

## **MINUTES**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

#### **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CITY OF KEY WEST COMMISSIONERS**

**HARVEY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1200 TRUMAN AVENUE**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014**

A Special Joint Meeting of the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Key West Commission convened at 2:00 P.M., on the above date at the Harvey Government Center at Historic Truman School. Present and answering roll call for Monroe County were Commissioner Heather Carruthers, Commissioner George Neugent, Commissioner David Rice, Commissioner Danny Kolhage and Mayor Sylvia Murphy. Present and answering roll call for the City of Key West were Commissioner Teri Johnston, Commissioner Clayton Lopez, Commissioner Mark Rossi, Commissioner Billy Wardlow, Commissioner Jimmy Weekley, Commissioner Tony Yaniz and Mayor Craig Cates. Also present at the meeting were County Administrator Roman Gastesi, County Administrative Aide Connie Cyr, County Attorney Bob Shillinger, City Manager Bob Vitas, City Attorney Shawn Smith, Sheriff Rick Ramsay, Chief of Police Donie Lee, City Planner Donald Craig, County Director of Social Services Sheryl Graham, Deputy County Administrator Debbie Frederick, County Public Works Director Dent Pierce, County Division Director of Public Works Ken Wilson, Deputy County Clerks Lindsey Ballard, Deputy City Clerk Angela Budde and members of County and City Staff and the general public.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

### **INTRODUCTION**

The panel consisting of the County Commissioners, City Commissioners, County Administrator Roman Gastesi, City Manager Bob Vitas, County Attorney Bob Shillinger, City

Attorney Shawn Smith, City Planner Don Craig, Sheriff Rick Ramsay, Police Chief Donie Lee, and Staff from the County and City introduced themselves.

### **OPENING REMARKS BY MAYOR CATES AND MAYOR MURPHY**

Mayor Cates and Mayor Murphy presented their concerns in Monroe County and the City of Key West on finding a location to shelter the homeless and the issues that are part of this search for a location.

### **OVERVIEW OF POTTINGER V. CITY OF MIAMI BY MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY BOB SHILLINGER**

County Attorney Shillinger presented an overview of 1988 Pottinger v. City of Miami case and explained how the settlement in 1992 has increased the County's and City's public services to the homeless which includes providing shelter for the homeless.

### **BRIEF LEGAL HISTORY OF KEYS OVERNIGHT TEMPORARY SHELTER (KOTS) BY THE CITY OF KEY WEST ATTORNEY SHAWN SMITH**

City Attorney Smith presented an overview on the history of Keys Overnight Temporary Shelter.

### **DISCUSSION**

The County Commissioners and the City Commissioners, Sheriff Ramsay and Police Chief Lee discussed possible locations for a Homeless shelter.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

The following people addressed the Panel:

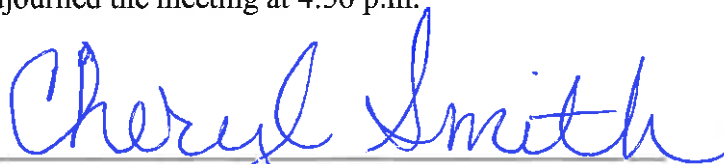
Reverend Stephen Braddock, Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, Inc.  
Skip O'Neil  
Judy Martinez  
Sloan Bashinsky  
Margaret Romero  
Kurt Terosci  
Peter DeSwanick  
LeeAnne Milazzo McCarthy  
Russ Vickers  
Michael Doyle

**CLOSING REMARKS BY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

The County Commissioners and the City Commissioners gave their closing remarks.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.



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Cheryl Smith, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk