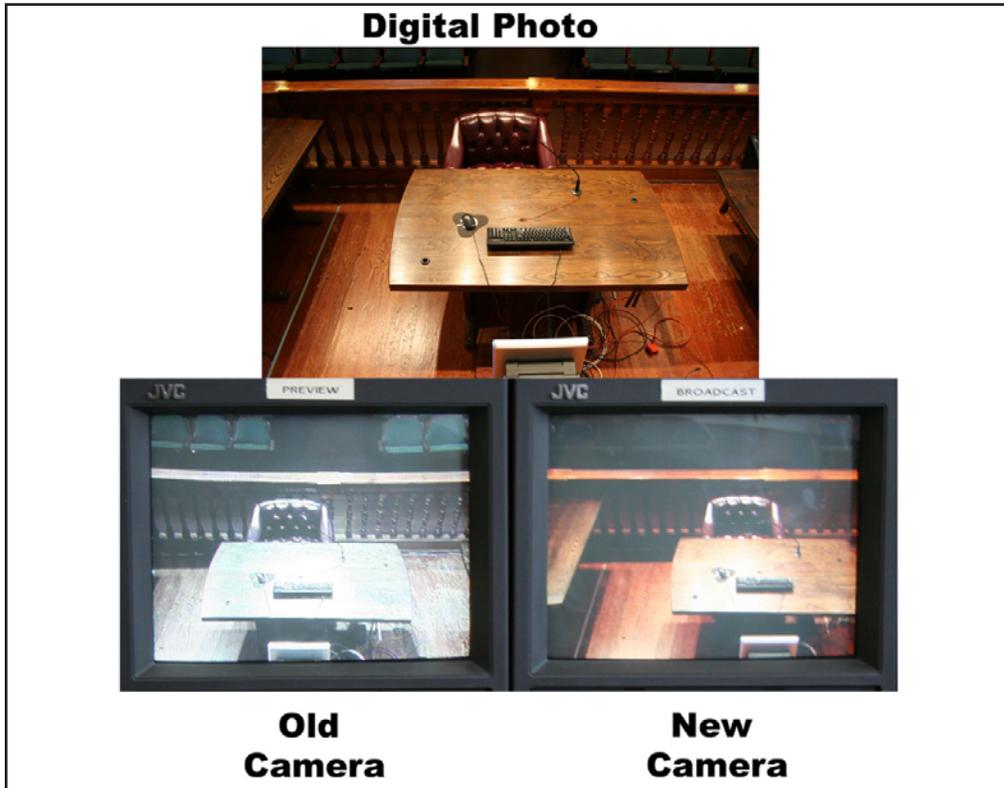




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Let's take a minute to clear things up...



A comparison of the new picture put out by the broadcast-quality cameras the city's Information Technology department recently installed in Old City Hall and the old security-quality cameras.

Things were fuzzy there for a while. But thanks to the City of Key West's Information Technology department, that's all changed.

IT staffers spent time this month upgrading the city's camera system in Old City Hall to give at-home viewers of the city's various meetings a better picture of the goings-on in the historic chambers.

"This has been in the works for over a year," said Video Technician Ian Willis. "But at the end of the day, the results clearly

speak for themselves."

The new cameras are an upgrade from the security cameras that previously recorded City Commission, Planning Board and other official meetings.

"Security cameras are meant for surveillance and property monitoring," Willis said. "The new cameras we just installed are studio-quality broadcast cameras, which is more appropriate for what we're using them for."

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We have some major changes taking place in the city's senior staff positions. First, David Fernandez and Mark Finigan are in place as the new Assistant City Managers.

David oversees the Operations functions including Utilities, Public Works, Engineering Services, Port Operations, Community Services, and Transportation. Mark has responsibility for Finance and Budget, HR, IT, Training, Planning, Building and Code. KWPD, KWFD and Emergency Management all continue to report directly to the City Manager.

The organizational refinement will help us help you to more effectively assign and track functions and tasks.

This change stems from another significant transition. Assistant City Manager John Jones is completing 14 ½ years of service to the City of Key West. He has held many positions of responsibility. In each one he had a tremendously positive influence and achieved many successes.

John's ability to analyze problems and develop reasonable and effective solutions is truly legendary. His wit and wisdom coupled along with his corporate knowledge will be missed in the front office and throughout the city. John leads by example and his legacy will continue in all those who had the opportunity to work with John.

