

CALL TO ORDER - A Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on June 11, 2024 in the Marathon Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Hwy., Marathon, Florida, Mayor Still called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL - There were present:

Councilmember Gonzalez

Councilmember Matlock

Councilmember Smith

Vice Mayor Landry via Zoom

Mayor Still, comprising a quorum.

Also, in attendance were:

City Manager, George Garrett

City Clerk, Diane Clavier

City Attorney, Steve Williams

Planning Director, Brian Shea

Finance Director, Jennifer Johnson

Utilities Director, Dan Saus

Code Director, Ted Lozier

Marina Director, Sean Cannon

Grants Coordinator, Maria Covelli

Park and Recreation Director, Paul Davis

MCSO Station Commander, Lt. Quintero

MOTION: Gonzalez moved to allow Vice Mayor Landry to attend via Zoom

SECOND: Smith

With no objection from the members of Council, Mayor Still declared the motion approved by unanimous consent.

Approval Of Agenda And Consent Agenda

Matlock added Boat Race discussion as item 5D.

With no objection from the members of Council, Mayor Still declared the agenda approved by unanimous consent.

City Council Items

*A. Approval of Minutes

B. Juneteenth Proclamation – the Clerk read the proclamation. Mayor Still reminded everyone of the celebration service at St. Paul AMC on June 15th at 11:30 am, everyone is welcome to attend.

C. July City Council Meeting Date Change (Still) Still reported the following changes in the Council meeting dates: Workshop on June 25th for Old Town Design Standards and Sombrero Blvd., July 23rd 5:30 pm regular meeting and special call budget meeting and in August on the 27th a Council meeting. There will not be a workshop in July or August.

D. Boat Races (Councilmember Matlock) Matlock asked if the Council would agree to see if we can get the public in the pits on the airport property. Garrett commented that he would speak with the airport manager, we have done this in the past.

City Manager Report

* A. MCSO Marathon Substation Report

* B. Grants Update

* C. Public Works Report

* D. Park and Recreation Report

* E. Marathon Fire Rescue Report

* F. Marina Report

* G. Code Report

* H. Wastewater Utilities Report

* I. Building Report

* J. Approval of Marathon Rotary 4th of July Event, Including Parade, Fireworks, and Sale of Beer & Wine

* K. Approval of Fishermen’s Community Hospital Evening of Gratitude April 3rd 2025 – April 5th 2025 Permission To Use City Property And Serve Alcohol.

Garrett explained that we would have some information on the website for Sombrero Blvd. and he had also made some Facebook videos regarding Sombrero Blvd.

Citizens' comments

Diane Scott – asked the Council to do something about the Sherriff’s Department, her nephew could have died, and they did not care, they were focusing on her and she was screaming because she thought he was dead. He was tased and is in jail with \$100,000 bond for nothing. Scott claimed the employees at the Racetrack lied and the Sherriff’s officer watched him fall said her nephew was pretending and she lost her mind, her husband called 911. Scott commented that her nephew was already intoxicated, and they

were beating him. The Racetrack clerks jumped on her and her shoes and bruised her feet and they were not arrested.

Resolutions For Adoption

***A. Resolution 2024-49**, Establishing Temporary Use Permit Fees; And Providing For An Effective Date.

***B. Resolution 2024-50**, Awarding A Work Authorization For Completion Of Collection System Action Plans And Power Outage Contingency Plans For Service Areas 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 To Weiler Engineering In An Amount Not To Exceed \$499,999.00; Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into Agreements In Connection Therewith, Appropriating And Expending Budgeted Funds; And Providing For An Effective Date

***C. Resolution 2024-51**, Approving A Contract For “Liquid Sludge Hauling And Disposal Services” To Mike Haack Excavating Inc., Revinu Inc., And Synagro South LLC For A Period Of Three Years With A Possible Of A Two One Year Renewal; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Contract And Expend Budgeted Funds On Behalf Of The City; And Providing For An Effective Date.

***D. Resolution 2024-52**, Approving A Contract for Sludge Dewatering and Disposal Services To Synagro South LLC, for the period of three years with two possible one-year extensions; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Contract And Expend Budgeted Funds On Behalf Of The City; And Providing For An Effective Date.

***E. Resolution 2024-53**, Approving An Amendment To The Residential Lease Between The City and A Deputy With The MCSO, To Extend The Term Of The Lease By One Year; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Extension; And Providing For An Effective Date

Council Comments:

Williams informed the Council he had also emailed information about the Form 6 temporary injunction for the State of Florida, and they would need to file a form 1 at this point by July 1st.

Mattlock thanked everyone for the quick meeting.

Gonzalez thanked the staff and the Citizens who participated in the meeting and would see everyone on June 25th.

Smith commented that he does appreciate the efforts for the reports, thanked Staff and would see everyone on June 25th.

Landry thanked the staff and reminded everyone it is summer, and we are in hurricane season.

Still thanked the staff for all their preparations of the meetings reminded everyone to have a plan for you and your pets and to be careful and patient driving.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Still adjourned the meeting at 5:43pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the regular Council meeting of June 11, 2024

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

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Paralegal Alexandra Heller

Planning Director, Brian Shea

Code Director, Ted Lozier

Grants Coordinator, Maria Covelli

MCSO Officer

Garrett asked to add a discussion item regarding July 4th boat ramps. Mattlock asked to add a discussion regarding parking at Sombrero Beach.

Discussion regarding Updating Land Development Regulations (Chapter 105 of the Land Development Regulations)

Introduction and Overview: Shea gave a brief introduction to the goals of the workshop and the importance of updating the Design District Guidelines.

