update on the Florida Boater Improvement Fund, noting that the City may be eligible for a grant to support repairs to the boat ramp and dock. John Bartus informed the Commission that both FRDAP grants for the 7th Street and 8th Street park restrooms had been approved, each at an anticipated amount of \$100,000.00, and confirmed that the new fiscal cycle begins on October 1st. City Administrator Bartus stated that he would research whether the restroom projects could begin ahead of schedule, and Commissioner Harding cautioned against starting work prematurely. John Bartus confirmed that the Pickleball Shade Bid opening would take place the following day and that two bids had already been received.

**c. Public Works Department** Head Guarino had nothing further to report. Mayor Foster commended Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino on his department's work in the city.

**d. Building Official** Loreno had nothing further to report, and the Commission had no questions.

**e. City Hall** City Clerk Roussin reported that she had nothing further to add. Commissioner Harding asked about election work transitioning from the County to the City and requested an estimate of any additional costs. City Clerk Roussin clarified that the current year's election would still be administered by the Supervisor of Elections with only a small additional cost, and noted that the role of Qualifying Officer has now been deferred to the City Clerk's Office.

f. **Beautification Committee** Chair Bachman commented on a letter received from Tammy Monarch, a visitor to the city for the past seven years, who praised the positive improvements made in the city by all departments and committees.

g. **Planning & Zoning Board** – Chair Lancaster: No report

h. **Recreation Committee** Chair Catto informed meeting with Golf Course Manager Daryl Rice and Commissioner Harding, focusing on ideas for a two-year plan for course improvements and safety concerns. Cindy Catto reported that the clubhouse porch has been netted to create a safe seating area. Cindy Catto shared that Daryl Rice proposed a mini driving range, which is awaiting approval from the Commission, along with a request for a putting and chipping green, along with other suggested improvements for the golf course. Cindy Catto informed that the matter regarding Wi-Fi and cameras has been deferred to the Commission and expressed satisfaction with the progress on matters overall.

i. **Utility Board** – Chair Swanson: No report.

6. **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. Approval of the following City Commission Meeting Minutes

1. 12-18-2025 City Commission Special Meeting Minutes
2. 01-12-2026 City Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes
3. 01-12-2026 City Commission Special Meeting Minutes
4. 01-22-2026 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

b. Approval of Nancy Helme as an Alternate to the Beautification Committee

c. Approval of the Installation of a 40,000-pound Elevator Style Boatlift per the Recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board

d. Approval of Warrant No. 0126 for \$691,751.58

Mayor Foster introduced the agenda item and asked for any changes to the Consent Action Items. There were no changes, and Mayor Foster asked for a motion to approve.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner DiFrancisco asked for confirmation that the Planning & Zoning Board approved the request for a boatlift, which was confirmed.

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

7. **Discussion Action Items**

a. **Discussion/Award of ITB 2026-01: 7<sup>th</sup> Street & Shelter Bay Drive – Pervious Pavers**

1. Recommendation of Award by CPH Engineer Jason Shepler/City Administrator Bartus

Mayor Foster explained the proposed project involving the installation of pavers around the Detention Pond and noted that temporary parking restrictions will be required during construction. Mayor Foster advised that remaining grant funds would be insufficient to fully cover the project and asked Commissioner Harding whether supplemental funding could be provided from the Stormwater account. Commissioner Harding confirmed that the needed funds could be supplemented without issue.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Commissioner Harding to award the bid to Mike Haack Excavating for \$292,750.00. Vice-Mayor Colonell seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

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

**b. Discussion/Approval of Purchases for the Police Department**

**1. Discussion/Approval of a Proposal for the purchase of a Ford F-250 Pickup Truck for \$62,362.00**

Mayor Foster presented the agenda item and confirmed that the correct price is \$67,695.00, with funding for the vehicle to be covered by ICE funds. City Clerk Roussin verified that the funds have been received. Mayor Foster called for a motion to approve.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Commissioner Diehl to purchase. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

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

**2. Discussion/Approval of a Proposal by Paradise 911 Equipment for \$25,703.20 for the outfitting of the requested Police Truck**

Mayor Foster introduced the agenda item and asked for a motion to approve.

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

**DISCUSSION:** None.

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

**c. Discussion/Approval of Recommendations of the Recreation Committee (Memorandum by Commission Harding included)**

**1. Wi-Fi and Camera Installation at Sunset Park**

Recommendation to decline to make either a positive or negative recommendation regarding the installation of Wi-Fi and a corresponding camera at Sunset Park, and to defer the matter to the City Commission for determination.

- i. Quote by KCS for Camera & Wi-Fi Installation
- ii. Monthly Comcast Quote

**2. Putting Green Expansion**

Recommendation to approve increasing the size of the existing putting green and enhancing it to function as both a putting and chipping green, while maintaining its current location.

**3. Golf Course Safety Improvements**

Recommendation to improve Safety Measures on the Golf Course.

**4. Bocce Court Improvements**

Recommendation to complete the Bocce Court improvements with the installation of pavers.

**5. Outdoor Furniture for Golf Course**

Recommendation that City funds be allocated for the purchase of outdoor furniture for the Golf Course, including tables.

Mayor Foster pointed out that several good recommendations were included in the agenda item, but pricing was only available for the Wi-Fi and camera proposal at Sunset Park, and asked Commissioner Harding to elaborate. Commissioner Harding reviewed his memorandum and the walk-through conducted with Golf Course Manager Daryl Rice and Recreation Committee Chair Cindy Catto. Commissioner Harding outlined identified needs related to safety and extra seating on the clubhouse porch. Commissioner Harding suggested reviewing needs monthly and requested approval of up to \$30,000.00 to complete projects over the summer. Commissioner Harding listed items such as placing specific palm trees for safety, installing a golf driving net for practice, and buying tables for the clubhouse and benches on the course. He also mentioned potential future needs, including screening, mulch, a practice putting green, landscaping, ongoing evaluation of tables and benches, perimeter cleanup, and tree trimming.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Commissioner Harding to allocate up to \$30,000.00, which will fund safety improvements under Item 3 and Item 5, from the existing budget. Vice-Mayor Colonell seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Harding confirmed that no trees will be placed in areas potentially extending the clubhouse, and the furniture will consist of standard tables used in city parks. The Commission discussed options for the best type of tree for protection, including the species and necessary height. Mayor Foster requested a review

of the current furniture and suggested exploring more durable alternatives. He also expressed agreement with approving the request but asked for follow-up with details on what will be purchased and a cost breakdown between the city and Daryl Rice. Commissioner Harding noted that immediate safety issues still exist, and Mayor Foster asked to revisit the matter if further decisions are needed. Additionally, Commissioner Harding mentioned that Daryl Rice is working on improvements at the golf course entrance, including landscaping and mulch.

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

Commissioner Harding commented that Agenda Item 2 is most likely to be brought back in the next budget year and will require a joint effort to secure funding.

Commissioner Harding elaborated on Item 1, addressing Wi-Fi in State and City parks. He spoke about the benefits of Wi-Fi for residents and emergency communications and noted that he had experienced no issues with similar installations in his condominium. Commissioner Harding explained that funds had been set aside in the Police Department budget to add Wi-Fi to a couple of parks in the city. Commissioner Harding recommended separating the Wi-Fi and camera questions for the Commission's consideration.

Mayor Foster recalled that the initial camera suggestion came from a resident and that its purpose was to allow people out of town to view the park. Mayor Foster expressed support for the concept and suggested obtaining comparable quotes. Commissioner Diehl commented on the installation and maintenance costs and noted that more affordable options might be available. Mayor Foster stated that the matter should be tabled until further information is obtained. Commissioner Harding emphasized the importance of professional installation for Wi-Fi services.

