

09-17-2026 Citizen Correspondence – Regular Meeting

The City Commission received the following correspondence:

- **August 20, 2025** – Richard & Jan Pflueger wrote with comments regarding the upcoming budget cycle and requested that the City Commission adopt a fiscally responsible budget.
- **September 8, 2026** – Barb Haag-Heitman wrote to the City Commission requesting reconsideration and removal of the Flock Safety cameras in Key Colony Beach.
- **September 10, 2026** – Elynn Eiss wrote expressing concerns regarding Automated License Plate Readers.

All correspondence has been distributed to the City Commission and will be included in the official minutes of today's meeting.

Sincerely,

Silvia Roussin

City Clerk

Silvia Roussin

From: RICHARD & JAN PFLUEGER <rjpflueger@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2026 5:35 PM
To: KCB Mayor; Doug Colonell; Tom Harding; Tom DiFransico; Kirk Diehl; Silvia Roussin
Subject: FY 2027 Key Colony Beach Budget

Greetings Mayor and Commissioners,

As a taxpayer and voter in this great little city, I encourage you to adopt a fiscally responsible budget.

General government operations should not be funded by Reserves, nor by grants.

Using language provided by your auditors, Smith, Buzzi & Associates, in more than one recent audit "expenses continue to rise and the City remains prudent to protect the reserves that have been slowly and carefully accumulated and to match current revenues with current expenditures".

Can you say that this is the case in the current budget deliberations?

Best regards,

Richard Pflueger
240 8th Street

Silvia Roussin

From: Barb Haag-Heitman <bhaagheitman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 1:58 PM
To: Tom Harding; Tom DiFransico; Doug Colonell; Kirk Diehl; Silvia Roussin; KCB Mayor; John Bartus
Subject: Citizen Request to Reconsider and Remove Flock Safety Cameras in Key Colony Beach

June 8, 2026

City Commissioners
City of Key Colony Beach
P.O. Box 510141
600 W. Ocean Dr.
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051

Subject: Request to Reconsider and Remove Flock Safety Cameras in Key Colony Beach

Dear Key Colony Beach Commissioners,
In follow-up to my concerns expressed at the KCB Commission meeting in February 2026, I am writing to urge the Commission to reconsider our community's use of automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras, commonly referred to as 'Flock cameras'. In light of recent Florida state actions and growing privacy concerns, I believe it is time for our local government to step back from this invasive surveillance technology.

Recently, Governor Ron DeSantis's administration ordered the immediate removal of all ALPRs, often referred to as Flock Safety cameras, from Florida state roads and interstates. Governor DeSantis rightly warned that this type of technology is becoming "out of control" and expressed a strong desire to prevent Florida from turning into a digital surveillance state.

Furthermore, other state leaders have taken similar steps by blocking public funding for these specific camera networks. Our state's leadership has highlighted several critical issues that we must address locally in Key Colony Beach:

- **Mass Surveillance:** These AI-powered cameras track and log the movements of everyday citizens who have done nothing wrong, creating a permanent digital trail of our daily lives.
- **Data Misuse and Lack of Oversight:** There are serious risks regarding how private companies store our data and who can access it. State officials have pointed to alarming instances where law enforcement officers misused this tracking data for personal reasons, such as stalking.
- **A Shift Away from Public Property:** Following the state's directive, numerous local law enforcement agencies across Florida have already powered down and removed their ALPR systems from public roads.

Our close-knit island community deserves safety, but we should not have to sacrifice our fundamental right to privacy to achieve it. As Governor DeSantis advocates for an AI Bill of Rights to protect Florida citizens from digital tracking, I ask the KCB City Commission take a proactive stance to protect our small-town way of life.

Please protect our privacy by initiating an immediate plan to remove existing units from Sadowski Causeway.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and dedication to the people of Key Colony Beach. I look forward to your response on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Haag-Heitman
180 11th St, Key Colony Beach, FL 33051

CC: Silvia Roussin and John Bartus

Silvia Roussin

From: Elynn <elynnngo@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2026 8:56 AM
To: Silvia Roussin
Subject: My feelings on the direction by Gov. DeSantis re: License Plate Readers

Dear Commissions - I wish to express my strong concerns regarding the Automatic License Plate Reader that has been installed on Sadowski Causeway.

I understand the desire to enhance safety and security in our community. However, I do not believe it is necessary or appropriate for residents' personal information and movements to be recorded, stored, and shared with other parties. To me, this is an invasive and demeaning intrusion on our privacy—and, in the wrong hands, it could become dangerous.

Since these readers were installed, many of us have consistently expressed our opposition to this invasion of privacy. I am deeply disappointed that they have been permitted to remain in place for this long, particularly when you are aware of the strong concerns expressed by a significant number of our residents.

We truly appreciate the time and effort you all give to our community, and we respect the difficult responsibilities you carry. In return, I ask that you please listen to and respect us on this extremely important and deeply objectionable matter.

Sincerely,

Elynn Eiss
311 11th