Please take the opportunity to thank John and wish him farewell. I know John and Ruth will continue to be involved in the city they call home. THANKS JOHN!



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Willis said the new cameras will provide viewers clearer color, smoother pictures and better contrast. Additionally, four cameras replaced the three surveillance cameras previously mounted in the chambers, giving viewers a better perspective of the entire room.

The new cameras cost the city \$12,000 for all four, which was budgeted. Willis said part of the year-long delay in this project was finding less expensive, but still high quality, cameras. The original cameras the city was looking at cost \$12,000 each.

The new cameras were used for the first time to broadcast the city's Planning Board meeting on April 17, 2008.

"I had the opportunity to watch that meeting and was extremely pleased with the new cameras," said IT Director Patti



The new cameras before installation.

McLauchlin. "I think our citizens will be pleased as well.

"We have accomplished a lot this year due to Ian's experience in video," McLauchlin added. "And this upgrade is just part of our ongoing mission to provide a better product to our citizens." □

City welcomes two new Assistant City Managers

David Fernandez and Mark Finigan started in their new roles as Assistant City Managers this month.

The two were appointed to oversee different aspects of city government in the wake of former Asst. City Manager John Jones' retirement. Jones was with the city for almost 15 years.

"It just makes more sense to have the city set up with two different branches, one focused on the administrative side of running a city and the other focusing on the outreach programs and services that we offer the citizens," City Manager Jim Scholl explained of the new appointments.

Finigan will serve as the Administrative Asst. City Manager, in charge of the Finance, Information Technology, Human Resources, Planning, Building and Code Compliance departments. Former General Services Director David Fernandez will serve as Community



David Fernandez



Mark Finigan

Operations Asst. City Manager, in charge of the Utilities, Transportation, Public Works, Community Services, Engineering Services and Port Operations departments.

"As I see it, this is all about span of control," City Manager Scholl said. "I believe this organizational change will make the city more effective and efficient, and make us better able to serve the public.

"We often find ourselves in a reactionary mode," he added. "I am hoping that with this change we will be more able to work proactively on initiatives and planning, and subsequently be better able to guide the future of the city."

The city will host a retirement party for John Jones on his last day of work, April 30, 2008, in City Hall. Everyone is invited to come wish Mr. Jones well in his retirement. □

Pat Pelletier and Alice Jones retire from the city

Two pillars of the City of Key West community retired this month. The Finance Department's Alice Jones and Key West Fire Department Fire Marshal Pat Pelletier both said goodbye to years of working for local government.

Alice started with the city in 1973. Back then, Alice worked with a data entry machine that took up an entire room. And she typed on metal plates that made so much noise that they put her in a room by herself.

Alice has spent all her time with the city in the Finance Department. She was with the city when accounts payable and payroll checks were hand-written and hand-signed.

Before her retirement, Alice was inputting journal entries and budget transfers for the Finance Department, and reconciling several bank accounts.

Those in Finance say they will miss Alice's "wicked sense of humor." In her retirement, Alice has said that she wants to write a book about her adventures in City Hall. An age-old threat heard throughout the halls of the city were "Watch out, or you'll end up in my novel." That threat may soon come true as Alice reflects of her time with the city now that she has retired.

Pat Pelletier started with the Key West Fire Department in 1983 with fellow rookies Mike Karash, Marcus Del Valle and Kevin Cates.

Throughout his time with the



Alice in a hat and fan at her retirement party.

KWFD, Pat was part of several fire department special teams, including Haz Mat and the Urban Search and Rescue team. In 1987, at the urging of fellow fire fighter Henry Del Valle, Pat became a certified dive instructor and began certifying fire fighters who would go on to become the first members of the KWFD Dive Team, of which Pat was also a member.

"The Haz Mat and USAR teams have some grueling requirements and training, and it was an honor to have worked beside some very knowledgeable and professional people," Pat said. "The recent tragedy at the airport and response of the USAR team is an example of their technical skill and expertise."

Pat was also certified as a paramedic in his time with the fire department, and ended his career as Fire Marshal. His co-workers gave him a friendly goodbye in the form of a traditional Chappy Boom prank in which 'someone' took all his belongings and put them around his office.