**d. Discussion/Approval of a Recommendation of the Utility Board for monthly Sewer Charges for the Marina**

Mayor Foster introduced the agenda item and asked Commissioner Harding to elaborate. Commissioner Harding reported on a meeting held with the Marina Property Manager, Building Official Loreno, and Wastewater Plant Operator Shane Ellis to verify the sewer connection. Commissioner Harding explained that the Shopping Center is separate from the Marina and the Restaurant, with its own outlet.

Commissioner Harding explained the boat pump-out process, noting that pump-outs must be recorded and verified by the State. Commissioner Harding added that there are no direct sewer connections for boats, and data from the past six months show that larger vessels usually pump out offshore, while only houseboats use the marina's pump-out system, with limited frequency. Commissioner Harding compared the estimated wastewater use of a houseboat to that of a small one-bedroom home or condo and provided examples of rate structures used in other municipalities for liveaboards, including base rates and usage-based charges. He suggested adding one pump-out service at the marina for \$37.00 per month or \$111.00 per quarter, which is about half of what a house would be charged. Commissioner Harding noted that the other boats in the marina are not connected to sewer, but the Marina Owners plan to possibly offer connections in the future. City Clerk Roussin clarified that the Utility Board's recommendation is to charge each houseboat as outlined in the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Diehl disagreed with Commissioner Harding's recommendation regarding the assessment and supported a fee at the same rate as houses. Further discussion covered usage differences, including distinctions between gray water and black water, and the potential addition of houseboats in the future.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Mayor Foster to approve. Vice-Mayor Colonell seconded the motion.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION:** None.

**ON THE MOTION:** Rollcall vote. Commissioner Harding – yes. Commissioner DiFransico – yes. Vice-Mayor Colonell – yes. Commissioner Diehl – no. Mayor Foster – yes. Motion approved.

**e. Discussion/Approval by a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board for the implementation of an Ordinance for Seawall Compliance**

Mayor Foster introduced the agenda item and asked Assistant City Attorney Black to speak on the suggested changes. Scott Black discussed the proposed revision of the wording regarding how the determination will be made about deteriorated seawalls. The new wording would be: 'upon determination by the Building Official or City

Engineer that a seawall has deteriorated, damaged, failing, or otherwise unsafe, written notice shall be issued by the Code Official to the Property Owner.’ Assistant City Attorney Black clarified that the change in wording directs that the notice will be sent by the Code Official, but the determination is made by the Building Official or City Engineer. Scott Black also clarified that fines will be assessed according to the fine schedule, with a maximum of \$500.00. Commissioner Harding recalled previous discussions about first-offense violations and the maximum fines allowed for such offenses. Scott Black explained that the fine is not fixed at \$500.00 but is capped at that amount. Mayor Foster asked for a motion to approve.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Diehl expressed concerns about the 120-day timeline requirement and explained his uncertainties regarding the timeframe for completing seawall construction, sharing his own experience on the necessary duration. Commissioner Diehl stated that he does not believe a 12-month timeframe is realistic. A discussion followed about the permitting process, with Building Official Loreno clarifying that either the homeowner or the contractor can initiate the permit application, and supporting documentation can be submitted later. Mayor Foster asked for clarification on responsibilities, timelines, and the need for a clear ordinance to ensure proper enforcement. Building Official Loreno noted that the City of Marathon allows up to two years to complete seawall construction and outlined the required documents for permit approval, typical turnaround times, and the possibility of applicants requesting extensions if needed. Further questions and discussion ensued about the difference between repairs for safety issues and standard seawall construction permits, as well as the overall permitting process for seawall work.

Mayor Foster commented on the existing language stating that seawall repairs must be fully completed within 12 months after permit approval. Commissioners discussed the timeline and related requirements. Mayor Foster suggested revising the wording to specify that the seawall replacement must be fully completed within 12 months of permit approval, which would allow approximately 1.5 years from the initial notice. The Commission expressed consensus with this change. Building Official Loreno confirmed that compromised or unsafe seawalls must be boarded off and not used. Assistant City Attorney Black confirmed that the revised language would reference the timeline beginning from permit approval rather than from notice and stated that the change would be made.

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

**f. Discussion/Approval of a Recommendation by the Utility Board to approve a Quote by Nuvonic for Annual Preventive Spares and Services.**

Mayor Foster introduced the agenda item and asked for a motion to approve.

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

**DISCUSSION:** None.

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

**8. Ordinances & Resolutions:**

- a. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-508:** An Ordinance Of The City Of Key Colony Beach, Florida; Amending Ordinance 2025-497 Future Land Use Policy 1.5.1 For A Scrivener’s Error Regarding Plan Densities For Commercial, Resort, And Public Buildings The Intensity Shall Be At Least 20% Of The Lot; And Providing For Codification; Repealing Any Inconsistent Provisions; Providing For Severability; And Providing An Effective Date.

Mayor Foster provided the first reading of Ordinance 2026-508, explained Scrivener’s error, and asked for a motion to approve.

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

**DISCUSSION:** None.

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

City Clerk Roussin informed that the second and final reading is to be held in March.

- b. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-509:** An Ordinance Of Key Colony Beach, Florida, Adding Section 6-45 Seawall Conditions; Compliance Requirements; Enforcement To Chapter 6 Buildings, Article II Dangerous Structures; Adding Section 9-13 Concerning Violations Of Section 6-45 For Business Tax Receipts Purposes To Chapter 9 Business Taxes, Permits And Business Regulations, Article I In General; Amending Section 9-28 Concerning Violations Of Section 6-45 For Residential Rentals To Chapter 9 Business Taxes, Permits And Business Regulations, Article II Residential Rentals; Providing For Codification; Repealing Any Inconsistent Provisions; Providing For Severability; And Providing An Effective Date.

Mayor Foster provided the first reading of Ordinance 2026-509 and asked for a motion to approve.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Commissioner Diehl. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Diehl reminded everyone of the needed edits. Assistant City Attorney Black read the discussed edits into the record. Section 2b shall read, "Notice of unsafe or deteriorated seawall upon determination by the Building Official or City Engineer that a seawall is deteriorated, damaged, failing, or otherwise unsafe, written notice shall be issued by the Code Official to the property owner identifying deficiencies and required corrective actions." Assistant City Attorney Black also informed that the change in Section 2c(4) will read, "Within 12 months of permit approval, all seawall repairs or replacements shall be fully completed and approved by the city." Mayor Foster expressed appreciation to Building Official Loreno for organizing the new ordinance.

**ON THE MOTION:** Roll call vote. Unanimous approval.

City Clerk Roussin informed that the Ordinance will come before the City Commission for a second and final reading on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

- c. RESOLUTION 2026-01:** A Resolution By The City Of Key Colony Beach Board Of Commissioners Amending Resolution 2024-13 Fee Schedule For Building Department Permits And Services; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Mayor Foster provided the reading of Resolution 2026-01 and asked for a motion to approve.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Harding confirmed that no changes were made from the previous review.

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

- d. RESOLUTION 2026-02:** A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Key Colony Beach, Florida, Amending Resolution 2024-15 Miscellaneous Fee Schedule; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Mayor Foster provided the reading of Resolution 2026-02 and asked for a motion to approve.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Harding reminded of a small increase in temporary boat trailer charges, \$25.00 per week and \$50.00 per month, for storage fees.

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

## 9. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a. January 2026 Financial Summary**

Commissioner Harding presented his Treasurer's Report for January and reported no concerns with revenue, and reported that funding from the Department of Homeland Security agreement was received. Commissioner Harding suggested reviewing the legal aspects of the contract on License Plate Readers and possibly providing education on the purpose and usage of the collected data.

Mayor Foster asked for a brief recess.

