COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



Meeting Date:July 9, 2024To:Honorable Mayor & Members of the City CouncilFrom:Daniel Saus, Utilities DirectorThrough:George Garrett, City Manager

Agenda Item: **Resolution 2024-56**, Approving A Refund of wastewater charges to Republic of Marathon LLC. In The Amount Of \$281,791.80 For Mistaken Wastewater Base Charges; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Amendment And Expend Budgeted Funds On Behalf Of The City; And Providing For An Effective Date

### BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION:

The Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority collects and invoices all Wastewater O&M Services for the City of Marathon wastewater accounts.

It was recently brought to our attention, by FKAA, that the 4 meters onsite at this location were being overcharged WW O&M charges. An overcharge of \$281,791.80 was collected by FKAA and paid to the City over the last 12 years. A refund of the overcharges was requested by the customer. Our liability in this requires us to provide a full refund in the amount of \$281,791.80.

Since this was discovered, the accounts were immediately corrected for billing purposes.

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:	Yes	No
1. Comprehensive Plan		
2. Other – 2010 Sewer Mandate		
3. Not applicable		

### FISCAL NOTE:

This refund will be deducted from the FY24 wastewater service charges.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of Resolution

### CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA RESOLUTION 2024-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, APPROVING A REFUND OF WASTEWATER CHARGES TO MARATHON RESORT LLC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$281,791.80; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT AND EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon (the "City") and the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (the "FKAA") entered into an interlocal agreement whereby the FKAA collected and invoices all Wastewater Operation & Maintenance charges for the City Wastewater accounts; and

**WHEREAS,** the FKAA discovered 4 meters at this location were overcharged for wastewater charges in the amount of \$281,791.80, of which, the city is legally obligated to refund \$281,791.80.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

**Section 2**. The City Council hereby approves the refund to the customer to be given by the City of Marathon.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

# PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY, 2024

#### THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

**Robyn Still, Mayor** 

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

### ATTEST:

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

# APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:

Steve Williams, City Attorney