Pat's Chappy Boom was extra special in that 'someone' also put several chicks in his office (see picture at left).

"He also had his truck jacked up so he couldn't leave the station," laughed Fire Captain Mike Davila. "Pat took it as it was intended, as a token of affection." □



Pat at his retirement party with a hot chick.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Pearline Lewis - HR - May 1
Charles Butler - Fire Department - May 3
Jency Probert - Code Compliance - May 4
Maria Ratcliff - City Mgr.'s Office - May 4
Henry Arroyo - Police Department - May 6
Jason Castillo - Police Department - May 6
Andres Garcia - Parks & Rec - May 6
Mike Davila - Fire Department - May 7
Timothy Anson - Fire Department - May 9
Rogelio Hernandez - Transportation - May 9
Lee Lovette - Police Department - May 9
Kim Malott - Police Department - May 11
Barbara Meizis - Planning - May 11
Scott Pellicier - Fire Department - May 11
Diego Toiran - Fire Department - May 11
Donny Barrios - Police Department - May 13
Carolyn Haia - Finance - May 13
Dave White - IT - May 13
Garfield Williams - Police Department - May 14
Ruth Zevnik-Jester - Transit - May 17
Diane Lipinski - Police Department - May 18
Brendon Cunningham - Planning - May 19
Robert Currul - Police Department - May 19
Wilma Quintana Munoz - Port - May 20
Bill Verge - Commissioner - May 21
Marilyn Wilbarger - Port - May 21
Richard Klenke - Parks & Rec - May 24
Carlos Scyrus - Public Works - May 24
Maria Valdes - Port - May 24
Samuel Demming - Transit - May 26
Todd Stevens - Police Department - May 26
Derek Wallis - Police Department - May 27
Christopher Hughes - Sewer - May 28
Jason Barroso - Fire Department - May 31

APRIL SERVICE AWARDS

Marta Cabaleiro - Permit
Technician, Building Department
25 years of service

Julio Gomez - Marine Patrol
Officer, Police Department
15 years of service

Heriberto Dominguez - Bus Driver,
Transportation Department
5 years of service

Angela Budde promoted to Deputy City Clerk

After six years serving as an Administrative Assistant in the Public Works department, Angela Budde is moving to City Hall as the new Deputy City Clerk.

Angela was hired as a Fleet Assistant in 1998 and moved to the Engineering Department the next year, followed shortly by a move to Coordinator for the City Engineer.

After that, Angela moved on to work the Help Desk in Information Technology, and was transferred to Public Works in 2002.

Angela has worked as a project manager during Hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, Rita and Wilma, hiring monitors to process debris tickets and working with the contracted debris companies.

"Moving to the City Clerk's office has been something I've wanted to do for over a year, and the opportunity has finally presented itself," Angela said. "I'm very excited about this promotion, and about working with City Clerk Cheri Smith."



Angela starts with the clerk's office Apr. 28.

Angela will graduate from the Florida Keys Community College next month with an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts. She is also working towards her A.A. in Business, and then plans to earn her Bachelor's degree in Business. □

Bus fares to go up in May

The city would like to remind everyone that bus fares are set to increase starting May 1, 2008.

The rate increases apply to one-way passenger trips and seven-day passes. One-way trip fees for use within city limits will be \$2 per trip, and seven-day passes will be \$8.

Fares for Lower Keys Shuttle service will be \$3 for one-way trips and \$16 for seven-day passes. Please note that separate passes must be purchased for Lower Keys and City of Key West routes, as these passes are not interchangeable.

Exact change is required when purchasing passes on the buses.

There will be no rate increase for all types of 31-day passes. Reduced fares will not be affected by the rate increase but will still require that eligibility criteria be met.

Thirty one day passes can now be purchased in the Department of

Transportation Office at 627 Palm Avenue, in addition to being available in the Revenue Office in City Hall. Passes are sold at the Palm Avenue location during the business hours of 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Department of Transportation is also adding a new route in May, called the Workforce Commute Shuttle.

As its name suggests, the shuttle will concentrate on getting commuters to and from work at peak travel hours. It will provide dedicated service at limited pick-up and drop-off locations between Big Pine Key and Old Town Key West during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

Service will begin May 1. A list of stops and the schedule will be available soon on the city's website at keywestcity.com and posted in the city buses. For more information, contact the Department of Transportation at 809-3910. □