The Commission reconvened at 5:19 PM.

Commissioner Harding suggested placing a review of the License Plate Readers on next month's agenda and expressed interest in working with Sgt. Buxton on the matter. Mayor Foster confirmed that the agreement on the License Plate Readers had been reviewed by legal. Commissioner Harding also requested a review of the ICE Service Agreement, seeking clarification on the extent of involvement, and asked to include this matter on next month's agenda.

Commissioner Harding continued his Treasurer's Report, stating that there were no concerns with year-to-date expenses and noting that the first City Hall Hardening reimbursement had been received. He reported that the Building Department fund remains in good condition, with both revenue and expenses running below projections. Commissioner Harding added that quarterly revenues are stable with no issues. Commissioner Harding noted that reimbursements for the Digester Stairs and Tanks had been received and that the related funding is in good shape. Additionally, he reported that stormwater reimbursements have been received and provided an update on the expected net remaining funds.

Commissioner Harding provided an update on City Hall financing and reported that, after reviewing the Loan Agreement with First Horizon, the City is operating in compliance with Florida law. Commissioner Harding reviewed various financing structures, including the use of non-ad valorem taxes, infrastructure revenue, and other state revenues, along with estimated loan needs. Commissioner Harding recommended using the same loan structure previously utilized, noting that it offers the lowest cost and least risk to the City. He also recommended issuing an ITN to obtain competitive quotes and stated that financial planners from Ford and Associates were no longer needed. Mayor Foster confirmed that no formal Commission vote was required and authorized moving forward with issuing the Invitation to Negotiate.

**10. City Attorney's Report:** Assistant City Attorney Black reminded that a Commissioner can contact the City Attorney's office by phone or email at no charge, and simple clarifications or reviews are free. Scott Black confirmed that his office will contact Mayor Foster before legal costs are incurred. Mayor Foster confirmed that Assistant City Attorney Black is the correct contact for legal questions regarding City Hall. There were no further questions.

## **11. Commissioner's Reports & Comments**

### **a. Commissioner Harding**

1. Wastewater Sampling Weekly Report for February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Commissioner Harding reported that COVID is still present at low levels, with peaks of influenza viruses having decreased, and RSV still being present at low levels.
2. Monroe County Water Shortage Warning: Commissioner Harding informed about a water shortage warning from the South Florida Water Management District and mentioned that the State is in one of the worst droughts in ten years. Commissioner Harding also shared a voluntary request to reduce irrigation to once a week and to minimize any other water usage.

### **b. Commissioner Diehl**

1. Seawall Inspections: Commissioner Diehl reported on seawall inspections completed on February 12th alongside Building Official Loreno. Commissioner Diehl discussed the canals inspected, the worst seawalls identified, and provided an update on canal inspections and issues found. Building Official Loreno reported that 50 seawalls are currently in need of repairs, with 22 classified as critical. Commissioner Diehl updated that the next inspections are scheduled for March to finalize the inspection process.

Commissioner Diehl spoke on the task of keeping the Post Office open during construction and working on a proposal to address the Post Office truck issue, which will involve using the 7th Street boat ramp lot for access. Commissioner Diehl explained potential landscaping changes to widen the radius for trucks and improve access on the north side of the entrance if approved. Commissioner Diehl provided further details on the proposal and mentioned it would be sent to the Post Office Superintendent for consideration.

Commissioner Diehl also briefly discussed the grant opportunity for the boat ramp and the application to be submitted in April.

Commissioner Diehl proposed a KCB Spring Clean-up in April, and spoke about restrictions on the number of trash cans and rules for placing curbside trash inside the cans. Commissioner Diehl suggested renting dumpsters so residents could dispose of oversized items and reaching out to the Community Association to coordinate the Spring

Clean-up. City Clerk Roussin mentioned that the Marathon Garbage Company can be contacted to schedule a pickup of extra trash at no cost. The Commission supported the idea of a Spring Clean-up, and Commissioner Harding reminded everyone to keep hazardous waste separate.

c. **Commissioner DiFransico** commented on residents' concerns about speeding on certain streets and the possibility of the Police Department being more aggressive with speeding vehicles. Commissioner DiFransico mentioned noticing parking problems at Sunset Park during a recent Concert in the Park event and suggested researching ways to make the parking lot more functional. Commissioner Diehl agreed with Commissioner DiFransico's observations.

d. **Vice-Mayor Colonell**

1. City Hall Update: Vice-Mayor Colonell reported that a lot of paperwork had been completed; however, the project still experienced delays. He provided a general update, mentioning contractor concerns about not being informed of scheduled meetings, site-access problems, changes to the staging area, and the concern about keeping the Post Office open. Vice-Mayor Colonell highlighted delays related to demolition plans and drawings that had been delayed due to misunderstandings, and he discussed possible solutions, value-engineering options, and pending change orders.

Vice-Mayor Colonell also emphasized the importance of legal guidance throughout the project and requested full authorization to engage city attorneys as he deemed necessary for matters relating to the project contract.

Commission discussion followed with Assistant City Attorney Black offering clarification regarding current legal-access procedures and the potential for outside costs. Vice-Mayor Colonell referenced a discussion letter from the contractor, and the Commission gave additional comments on timelines and contractual agreements.

e. **Mayor Foster**

Grant Update: Mayor Foster reported that the first grant reimbursement request for the City Hall project was received and expressed confidence in the schedule and progress being made to meet grant deadlines for fund utilization. Mayor Foster also announced that funding for the Ocean Drive Project was approved, and the project will be launching soon. He explained that appropriations with the State are under review by the committee, with a strong likelihood of approval. Additionally, Mayor Foster asked Commissioner Harding to be the Point of Contact for the Department of Commerce regarding potential grant funding. He also requested that the engineering drawings be finalized for the FRDAP grants.

12. **Citizen Comments:** None.

13. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Silvia Roussin*

City Clerk

***ADOPTED: March 19, 2026***

***Silvia Roussin***

***City Clerk***

## **02-19-2026 Proposed Changes – Regular Meeting**

### **Under Item 3 for Special Requests:**

- Recognition of Sgt. Jamie Buxton for her life-saving actions on February 9, 2026

### **Under Item 5**

- Addendum to 5g.: The Beautification Report by Chair Bachman

### **Under Item 7 for Discussion Action Items:**

- Addendum to Item 7a. Recommendation by Jason Shepler to award the Pervious Paver Bid
- A new Item 7f. Recommendation by the Utility Board to approve a Quote by Nuvonic for Annual Preventive Spares and Service.

### **Under Item 11 Commissioner's Reports and Comments**

- Under 11a. Commissioner Harding: The addendum to the Wastewater Report

Date: February 15, 2026

To: Chief Digiovanni/ Key Colony Beach Police

From: John Buckwalter

Subject: Formal Commendation Letter Request for Sgt Jamie Buxton-Life Saving Action

Dear Chief Digiovanni,

I am writing to formally recognize and commend the heroic life-saving actions of Sgt Jamie Buxton regarding an incident that occurred on February 9, 2026, at 1138 hours.

Sgt. Buxton responded to a report of a fall victim at 711 10<sup>th</sup> street. Upon arrival she discovered an unconscious female victim in a pool of blood with no detectable pulse. Without hesitation, Sgt Buxton initiated life-saving protocols, performing CPR and deploying an AED. Her expertise and composure under pressure were successful in establishing a pulse and agonal breathing before the arrival of medical units.

The victim was subsequently airlifted to a trauma center where she was stabilized. I have been informed by both hospital staff as well as family members that the victim has made a full recovery. It was noted by Staff and family that had it not been for Sgt Buxton's immediate and skilled intervention, the victim would not have survived.

