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## Key Colony prepares for Marble Hall renovations

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The existing city hall is to be remodeled as an expansion also takes form.

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KEY COLONY BEACH — City officials approved an agreement on March 5 with CPH Consulting for architectural services on the renovation of Marble Hall.

The existing building at 600 W. Ocean Drive will receive general hardening of the existing structure, including doors, windows, flood proofing where needed, and compliance checks to bring it up to code. The remodel focuses on the first floor of the building, which is approximately 1,441 square feet.

The building is also to be expanded and that portion is to be two stories high with each floor approximately 1,505 square feet. [izimakeys@aol.com](mailto:izimakeys@aol.com)

The Key Colony Beach City Commission was to have a special call meeting earlier this week after press time to approve conceptual drawings.

"As far as the elevation goes, we are allowed to use hardening and flood proofing on existing ground floor buildings," city administrator John Bartus said. "If I am not mistaken new construction must be built to current flood requirements."

The bid documents are expected to be ready for building contractors by Aug. 25.

The city is also adjusting its flood zone maps. City Hall is currently in at flood zone AE-Elevation 7 but will be

at flood zone AE-Elevation 8 when the proposed maps are approved. The city awaits a letter of final determination, which could happen within the life of the City Hall Project.

The "datum shift" is an important change. It is the difference in sea level between the estimates on the 1929 map that is currently used and the satellite surveys done for the 1988 map that is the basis for the new flood zones.

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