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COMMISSION CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

This form is designed to offer information to the residents about you - the Candidate. The information will be posted on the City's website (www.cityofcocoabeach.com). Please submit complete form along with your photo to the City Clerk at the time of qualifying.

NAME: Keith Capizzi

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(Candidates may create an e-mail address to be used for the Election Campaign)

CANDIDATE FOR (Positions/Seat): Cocoa Beach City Commission seat #2

HAVE RESIDED IN THE CITY FOR (Number of Years): 30+ years

ORIGINALLY FROM: Cocoa Beach

EDUCATION: 92-96 Advanced Training Institute of America; 97-99 Brevard Community College for Machinist and Metallurgy; 2000-2002 Maritime Professional Training Academy for, 200 Ton Captain with Aux Sail, and Marine Commercial Towing; 2002 Marine Technical Institute for, Radio License; 2002 Resolve for, shipboard Firefighting; 2003 Maritime Professional Training Academy for, Able-Bodied Seaman and Marlinespike Seamanship; 2003 Star Center for, Elementary First aid, Proficiency in survival craft, Safety and social responsibilities, Unlimited Radar, 2006 Engine Room Resource Management, 2007 Upper-Level Engineering, 2010 Welding and Metallurgy, 2011 Fleet Management Software, 2012 Maritime Security, 2014 Leadership and Management, 2015 Advanced Fire Fighting and basic safety, 2019 Radar Recertification. 2020 City of Cocoa Beach Citizens Academy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: (1999-2020) 21 years as a Merchant Marine while working as an Engineer in a supervisory position; (2004-2015) 11 years as CEO of Sixty61.com, specializing in product development, distribution and marketing; (2015-present) 7 years as Owner of Capizzi Management a property management company that purchases and manages long term rentals; (2015- present) 7 years as Manager of WRRJ, 89.7fm, 93.9fm, and 101.5fm radio stations. Overseeing all aspects of marketing, programing, recording and sales.

MEMBERSHIPS and AFFILIATIONS: My father is the pastor at Club Zion Church in Cocoa Beach and currently attend a leadership course there. I also run a few Facebook pages that include Cocoa Beach Locals, Cocoa Beach Reggae Radio, Brevard Hummer Off road club, Lost and Found Cocoa Beach, and Volunteer Cocoa Beach.

WHY DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE A GOOD CANDIDATE? I'm 43 and retired, I can give the commission the time it deserves. I consider myself a problem solver, fiscally responsible and often think outside the box to find creative solutions to monetary problems. I listen to all sides of an issue before I make a final decision, if you listen you might learn something new. I have lived here my whole life and I plan to live the rest of it here.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE CITY? I love the water. I love the small town feel and that you can go just about anywhere in the city and see someone you know. I love that the Christmas decorations say Merry Christmas again. I love that we have good schools. I love that we have a personable police and fire department. I LOVE COCOA BEACH!

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE ABOUT THE CITY?

I would try to cut down on our spending, the city currently is over \$40,000,000.00 in debt and pays around \$2,000,000.00 in debt services per year. It doesn't matter how good of a deal you got on a loan, at some point it's not a good deal if you can't afford it.

I'd like to reign in the Airbnb properties by enforcing a higher registration fee and crack down on homesteaded rentals. Currently there are 1106 Airbnb/Vrbo properties, (10% of our population) with only 80 registered. No one wants a hotel in a residential neighborhood. The city could easily pick up \$1,000,000.00 a year in revenue from this alone.

I think the city could do better with Maintaining city parks, city property, and roadsides. We need more accountability for our city vendors and workers, to ensure the maintenance gets done properly.

With much of the city on the water, I see a major financial benefit if a city marina was made available. I'd like to investigate the feasibility of this, and if any government funding would be available for a project like this.

OTHER INFORMATION:

I'm a family man. Married for 16 years and have a 10-year-old daughter. I love the water and have been boating and surfing in Cocoa Beach my whole life. Growing up I was a sponsored surfer, I raced BMX and dirt bikes, I was a professional skateboarder, which is how I earned the nickname Crazy Capizzi. When I turned 17, I started carving tikis and continue this hobby today. My other hobbies include boating, off-roading, running the local Cocoa Beach radio station (WRRJ 89.7) and growing fruit in my yard.

It Would be my Honor to serve the community, God willing. I will represent this community with conviction in a manner pleasing to Him for the benefit of the resident. I will not be ashamed of my faith. I promise to do what I feel is in the best interest of the residents, I will try my best to treat others as I would like to be treated, act fairly, speak truthfully, and admit when I am wrong. I thank the Lord for blessing me. Without Him I can do nothing, and I owe Him all the credit! For more information or to get a yard sign visit, VoteKeith.com

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