Sgt. Buxton's performance during the crisis was exemplary. Her ability to assess a dire situation and execute high-level medical aid reflects the highest standards of your department and policing profession. She is a credit to the Key Colony Beach Police Department and a hero to the family she helped keep whole.

I respectfully request that this commendation be formally recognized and a copy of this letter be placed in Sgt. Buxton's permanent personnel file.

Sincerely, John Buckwalter

Key Colony Beach Police

## Beautification Report February 2026

- Our annual Hot Dogs in the Hut was a huge success. Over 600 hot dogs were served and \$1750 was raised through donations and 50/50. We invited Kelly from the Bird Sanctuary at Crane Point to the event who brought their owl Quinn. We are working with the Bird Sanctuary to find ways to attract birds to our Shelter Bay pond.
- David McKeehan is keeping watch over the Shelter Bay Pond. A meeting was held with Freddie, David and Blue Native to direct the landscapers to fix the problems that were identified. We have been advised not to do any work at the site other than observe. David is researching the addition of fish and crustaceans to the pond.
- Led by Doug with help from public works and Beauts, eight flower planters were installed at the Sadowski bridge with pink and red vincas. Public Works designed a metal structure that slips onto the bridge easily and holds the 10x24 inch planters securely in place. With the warm Florida sunshine and occasional watering, these plants will thrive.
- Several hanging planters were replanted with Vincas hoping that they will create a more colorful display from the road. The Blue Daze and Purple Periwinkle were given to Daryl and planted at the golf course.
- City gardens including the coconut path, post office tiki and parking lot gardens were trimmed and mulched by both committee members and volunteers.
- A bookcase was approved for the post office to be used for sharing books.
- Nancy Helm has joined our committee.



580-1 Wells Road  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
Phone: 904.278.0030

February 17, 2026

Mayor and City Commission  
City of Key Colony Beach  
600 W. Ocean Drive  
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051

RE: Engineer's Recommendation of Award  
Shelter Bay Drive – Pervious Pavers  
City of Key Colony Beach, Florida  
Client No. 0604-08-1

Dear Mayor and City Commission:

On February 13, 2026, three bids were received in response to the City's Advertisement for Bids on the Shelter Bay Drive – Pervious Pavers project. Attached is a copy of the Certified Bid Tabulation outlining the received submittals. The low bidder's information is summarized as follows:

CONTRACTOR: Mike Haack Excavating, Inc.  
127 Industrial Road, Suite E  
Big Pine Key, FL 33043  
Tel: (305) 504-3323  
Email: [chris@haackexcavating.com](mailto:chris@haackexcavating.com)

TOTAL BID: \$292,750.00

The City currently has approximately \$240,000 left in their grant to fund the project. The City could fund the delta from internal funds or work with the contractor to reduce the scope based on the unit costs provided in the bid. The intent of the contract was to obtain bids on a square footage basis, so the City could size the resultant project footprint to match the desired funding amount.

The City and CPH Consulting, LLC have worked on several projects with Mike Haack Excavating, Inc., and they are capable of the completing the subject work.

As always, we remain available to answer any questions.

Sincerely yours,  
CPH Consulting, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JRS', written over a faint blue line.

Jason R. Shepler, P.E.  
Vice President of Environmental Services  
JRS/pj  
Enclosure

Shelter Bay Drive - Pervious Pavers  
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CERTIFIED BID TABULATION  
 Bids Received by 3:00 p.m. February 13, 2026

By: 

Item No.	Item Description	Est. Qty.	Unit	1		2		3	
				Unit Price	Amount	Unit Price	Amount	Price	Amount
				Mike Haack Excavating, Inc.		Island Villa Construction, LLC*		The Stout Group, LLC	
1	Pervious Pavers	7,650	SF	\$35.00	\$267,750.00	\$65.12	\$498,168.00	\$500.00	\$3,825,000.00
2	Construction Allowance	1	LS	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
<b>TOTAL BID (1 + 2)</b>				<b>\$292,750.00</b>		<b>\$523,168.00</b>		<b>\$3,850,000.00</b>	

\* Missing Addendum No. 2 acknowledgement.



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Quote

Aquionics Inc.
4215 Stuart Andrew Blvd
Suite E
Charlotte NC 28217 USA

Quote Number 0064754
Quote Date 2/13/2026
Quote Expiration Date 4/14/2026

Salesperson: AF
Customer Number: 30-KEYCOLO

Sold To:
Key Colony
PO Box 510141
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051
Telephone: (305) 522-0644

Ship To:
Key Colony
600 8th Street
Attn: Dave Evans
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051
sellis@uswatercorp.net

Confirm To: Shane Ellis

PM Spares/Service

Table with 4 columns: Customer P.O., Ship VIA, F.O.B., Terms. Values: Quote-PM+Service, UPS GROUND, Origin, NET 30

Main item table with columns: Item Number, Unit, Ordered, Shipped, Back Ordered, Price, Discount, Amount. Includes items like Maintenance Spares, MP LAMP, QUARTZ SLEEVE, etc.

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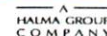
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PRESSURE SEAL -2-56-301			Commodity - 4006905000		COO - UK		
410032-0121-02	EACH	4.00	0.00	0.00	2.05	0.00	8.20
O-RING 20*3.0			Commodity - 4006905000		COO - UK		
26UR10B8V001	EACH	2.00	0.00	0.00	28.26	0.00	56.52
Pressure Seal 10*25*8 2-56-304			Commodity - 4006905000		COO - UK		
23M1V038	EACH	2.00	0.00	0.00	145.98	0.00	291.96
BEARING, KTW 2-17-381			Commodity - 8483308040		COO - China		
23WRV029	EACH	2.00	0.00	0.00	72.96	0.00	145.92
WIPER FLAP-25MM, IL1250			Commodity - 4006905000		COO - UK		
23WRSV01	EACH	8.00	0.00	0.00	25.27	0.00	202.16
WIPER RING W/FLAP D33-STANDAR			Commodity - 4006905000		COO - UK		
23T2V003	EACH	2.00	0.00	0.00	114.25	0.00	228.50
BOSS, WIPER ROD A - 2-21-315			Commodity - 3917290050		COO - UK		
23T2V004	EACH	2.00	0.00	0.00	114.25	0.00	228.50
BOSS, WIPER ROD B - 2-21-316			Commodity - 3917290050		COO - UK		
23WBV003	EACH	8.00	0.00	0.00	13.34	0.00	106.72
SPRING, SECURITY-WIPER BOSS -			Commodity - 7318220000		COO - UK		
ASSE-ELD3KW-V02	EACH	2.00	0.00	0.00	4,135.58	0.00	8,271.16
LAMP DRIVER, CAPPED AT 3KW			Commodity - 8504100000		COO - UK		
/SERV-MUNI	DAY	1.00	0.00	0.00	4,224.00	0.00	4,224.00
Municipal Service Charge			Commodity -		COO -		

Estimated labor (3) days Troubleshooting + PM

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Actual totals to be invoiced post completion of service

