

# Key Colony proceeds with city hall plans

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**KEY COLONY BEACH** — The Key Colony Beach City Commission held a public workshop Nov. 5 with Pedro Falcon Construction representatives regarding construction documents for the new city hall.

Under review were grant requirements, pertinent documents and contractual responsibilities of the electrical company tied to the general contracting entity. The city shared

its legal team may want a letter from the business owner spelling out cooperation between the two entities. The city also wanted to clarify management, personnel and authorized people who could make a commitment on Pedro Falcon's behalf.

The recent construction bid was awarded based on Pedro Falcon's lowest bid of three at \$5,560,616, followed by Keystar Inc. at \$5,831,428 and DL Porter Construction at

\$5,964,750. The city has a grant that should cover about 40% of the cost.



Among information sought by the city from the contractor were a list of subcontractors and vendors, insurance and bonds, billing submissions, permits and inspections, staging and material storage plan and a preliminary construction schedule.

According to City Administrator John Bartus, the workshop

included city commissioners, representatives from Pedro Falcon, Key Colony Beach Building Official Tony Loreno and Assistant Samantha Rodamer, as well as the city's legal team, City Clerk Silvia Roussin and Bartus.

"It was basically an introductory workshop, and ideas were exchanged that will help to finalize the contract," Bartus said.

Upon execution of the agreement, the city will issue a notice to proceed. Then, the contractor will begin mobilization and construction will commence, likely

before the end of the year. It is then an estimated nine months before project completion.

"The city is on track to utilize a \$2.28 million American Rescue Plan Act grant administered through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that is designated for this project," Bartus said.

The commission next meets at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, followed by a town hall meeting at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17.

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