AI Tools Demonstration: Participants will learn how to use ChatGPT and Bing image creation to visualize district designs. Shea explained concerns using AI and explained staff uses grants for funding, for example the solar Grassy Key boardwalk trail. Shea informed everyone that AI using a lot of space on servers and

Group Activities: Attendees broke up into groups and worked with city staff to design their vision for different districts using the generative AI tools. For old town, midtown, airport district, uptown, gateway and Grassy Key districts.

Mayor Still called for a ten-minute break at 6:36 pm. Mayor Still called the workshop back to order at 6:48 pm.

Boat Ramp Discussion – Garrett explained his plan was to staff the ramps on July 14th, however, Islamorada will most likely be closing their ramps. Garrett explained the traffic pattern behind the airport to keep traffic flowing would be shared on social media and signage would be out. The Council discussed closing the ramps.

Bettye Chaplin – suggested putting the extra day on the November ballot. Chaplin also commented that the people who come here use our resources and water.

Mark Senmartin suggested closing the boat ramp but keeping it open for locals only.

Matlock questioned if closing the ramps to everyone, but locals would be legal. Williams responded that we cannot do this because of the terms in the State or Federal grants we received.

Still summed up the conversation and direction to keep the ramps open and look at a plan for the future, having uniform officers and try having an officer at each ramp, looking outside MCSO the day before as well. Landry suggested Key Colony Beach police could help as well.

Matlock commented he would move parking at Sombrero to another meeting.

Discussion/Presentation regarding Sombrero Blvd. Drainage Planning

Garrett gave a brief overview of the issue and explained we have had twice the rainfall this year as we did last year; this year 30 to 31 inches before the last few days, typically we have half of that. The May 19th event, which was an abnormal 100-year storm event, we had over eleven inches of rain and we got started a little late because of lightning and then we were pumping 450 gallons a minute.

Steeve Suggs, PE with Weiler Engineering provided a PowerPoint and informed everyone the May 19th even exceeded the 100-year storm event by ten times. We cannot make that amount of water go away quickly, no matter what we do. Suggs explained the proposed improvements of raising and regrading the existing roadway, pump assisted stormwater injection well, curb and gutter system, stormwater management structures (piping, inlets and catch basins), cleaning out the existing stormwater structures and installing a sidewalk with lighting. Suggs also commented on the 39th Street conditions of May 19th. Suggs provided a project timeline and informed everyone they were a little ahead of schedule, starting

construction in October at the latest and were trying to do an emergency permit with SFWMD (South Florida Water Management District).

Mayor Still called for speakers.

Diane Scott – commented that everyone was focused on Sombrero Blvd and not her church, water goes over the bean bags, and asked the staff to put cones up and not let people pass and push water into the church.

Matlock explained there are already pumps by the church, now they are getting pumps is the simple answer.

Samuel Spencer – commented that when the berm went in the water became more of an issue and the elevation of the golf course, his neighbor redid their driveway and fencing and what is being allowed to happen on a large acreage, you are constantly fighting issues you have created.

Simone Mullis – complained that she is loosing money and her staff loosing tips and wages when she has to close because of the flooding as it is too dangerous to keep open, that also means no deliveries, she knew it floods when she purchased the business, but there have been seven different rain events, she didn't want a band aid on the problem.

Robin Rivera – commented she lived near the deepest part of the flooding, and questioned how much the road would be sloped, and the lift station had so much water, they workers were ready to turn it off, who will be responsible for the losses, and you are going to funnel the water to where we live. Rivera commented that the injection well has not been serviced or maintained.

Suggs explained the wells are fine, they have been maintained, there is not enough head pressure, it is an elevation issue.

Mike Aranda Jr. questioned if Suggs was an engineer for the golf course and the City. Suggs responded yes and Weiler also does work for the Arandas. Aranda questioned how this development (golf course) has been able to move forward with no silk fence or NPDS plan. Still commented that this engineer does not have this information. Garrett commented that the berm is for the silk fence, it is on three lowest sides, they don't need a silk fence and they operate with a private provider. Aranda commented that the development agreement lists enforcement in section 1.36.

Dave Perry – commented that a lady with the State of Florida said the berm should go down Manor Lane to SkipJack. Suggs commented that the topography does not agree, everyone is entitled to their opinion. Perry commented that he wants the golf course to be held responsible.

Carl Carlson – commented that the issue is the berm, there used to be a ditch and a culvert with a t-box and a pipe, and the water ran to the lakes. Carlson asked Suggs to put the pipe back and let the water run back into the lakes. Suggs commented that he would have a discussion with the owner about doing that.

Matlock asked if when pulling a permit, you had to prove building on the lot would not affect those around you. Williams commented in other areas, lidar would be submitted with your application which shows elevation. We do not do this in Monroe County, we didn't have the technology then, what now are low lying lots, we are dealing with it on a grander scale. Suggs suggested swales, the City has been pro-active, but king tides also compound the problem. Suggs commented he would speak with the golf course owners to possibly take some of the water on their property.

Shea commented that the City and County are doing long range planning, each road will be added to the plan and resident reporting will help us and we can mark specific spots to elevate roads for sea level rise and low-lying areas. Suggs commented with the sea level rise fund resiliency grant funding of \$270 million, we plan to submit for funding, there is a fifty percent match.

Senmartin suggested in the short term someone could speak with the golf course to take some of the water. Williams explained that question was already asked, and Suggs stated he would ask the owners.

Betty Chaplin – commented that eighty-five percent of Marathon is filled, Irma was so strong it moved ten-foot boulders. In the past, you could dig a trench, now the state says you cannot do this. Chaplin suggested digging a trench, though in the past we were fined \$10,000 by the state.

Council Comments:

All the Councilmembers thanked the participants, the staff and wished everyone a happy Fourth of July.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Still adjourned the workshop at 8:35pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the Council workshop of June 25, 2024

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

Date