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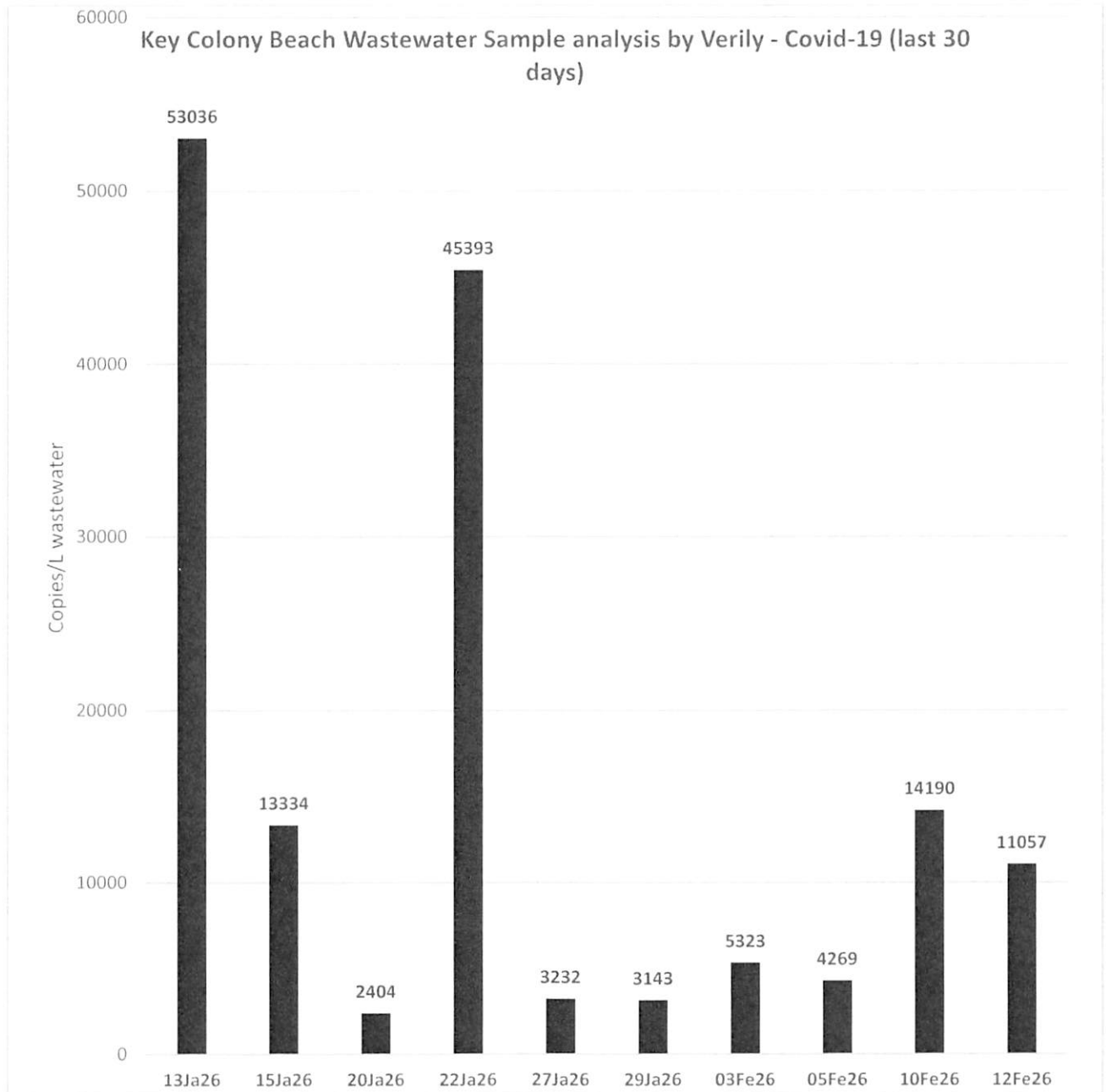


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Wastewater Sampling Update for Concern Virus's – February 16, 2026

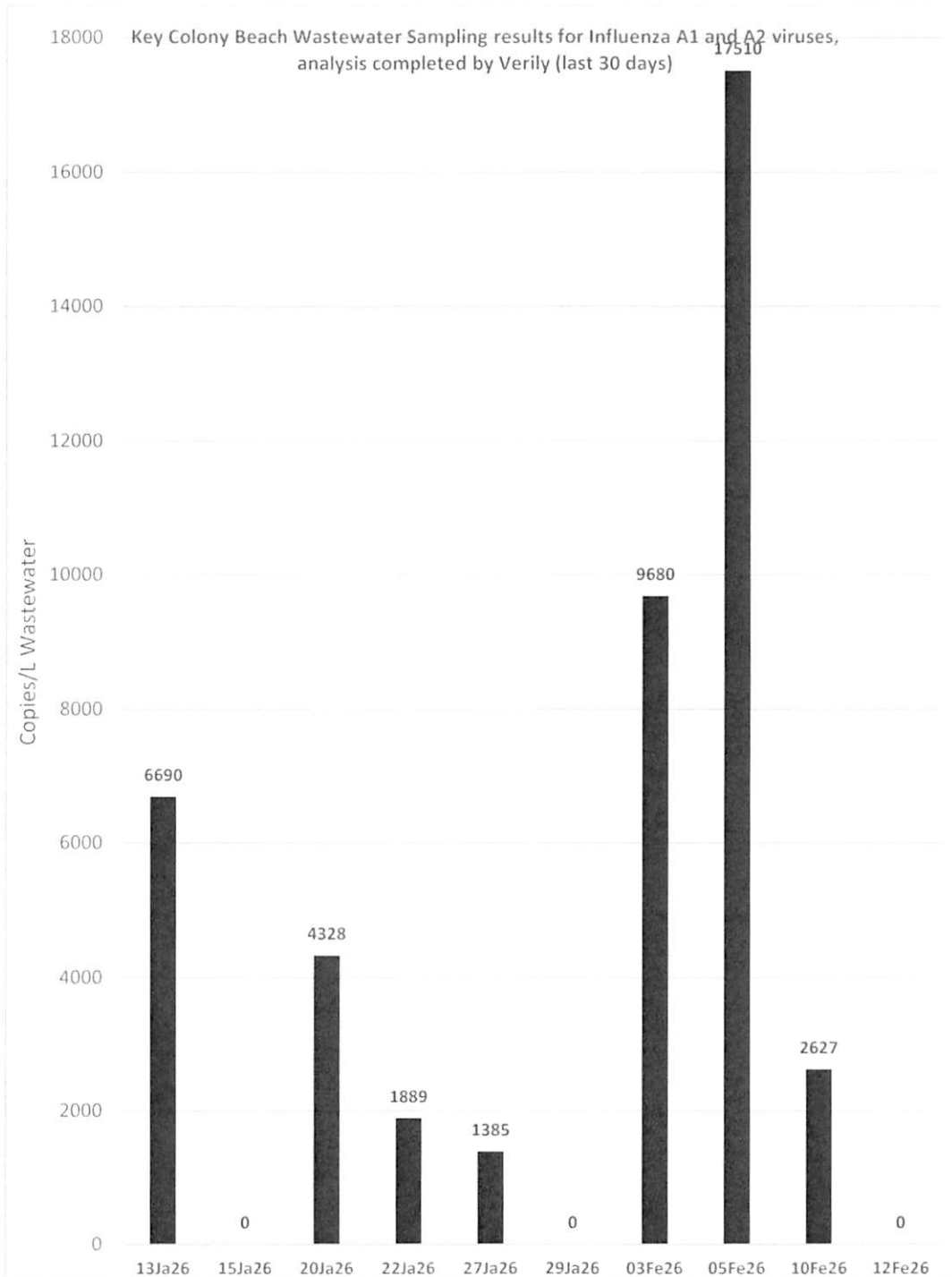
Specific data for Key Colony Beach – wastewater sampling:

No Detections were found for the following viruses in the last 30 days for KCB: Influenza A H5, NVO, MPX Clade 1, Measles, therefore plot was not included. Detections for the viruses below in the last 30 days for KCB (raw data):



