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Key Colony Beach moves forward with design

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CITY HALL DESIGN COMPARISON A LOOK AT THE "ENTRANCE" ELEVATION OF EACH DESIGN



CURRENT CITY HALL - EAST ELEVATION



LIVS-DESIGNED CITY HALL - TOWER ENTRY ELEVATION
APPROVED AND OUT TO BID, 4/6/2023



CPH-DESIGNED CITY HALL - TOWER ENTRY ELEVATION
APPROVED 4/1/2025

Evolution of the city hall design.

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KEY COLONY BEACH – The Key Colony Beach City Commission last week unanimously approved a design by the CPH architecture and engineering firm for the renovation of city hall at its current site. It includes many windows to provide a light and spacious feel as well as an “entry tower” for architectural interest.

Design changes can be done as the process progresses. Mayor Freddie Foster suggested the commission approve the provided plan and let CPH architect Brandan DeCaro use his design expertise to take the city through the next steps.

The commission compared a line drawing of the existing City Hall observed from the parking lot to the previously approved designed City Hall drawn by LIVS and the current CPH-designed City Hall with possibly a blue metal roof as observed from the parking lot.

A citizen suggested a project manager for additional oversight.

Among the concerns is hardening the existing building due to possible hurricanes or flooding. DeCaro said filling the existing concrete blocks with concrete up to a height above ground floor, adding flood panels and filling the concrete masonry units around windows to provide anchors for hurricane windows would harden the structure. American Disability Act-compliant entrances are part of the plan.

A desirable feature is being able to see the Sadowski Causeway from the buildings second floor to observe traffic and its flow. The second floor also has a conference room. A new hurricane rated space on the second floor is to house the city's police and building departments as well as serve as an emergency operations center in the event of a storm. The police department has a secure storage area for weapons and evidence too. Windows on the second floor are to sport Bahamian-style shutters to protect the space from the sun's glare.

The exercise room also is protected from sunlight by an overhang.

A fitness center with an entry code for after hours is to be accessible to the public. Showers are to be included in some of the restrooms for fitness center users and to serve personnel during emergency operations when necessary.

The site also hosts the city's post office so a semi-truck has to be able to maneuver in the parking lot. City administrator John Bartus said bid documents are expected in August. The building is tentatively budgeted at \$3 million, funded largely by a \$2.3 million grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

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