

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING

OLD CITY HALL, 510 GREENE STREET

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2012

A special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Key West, Florida was held in Commission Chambers, Old City Hall, on Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

Mayor Craig Cates called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Answering roll call were Commissioners Teri Johnston, Clayton Lopez, Mark Rossi, Billy Wardlow, Jimmy Weekley, Tony Yaniz and Mayor Craig Cates.

Also present were City Manager Bob Vitas, City Attorney Shawn Smith, City Planner Don Craig, Information Technology Director Patti McLauchlin, Port and Transit Director Jim Fitton and Senior Deputy City Clerk Sue Harrison.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was given by all present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

There were no changes to the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS:

Each speaker was given 15 minutes for their presentation.

Jennifer Hulse - Cruise Ship Information and Education by Ms. Jennifer Hulse, Co-Chairperson of the Cruise Ship Committee for the Key West Chamber of Commerce

Mark Songer - Last Stand

John Dolan Heitlinger - Key West Seaport Alliance

RESOLUTION NO. POSTPONED

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO PROCEED WITH A PROCESS OF CERTIFYING THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS RECONNAISSANCE REPORT AND DIRECTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER WIDENING KEY WEST CHANNEL CUT B IS POSSIBLE; AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO PURSUE FUNDING FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY; PROVIDING THAT THE FEASIBILITY STUDY SHALL BE AT NO COST TO THE CITY OF KEY WEST; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The Clerk read the title of the Resolution.

It was moved by Commissioner Yaniz and seconded by Commissioner Lopez to postpone the vote.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Yaniz and Commissioner Lopez withdrew the motion and second in order to hear public comment.

The Clerk announced that 15 letters had been received in the Clerk's Office; 2 in favor and 13 against the project.

The following people spoke on the matter:

Terry Strickland, Cudjoe Key
Noelle Plagens, 2412 Linda Avenue
Bill McIntyre, 3830 S. Roosevelt Boulevard
Robin Lockwood, 1111 12th Street
Diane Gibson, 3406 N. Roosevelt Boulevard
David Paul Horan, 608 Whitehead Street
Joyce Benavides, 1205 Calais Lane
Ken Harris, 3930 S. Roosevelt Boulevard
Julian Benson, 717 Love Lane
Nicki Will, 5900 College Road
Sharon Moore, 18 Astor and 2432 Flagler Avenue
Sandra Campbell, Big Pine Key
Sandra Walters, 6410 5th Street, Stock Island
Pat Croce, 505 Front Street
Virginia Panico, 1514 19th Street
Ed Swift, 26 Driftwood Drive

Bill Lilley, 3126 Harriet Avenue
Jim Wilson, 27 Evergreen Avenue
Judy Martinez, 1020 Emma Street
Richard Padron, 3229 Flagler Avenue
Ginny Stones, 221 Simonton Street
Kim Works, 820 Georgia Street
Linda Test, 1805 Staples Avenue
Monica Munoz, 505 Front Street
Leslie Allen, 601 Riviera Drive
Steve Trippe, 623 William Street
William Benson, 17235 Bonita Lane
Frank Smith, 631 Southard Street
Dave Gonzales, 414 Olivia Street
Richard Wells, 2315 N. Roosevelt Boulevard
Capt. Robert Maguire, 28 Aster Terrace
Naja Girard, 1214 Newton
Rudy Molinet, 517 Grinnell
John O'Hearn, Big Pine Key
Nathaniel Linville
Marius Venter, 1007 Varela Street
Dean Sloan, 623 Duval Street
M. J. Taylor, 727 Catherine Street
Ryan Saca, 1106 Angela Street
Luke Kelly, 112 Sawyer Drive
Mike Morawski, 907 Whitehead Street
Scott Ahrens, 2916 Riviera Drive
Clinton Curry, 1201 19th Terrace
Sandra Downs
Shirley Freeman, 724 Eaton Street
Christine Russell, 1014 Grinnell Street
Shawn Smith, City Attorney
Bob Vitas, City Manager

It was moved by Commissioner Yaniz to deny the item and instruct City Staff to put this to the voters of the City of Key West as a referendum. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wardlow.

The City Attorney suggested possible language, to be approved by the City Commission, for a referendum question as "Do the electors of the City of Key West desire the City Commission to move forward with a feasibility study".

The City Attorney suggested, from the discussion by the Commission, that the Commission is deferring action on the channel widening contingent upon voter approval or denial. He asked if perhaps a better motion would be to postpone until such time as the citizens have the ability to vote on the question rather than denying the study with the referendum.

Commissioner Yaniz withdrew his previous motion to deny and the motion to second was withdrawn by Commissioner Wardlow.

It was moved by Commissioner Yaniz and seconded by Commissioner Wardlow that the Resolution be postponed until a binding referendum for the study has been presented to the electorate.

The Mayor requested the Clerk call the roll.

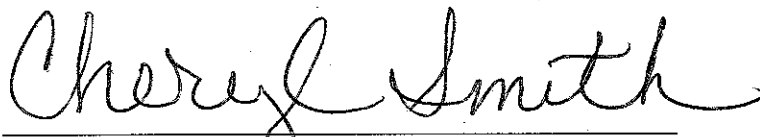
Yeas: Commissioners Johnston, Lopez, Rossi, Wardlow, Weekley, Yaniz and Mayor Cates

Nays: None

SO ORDERED

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Cheryl Smith, MMC, CPM
City Clerk