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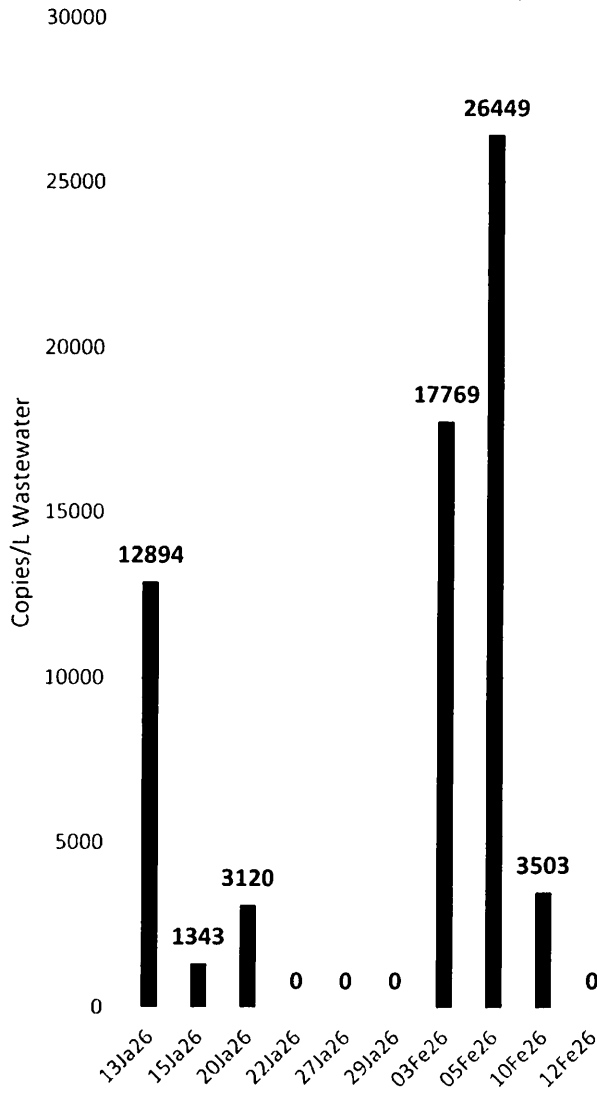
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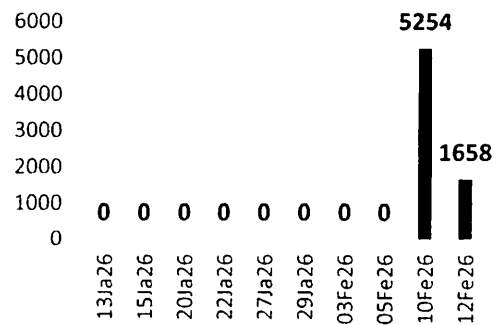
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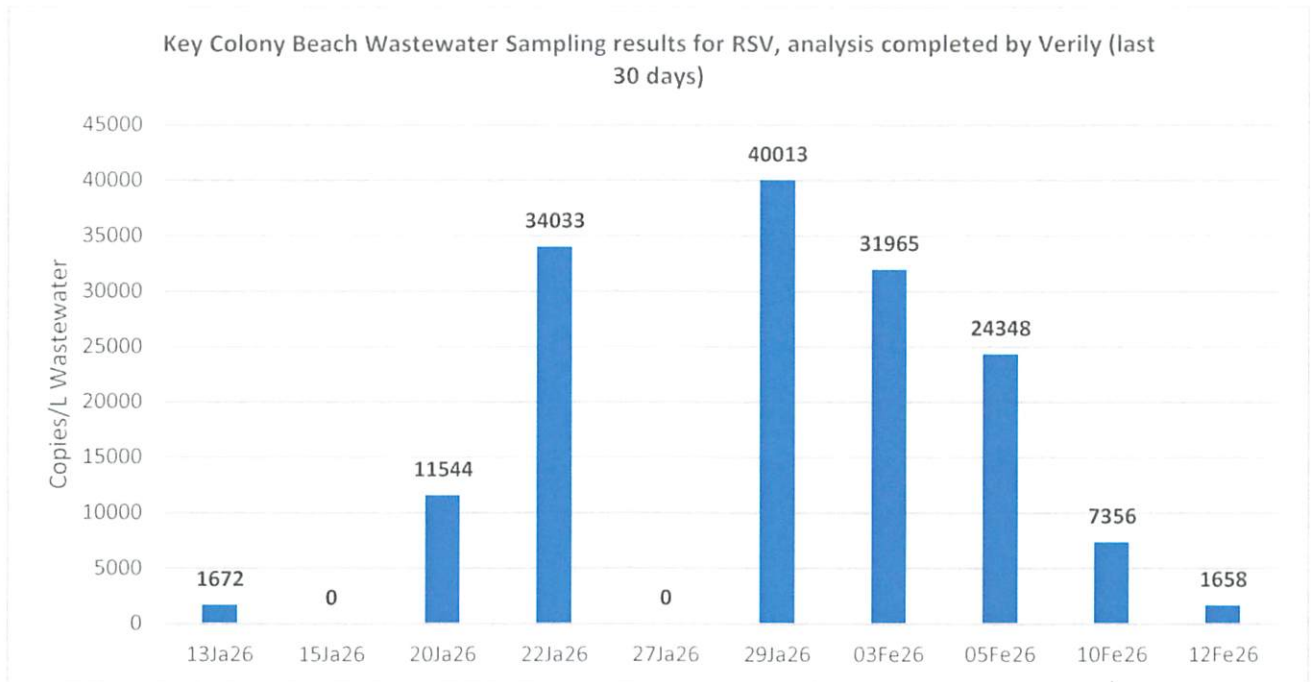


