

**MINUTES**  
**LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION**  
**JOINT MEETING WITH SARASOTA COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**FEBRUARY 26, 2020**  
**SARASOTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER**  
**THIRD FLOOR – THINK TANK**  
**1660 RINGLING BOULEVARD, SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

**Town of Longboat Key**

**Present:** Mayor George Spoll, Vice Mayor Ed Zunz, Commissioners Randy Clair, Jack Daly, Ken Schneier, Mike Haycick

**Not Present:** Commissioner Irwin Pastor

**Also Present:** Town Manager Tom Harmer, Deputy Town Clerk Savannah Schield

**Manatee County Commission**

**Present:** Chair Michael A. Moran, Vice Chair Alan Maio, Commissioners Christian Ziegler, Nancy C. Detert

**Not Present:** Commissioner Charles D. Hines

**Also Present:** County Deputy Administrator Steve Botelho, Sarasota County Deputy Clerks Katrina Johnson and Lorrayne Sousa

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Sarasota County Commission Chair Moran called the Joint Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Ziegler led the Pledge of Allegiance. Individual introductions followed.

**1. Joint Discussion Items**

*A. Longboat Key Outdoor Venue/Town Center Update*

Following comments by Longboat Key Town Manager Tom Harmer, Public Works Department Director Isaac Brownman provided a PowerPoint presentation.

*B. Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources overview*

Following comments by Sarasota County Deputy Administrator Steve Botelho, Director of Libraries and Historical Resources Renee Di Pilato provided a PowerPoint presentation. Discussion ensued on the following topics/issues:

- waiving late return fees
- tracking returned books
- expanding library services to Longboat Key
- permanent library facility on Longboat Key
- drop off box for library books at Longboat Key Town Hall.

*C. Library Services for Town of Longboat Key*

Following comments by Town Manager Tom Harmer, Support Services Director Carolyn Brown provided a PowerPoint presentation. Discussion ensued on the following topics/issues:

- county library branch transitioning into the Longboat Library, Inc. location
- “friends group” at Longboat Key location
- pick up/drop off location at Longboat Key Town Hall
- Longboat Key library location for Sarasota County users only.

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## 1. Joint Discussion Items - Continued

### *D. Longboat Key Beach Management Plan and Related Referendum on March Ballot*

Following comments by Town Manager Tom Harmer, Public Works Director Isaac Brownman provided a PowerPoint presentation.

### *E. Longboat Key Barrier Island Traffic Study Priorities*

Following comments by Longboat Key Town Manager Tom Harmer and Public Works Director Isaac Brownman, discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- coordinating transit services between Manatee County and Sarasota County
- Gulfstream/US 41 roundabout construction
- traffic issues on North and South ends of Longboat Key
- Broadway roundabout traffic issues
- Barrier Island Traffic Study (BITS) recommendations
- pedestrian mobility issues
- emergency services.

### *F. 2020 Legislative Session Update*

Sarasota County Government Relations Director Rob Lewis provided a PowerPoint presentation. Discussions ensued on the following issues/topics:

- Sarasota County appropriation requests (water and sewer, beach renourishment, New College of Florida)
- potential joint meeting with City of Sarasota, Town of Longboat Key, and Sarasota County.

## 2. Public to be Heard

No items were presented.

## 3. Other Business

### *A. Government*

Sarasota County Commissioner Ziegler thanked Longboat Key Commission for their partnership with Sarasota County.

### *B. Tourist Development Tax*

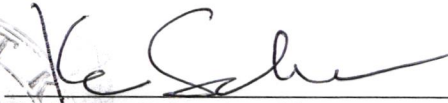
Longboat Key Commissioner Schneier commented on the Mote Marine project and expected TDT (Tourist Development Tax) growth issues. Discussion ensued on Visit Sarasota's budget.

## 4. Adjournment

Following comments, Sarasota County Chair Moran adjourned the February 26, 2020, Joint Meeting at 3:41 p.m.



Savannah Schield, Deputy Town Clerk



Kenneth Schneier, Mayor

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

4/6/2020

