MINUTES
CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH
FY2026-2027 FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
BUDGET FOR OCTOBER 1, 2026 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

Thursday, September 10th, 2026, 5:05 p.m.
Located at the Temporary Meeting Place for the City of Key Colony Beach at
The Key Colony Inn, Back Patio - 700 W. Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach, FL 33051
& via Zoom Conferencing

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, Roll Call**: The Key Colony Beach City Commission First Budget Hearing was called to order by Mayor Freddie Foster, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, and Rollcall. **Present**: Mayor Freddie Foster, Commissioner Tom Harding, Commissioner Tom DiFransico, Commissioner Kirk Diehl. Absent: Vice-Mayor Doug Colonell. **Also present:** City Administrator John Bartus, Building Official Tony Loreno, City Clerk Silvia Roussin, Administrative Assistant Par Darnall, Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino, Chief of Police Jamie Buxton.

   Public Attendance: 2

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

   There were no changes to the agenda, and Mayor Foster asked for a motion to approve.

   MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner DiFransico to approve. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion.
   DISCUSSION: None.
   ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

3. **Citizen Comments & Correspondence:** None.

4. **Review of Proposed Budgets for October 1st, 2026 - September 30th, 2027**
   - **a.** FY2026-2027 Budget Summary
   - **b.** General Budget
   - **c.** Utility Board Budget

   Commissioner Harding summarized the draft budget and reported only minor changes to the grant summary sheet and to the verification of the City of Marathon's Fire/EMS figures. He noted that both the general and utility budgets include fee increases and the use of reserves.

   Commissioner Harding reported that General Fund fees increased by 4.6%, based on Consumer Price Index data, and that Wastewater fees increased by $10 per month, primarily due to higher sludge-hauling costs. He stated that there were no significant changes since the previous meeting and that reduced use of reserves improved the City's overall financial position.

   There were no questions regarding Commissioner Harding's report.

5. **Budget Changes, if any:** None.

6. Public Comments, Commission Response: None.

7. Resolution 2026-12 to Adopt a Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Key Colony Beach of Monroe County, Florida, Adopting the Tentative Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; And Providing for an Effective Date

Mayor Foster provided the reading of the Resolution 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. Resolution 2026-13 to Adopt a Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027: A Resolution of the City Commission of The City of Key Colony Beach of Monroe County, Florida, Adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; And Providing for an Effective Date

Mayor Foster provided the reading of the Resolution 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.

9. Second/Final Budget Public Hearing: Thursday, September 17th, 2026, 5:05 PM – At the Temporary Meeting Place for the City of Key Colony Beach at The Key Colony Inn, Back Patio - 700 W. Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach, Florida 33051.

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Roussin
City Clerk

***ADOPTED:* October 22, 2026**
Silvia Roussin
City Clerk