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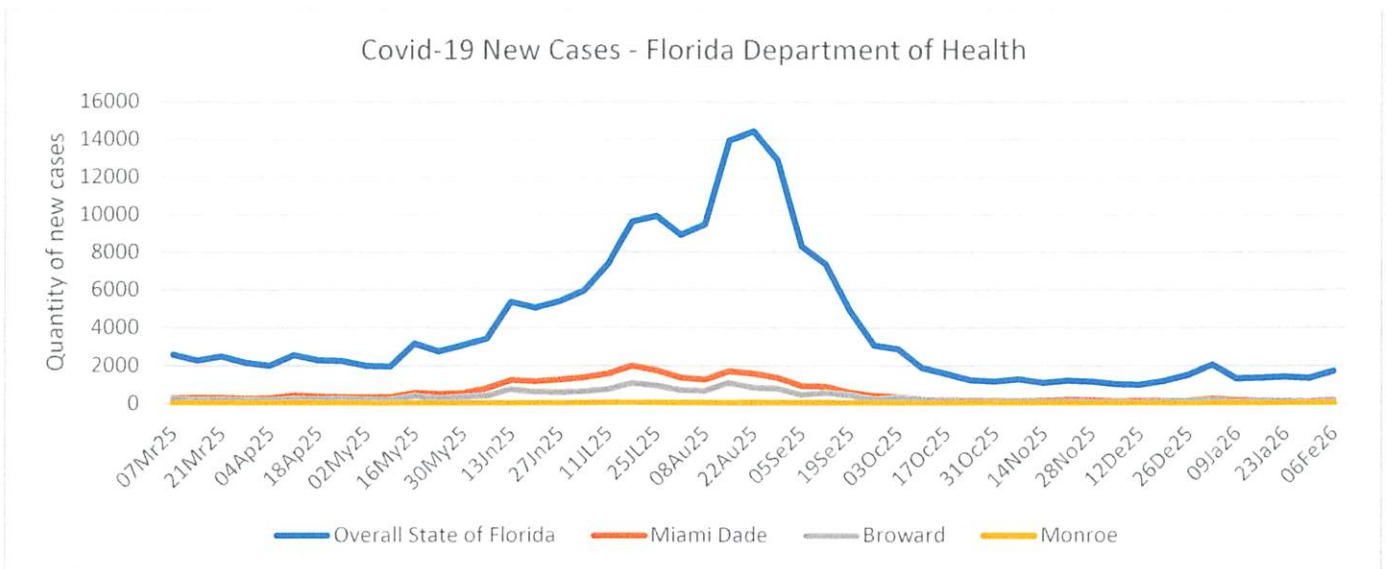
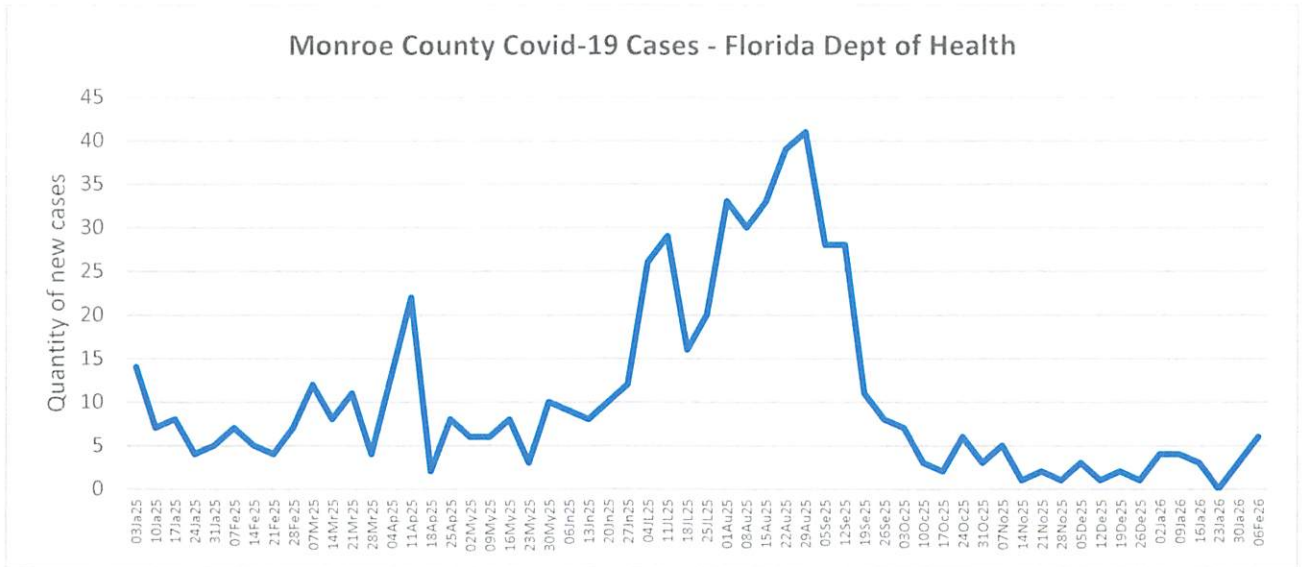
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**Reference Data for Monroe County, Overall State of Florida, and Miami-Dade County**

**State of Florida Health Department Covid 19 data through 06Fe26**



Report by Tom Harding, based on CDC/Verily and the State of Florida Health Department for Monroe County new Covid-19 cases - data through 14Fe26.

## **02-19-2026 Citizen Correspondence - Regular Meeting**

The City Clerk's Office received the following correspondence:

- 02-05-2026, Roy Virost, 80 7<sup>th</sup> Street, wrote to the City Commission requesting to lower the speed limit on the island from 25 mph to 20 mph.
- 02-13-2026, Tammy Monarch, Gaithersburg, Maryland, wrote to the City and the Beautification and Recreation Committee, thanking them for the improvements to public spaces and parks.
- 02-14-2026, Jo and Chris Corso, KCB Residents, wrote to the City Commission with a suggestion to bury overhead wires to make it safer and more beautiful.
- 02-18-2026, 980 Shelter Bay Drive, Theodore Bently wrote the City Commission questioning the recently installed No-Overnight-Parking signs along Shelter Bay Drive.

In addition, the City Commission received resident correspondence with concerns about the installation of license plate reader cameras in the city from

- Jan Pflueger, 240 8<sup>th</sup> Street,
- Sandy Bachman, KCB Resident,
- Laurie Swanson, 620 9<sup>th</sup> Street, and
- Theodore Bently, 980 Shelter Bay Drive.

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

Thank you,

*Silvia Roussin*

City Clerk

## Silvia Roussin

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**From:** rsveets@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 5, 2026 3:58 PM  
**To:** Silvia Roussin  
**Cc:** KCB Mayor; Doug Colonell; Tom Harding; Tom DiFransico; Kirk Diehl  
**Subject:** 25 MPH Speed Limit in Key Colony Beach

Sylvia - hello my name is Roy Virost and I reside at 80 7th Street in the winter. I have copied the Commissioners on this email as well and ask that you include it in the information for the next commissioners meeting. I am not sure of the procedure to make that happen so if I need to take further action please advise.

Thanks Roy Virost

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing about the request by someone to lower the speed limit on the island from 25 mph to 20 mph.

In a nutshell, the accepted norm in the U.S for residential city streets is 25 mph. The problem here is not the speed limit but rather the problem here is the lack of enforcement of the limit. The cited statistics to justify the decrease simply does not apply to Key Colony Beach nor does the comparison to Key West. This reduction is uncalled for and in a word is just plain dumb.

Simply enforce the existing limit and the problem is solved. Do not change the speed limit in Key Colony Beach.

Sincerely,

Roy Virost

80 7<sup>th</sup> Street

419-376-2238

rsveets@aol.com

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To: [redacted]  
Subject: [redacted]  
Date: February 13, 2026 4:24:34 PM



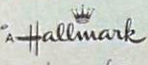
Mr. Rick Monarch  
9620 Watkins Rd  
Gaithersburg, MD 20882-1524



KCB Beautification Committee  
KCB Recreation Committee  
KCB Parks and Rec. Dept.  
c/o Sandy Bachman

Dear Sandy and All others  
on the Committees and  
Departments listed on the  
envelope,  
I want to write to tell  
all of you how wonderful  
the island looks from end  
to end! My name is Tammy  
Monarch, and my husband  
and I, along with another  
couple, have been coming  
here to stay for the  
past seven Februarys. I  
walk every day, and you  
public spaces and parks  
have never looked more  
lovely. From the next  
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All of you are to be

praised and thanked  
for the time and energy  
that you put into making  
KCB such a special  
and heartline magical  
place.  your work  
does not go unnoticed!  
With much appreciation,  
Tammy

P.S. - Thanks also for  
the hot dogs, wine, and  
music last Saturday!  
The four of us  
thoroughly enjoyed  
ourselves.  
We just wish  
we'd won the 50/50 raffle!

Thank  
You

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## Silvia Roussin

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**From:** Carolyn Jo Corso <jocorso@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 14, 2026 9:25 PM  
**To:** KCB Mayor; Doug Colonell; Kirk Diehl; Tom DiFransico; Tom Harding; John Bartus; Silvia Roussin; letters@peopleareasking.org  
**Subject:** Overhead wires

One thing that would make this town the most beautiful town in Florida is to bury the overhead wires. They are an eyesore and a liability. The wires were buried on Sadoaski Drive and everyone will admit it looks great.

We all know the advantages of buried lines, but I would also like to add another advantage. The electrical lines and poles especially along West Ocean Drive if removed would make it possible for another sidewalk. It would make a safer and more attractive road for all the walkers and bikers.

Is there some kind of grant we could obtain to achieve this mission? Or is there some money somewhere to get this done? I am sure the power company would like this done and the residents would like this done.

Phase one could start on West Ocean in front of the new city hall, and extend to the Sunset park. Just think how pretty it would be with no overhead wires.

If we all are pleased with the results maybe phase two we can do the rest of the city.

