



City of Key West, FL

City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West FL 33040

Action Minutes - Final

City Commission

Mayor Danise Henriquez
Vice-Mayor Lissette Carey
Commissioner Aaron Castillo
Commissioner Monica Haskell
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover
Commissioner Sam Kaufman
Commissioner Donald "Donie" Lee

Charter Officials

Brian L. Barroso, City Manager
Kendal Harden, Interim City Attorney
Keri O'Brien, City Clerk

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

5:00 PM

City Hall

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Haskell attended virtually via media technology. It was determined that there were exceptional circumstances that excused her physical absence and she was permitted to vote.

Absent 1 - Commissioner Kaufman

Present 6 - Vice Mayor Carey, Commissioner Castillo, Commissioner Haskell, Commissioner Hoover, Commissioner Lee and Mayor Henriquez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1 Authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into the 287(g) ~~Voluntary~~ Memorandum of Agreement with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Sponsors: Mayor Henriquez

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[287\(g\) Agreement](#)
[Letter from Florida Attorney General](#)
[Public Comment - Support \(5\)](#)
[Public Comment - Opposed \(13\)](#)
[Public Comment - Postpone \(5\)](#)
[Public Comment - Amend](#)
[KWISN Response to FLorida AG Letter](#)
[Commissioner Kaufman Statement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castillo, that the Resolution be Passed with three amendments to the text. Immediately after stating the main motion, Commissioner Haskell made a motion, seconded by Commission Hoover, to postpone the Resolution until the Commission receives clarity in the South Miami action. That motion failed with Vice Mayor Carey, Commissioners Castillo, Lee, and Mayor Henriquez voting No and Commissioners Haskell and Hoover voting Yes.

The amendments to the text were then voted on individually:

1. Striking the word 'voluntary' from the title carried with Commissioners Haskell and Hoover voting No and Vice Mayor Carey, Commissioners Castillo, Lee, and Mayor Henriquez voting Yes.
2. Amending the third whereas clause to read, 'On June 30, 2025, the Key West City Commission, voted to void the existing 287(g) agreement, that had been improperly executed without the legal authority under the City Charter.' carried with Vice Mayor Carey and Commissioner Castillo voting No and Commissioners Haskell, Hoover, Lee, and Mayor Henriquez voting Yes.
3. Striking the word 'reinstating' from the last whereas clause and inserting 'entering into' failed with Vice Mayor Carey, Commissioners Castillo, Haskell, and Hoover voting No and Commissioner Lee and Mayor Henriquez voting Yes.

Then, Commissioner Haskell made a motion to add a whereas clause that states; The Commisison acted in good faith as neither the plain text of F.S. 908 nor standing judicial rulings require "Participating in any program or agreement authorized under section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357." This motion failed for lack of a second.

The main motion, as amended, then carried by the following vote:

No: 2 - Commissioner Haskell and Commissioner Hoover

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kaufman

Yes: 4 - Vice Mayor Carey, Commissioner Castillo, Commissioner Lee and Mayor Henriquez

Enactment No: Res 25-162

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Authorizing the City Attorney to file a declaratory judgment action against the Governor, Ron DeSantis, and all necessary parties or join in the action of the City of South Miami to determine the legality of the requirement to enter into a 287(g) Agreement; Authorizing the City Attorney to take all necessary actions to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Sponsors: Commissioner Kaufman

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Public Comment - Sybesma](#)
[Public Comment - Duke](#)
[Public Comment - Weekley](#)
[Public Comment - Brown](#)
[Public Comment - Grohol](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Haskell, seconded by Commissioner Hoover, that the Resolution be passed with striking 'authorizing the City Attorney to file a declaratory judgment action against the Governor, Ron DeSantis.' The motion failed by the following vote:

No: 4 - Vice Mayor Carey, Commissioner Castillo, Commissioner Lee and Mayor Henriquez

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kaufman

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Haskell and Commissioner Hoover

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Expressing support for extending Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians.

Sponsors: Commissioner Kaufman

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Public Comment - Weekely](#)
[Public Comment - Duke](#)
[Public Comment - Brown](#)
[Public Comment - Grohol](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castillo, that the Resolution be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

No: 1 - Mayor Henriquez

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kaufman

Yes: 5 - Vice Mayor Carey, Commissioner Castillo, Commissioner Haskell, Commissioner Hoover and Commissioner Lee

Enactment No: Res 25-163

ORDINANCES-FIRST READING

4

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Key West, Florida, pursuant to Section 8.01 of the Key West Charter, amending Ordinance No. 25-11 changing the election date for the proposed amendments to Section 3.01(a) and (b) of the City Charter to be placed for Referendum on the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot; Clarifying the proposed amending language in Section 3.01(a) changing the term of future mayors from two (2) years to four (4) years; Clarifying the proposed amending language in Section 3.01(b) changing the term limits for future mayors from eight (8) to twelve (12) years; Providing for severability; Providing for repeal of inconsistent provisions; Providing for an effective date.

Sponsors: Mayor Henriquez

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castillo, that the Ordinance be Passed to Second Reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kaufman

Yes: 6 - Vice Mayor Carey, Commissioner Castillo, Commissioner Haskell, Commissioner Hoover, Commissioner Lee and Mayor Henriquez

ADJOURNMENT - 8:54 P.M.