Sincerely , Jo and Chris Corso

## Silvia Roussin

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**From:** Theodore Bentley <tcbentley1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026 12:06 PM  
**To:** KCB Mayor; Doug Colonell; Kirk Diehl; Tom DiFransico; Tom Harding; John Bartus; Silvia Roussin; letters@peopleareasking.org  
**Subject:** No Parking Signs

The city of Key Colony Beach recently installed No Parking Overnight signs along Shelter Bay Drive. I have lived in Key Colony Beach for over 13 years and never have I witnessed many vehicles parked overnight along Shelter Bay Drive.

This is a solution that never was a problem.

What's the purpose? Is it to penalize residents and sometime guests that live on Shelter Bay Drive?

Did the City notice the residents before installing these signs?

Why only Shelter Bay Drive and not 7th street?

This is again a waste of our tax dollars. The signs are not only ugly but obstruct normal use of the parking meridian that the residents sometimes use for trailer backing. Please remove the signs as soon as possible perhaps they can be used elsewhere in the city.

Sincerely,  
Theodore Bentley

980 Shelter Bay Drive

**Silvia Roussin**

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**From:** RICHARD & JAN PFLUEGER <rjpflueger@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2026 4:53 PM  
**To:** Silvia Roussin  
**Subject:** Causeway LPR Camera Installation - Please Share with Mayor, COP, Commission, & City Admin.

Dear City Commission Members, Mayor, Chief of Police, and City Administrator,

I am writing as a resident to ask for additional information and community discussion regarding the license plate reader cameras I recently saw being installed on the causeway.

I understand that the purchase of the two cameras was approved at the July 17, 2025 Commission meeting at a total cost of \$19,700, and I appreciate the City's efforts to support public safety. At the same time, new technology like this raises understandable questions for residents about privacy, data use, and oversight.

In the spirit of transparency and community trust, I respectfully ask that the city review and explain how these cameras will be used at a public commission meeting **before they are activated**.

Specifically, it would be helpful for residents to understand:

- How and when the cameras will be used

- What system or vendor stores the data and for how long
- Has KCB established a clear policy or oversight for their use
- Who has access to the data outside the Key Colony Beach Police (law enforcement, private detectives, insurance companies, data brokers) and is information automatically fed to other agencies or just upon request due to an ongoing investigation.

Thank you for your service to the community and for considering an open discussion on this matter. I appreciate the City's efforts to balance safety, privacy, and public trust.

Respectfully

Jan Pflueger

240 8th St.

Key Colony Beach

## Silvia Roussin

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**From:** Sandy Bachman <sandy.bachman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 2, 2026 8:56 AM  
**To:** Silvia Roussin  
**Subject:** License Plate Cameras

Please pass this note to the commissioners and Police Chief -

Requesting that the city of KCB postpone turning on the license plate reader until we have knowledge on who will have access to this data and who can request the data once recorded.

Please add this topic to the next commission meeting.

Sandy



Virus-free. [www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

## Silvia Roussin

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**From:** Laurie & Fred Swanson <swansonfj@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 5:15 PM  
**To:** KCB Mayor; Doug Colonell; Tom Harding; Tom DiFrancisco; Kirk Diehl; John Bartus; Silvia Roussin; Chief Kris DiGiovanni; %20kcb852@keycolonybeachpd.com; kcb856@keycolonybeachpd.com; kcb855@keycolonybeachpd.com

Good afternoon KCB Commissioners and KCB Police Officers,  
I am writing to the commission and the police department in KCB to express my significant concerns about the operation of the license plate reading cameras at the end of the Causeway. I was at the commission meeting when the ALPRs (Automated License Plate Readers) on the Causeway were approved. Very few questions were asked, and little explanation was given for the necessity of installing these cameras. I assumed at the time that they were to catch speeders on the Causeway as we have no significant crime problem in KCB.

Please call a town hall meeting to inform the citizens of the significant risks, to citizen's privacy and well-being, of activating the license plate reading cameras on the Causeway. Below I state my reasons.

There is no reason the newly installed cameras cannot be turned on Monroe County citizens in retaliation by those in power if deemed expedient to their purposes.

Here are the Cons of license plate readers:

### Cons of License Plate Readers

- **Privacy & Mass Surveillance:** Critics, including the [ACLU](#), argue that ALPRs create a "warrantless surveillance" network that tracks law-abiding citizens' movements without cause.



#### Flock's Aggressive Expansions Go Far Beyond Simple Driver Surveillance |...

Jay Stanley

Build it (an authoritarian tracking infrastructure) and they (expanded uses) will come

- **Accuracy Issues:** Most systems have a 90%–95% accuracy rate; however, factors like weathered plates, poor lighting, or high speeds can lead to misreads. This can result in innocent drivers being pulled over by police at gunpoint due to "false hits".
- **Data Security Risks:** Vulnerabilities in some ALPR hardware have been identified, potentially allowing hackers to access live feeds or historical location data.
- **Lack of Regulation:** There are currently few statewide or federal statutory standards in Florida for how long data can be kept or with whom it can be shared, leading to concerns about "indiscriminate" data sharing across state lines.
- **Potential for Abuse:** There is documented potential for individuals or officers to use data to stalk partners, neighbors, or political groups for reasons unrelated to law enforcement.

My questions for the commissioners and the police:

1. Why, with 4 or more KCB police officers, do we need to record license plates in and out of KCB? I am not aware of any crime in KCB. Please avail the citizens of crime statistics for KCB that would be alleviated by the use of license plate reading cameras.
2. What information could be gathered by outside organizations invading the privacy of individuals in KCB by the license readers on the causeway?
3. What organizations will be able to see or download the information from our cameras? Who will have access to that information? In other words, how does the DOT, HWP, MCSO, FWC , CBP, and I.C.E. obtain and use the information?
4. How long is the information stored for by any of the recipients? What are all the possible uses for the information gathered using our license plate readers? Could law enforcement use this information to stalk a person who he has a conflict with? A partner? Divorce?
5. How is this not an invasion of my privacy and an invasion of privacy for every driver of a vehicle entering and exiting KCB?

I have recently become aware of the Flock cameras around Marathon and I sometimes see Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's patrolmen running plates and or recording speeds of passing cars. It has come to my attention that these traps are also reading plates to identify immigrant vehicles. This is information they share with Customs and Border Patrol as well as ICE. Yesterday, I was privy to just such an arrangement. A junior from Marathon High School was stopped across from McDonalds by Border Control. While the boy was waiting in his car for his kidnapping to be completed, a MCSO drove, up high fived the CBP agent, ran the kid's license, then the CBP agent handcuffed and put the young man in his car. That boy was a member of the Marathon Community and a student at Marathon High School. He had no record of doing anything wrong. HE IS NOT A CRIMINAL! No rights, no call, no lawyer, no judicial warrant—just disappeared.

Before the Causeway cameras are activated, please call a town hall meeting to share with KCB citizens the risks and rewards of the CAUSEWAY LICENSE PLATE READING CAMERAS.

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## Silvia Roussin

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**From:** Theodore Bentley <tcbentley1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026 11:50 AM  
**To:** KCB Mayor; Doug Colonell; Kirk Diehl; Tom DiFransico; Tom Harding; John Bartus; Silvia Roussin; letters@peopleareasking.org  
**Subject:** Surveillance Cameras

Besides more cost to the citizens of Key Colony Beach what is the purpose of these cameras? Will they prevent a crime? Solutions for problems that do not exist is a waste of tax payer funds. The reality is the city of Key Colony Beach has an extremely low crime rate and the extra cost and potential liability if the system is not constantly monitored does not meet the needs test. This is a want.

Sincerely

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City Commission Regular Meeting & Public Hearing  
February 19th, 2026  
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