

City of Marathon
City Council Action Minutes
January 14, 2025, 5:30 pm City Council Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER - A Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on January 14, 2025 in the Marathon Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Hwy., Marathon, Florida, Mayor Landry called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL - There were present:

Councilmember Del Gaizo

Councilmember Matlock

Councilmember Still

Vice Mayor Smith

Mayor Landry, comprising a quorum.

Also, in attendance were:

City Manager, George Garrett

City Clerk, Diane Clavier

City Attorney, Steve Williams

Finance Director, Jennifer Johnson

Deputy City Manager, Brian Bradley

Planning Director, Brian Shea

Utilities Director, Dan Saus

Building Official Gerard Roussin

Public Works Director Carlos Solis

Fire Chief James Muro

Code Director, Ted Lozier

Marina Director, Sean Cannon

Grants Coordinator, Maria Covelli

Approval Of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Landry wished everyone Happy New Year and added a Martin Luther King Day Proclamation as Item A1. Garrett informed everyone he needed head nods to accept three vehicles from the Sherriff's

office. The Council gave their approval. Matlock added swales discussion on Sombrero Beach Road as item G.

MOTION: Smith moved to approve the agenda as amended.

SECOND: Still

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

The clerk read the proclamation and Rev. White accepted the proclamation and thanked the Council.

City Council Items

***A.** Approval of Minutes

B. Recognition of Weightlifting Gold for Cindy Augustin & Alexander Chavala – Mike Puto introduced the student athletes and coaches and explained the Sinclair Calculator (a performance comparison calculator). The calculator allows a fair comparison for athletes in the same weight class but with different actual body weights. Based on the calculator, both athletes were placed in weight classes nearly double their actual weight. Without the Sinclair calculator totals, Alex was first in his class regardless and Cindy was in third place, but the calculator placed in first place.

Mayor Landry introduced Leah Stockton with United Way and thanked them for the donations.

Leah Stockton with United Way for Collier and Monroe County explained the donations for both the splash pad (\$500,000) and skate park (\$75,000) and that she was looking forward to working with the staff.

C. Captain Joe Forcine Recognition of 20 years of Service and 10 Years of Service for Firefighter/PMD/Lead Cadet Coordinator Christopher Cameron – Chief Muro introduced Chris Cameron and Captain Forcine and gave their background with the City, and explained they were both exceptional employees.

***D.** Mayor Landry Planning Commission Appointment of Hiram Machado

E. ENS Discussion – Park Camera System and Contract Review (Mayor Landry) – Landry informed everyone that the cameras at the beach are now working, but he would like to ask that Brian Bradley, the new Deputy City Manager review the contract and asked for head nods from the Council, which Council agreed to.

F. 109th Street Discussion (Mayor Landry) Landry commented on the large amount of money to put in the kayak launch and questioned if the City has \$250,000 to spend this year. Shea explained that this could be part of the master plan to get public input to find out what the neighborhood wants. Landry commented he would like pocket parks with access to water. Matlock commented that he would like to have public input, he does not want vacation rental party central. DelGaizo suggested a small project first and have each property owner own a part of the property and understands the concerns. Smith commented that we gave up the right of way on 109th street and committed to giving them a kayak launch, he does not want to punish the locals. Still agreed, we did make a commitment to them, we need to apply for grants and move forward with a kayak launch.

G. Swales on Sombrero Beach Road (Matlock) – Matlock explained with the flooding, it seems people cannot stay off the bike path and suggested grass and or hedges be planted as it will absorb more than the rocks. Garrett commented that he wants to have vegetation put in the center of the swales and will take care of this.

City Manager Report

- * **A.** MCSO Marathon Substation Report
- * **B.** Grants Update
- * **C.** Public Works Report
- * **D.** Building Report
- * **E.** Marathon Fire Rescue Report
- * **F.** Marina Report
- * **G.** Code Report
- * **H.** Wastewater Utilities Report

I. March Meeting Date Change Due to Florida Keys Days – Garrett explained Florida Keys Days begins on the 13th of March and suggested having a meeting when everyone returns and suggested the workshop be a regular meeting on the 25th of March. Still agreed, we could then discuss what was accomplished. The Council gave a head nod to hold the regular meeting on March 25th and cancel the March 11th meeting date.

J. Future Workshop Topics for 2025 Discussion – Garrett asked the Council to send a list of topics to him. Shea informed everyone the next workshop would be to discuss recommendations for transportation priority projects for the Florida Department of Transportation five-year work plan.

K. FDOT Beautification Grant Award Acceptance – Shea informed everyone we have received \$112,000 for tree planting on US1 and needs head nods for acceptance. Matlock questioned if the plantings had to be in front of the airport. Del Gaizo questioned if we could have colorful plants.

Ordinances For Final Public Hearing and Enactment

A. Ordinance 2024-11, Amending The City’s Comprehensive Plan, Amending Objective 1-4.1 “Provide Workforce-Affordable Housing Building Permit Allocations”; Providing For Severability; Providing For The Repeal Of Conflicting Provisions; Providing For The Transmittal Of This Ordinance To Florida Commerce; And Providing For An Effective Date Upon The Approval Of This Ordinance By Florida Commerce.

B. Ordinance 2024-12, Amending Chapter 107, Article 1 “Building Permit Allocation System” By Amending Section 107.04 “Establishment Of Allocation Pools” To Remove The Cumulative Limit; Providing For The Repeal Of All Ordinances Or Parts Thereof Found To Be In Conflict; Providing For Severability; Providing For The Transmittal Of This Ordinance To Florida Commerce After Final Adoption By The City Council; Providing For Inclusion In The Code Of Ordinances And Providing For An Effective Date.

Shea explained the request to amend City of Marathon Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations in order to recognize that the City of Marathon may allow any of the 1,300 early evacuation affordable units to be used within the City of Marathon, should any come available from

other jurisdictions the changes are made clear as strikethrough and underlines in the ordinances. and there have been no changes since first reading. Smith commented that there was a scrivener error on the staff report.

MOTION: Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2024-11
SECOND: Still

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Smith, Still, Matlock, Del Gaizo, Landry
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Vote on the Motion: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain

MOTION: Still moved to approve Ordinance 2024-12
SECOND: Smith

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Still, Smith, Matlock, Del Gaizo, Landry
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Vote on the Motion: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain

Resolutions For Adoption

***A Resolution 2025-01,** Approval of a Project specific Agreement for Service Area 7 WWTP FDEP Permit Renewal in the amount of \$45,000.00 for Weiler Engineering Corporation; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Change Orders And Expend Budgeted Funds On Behalf Of The City; And Providing For An Effective Date.

***B. Resolution 2025-02,** Awarding Project Specific Agreement For The Construction Phase Inspection Services For The Sombrero Boulevard Drainage Improvement Project To Weiler Engineering Corporation.; Approving A Not To Exceed Amount Of \$332,200.00; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Contract And Expend Budgeted Funds On Behalf Of The City; And Providing For An Effective Date. This Work May Qualify For Reimbursement Through A Grant.

***C. Resolution 2025-03,** Ratifying A Modification To Resolution 2024-07 And Ratifying A Letter Agreement Between The City Of Marathon And Floridian Holdings, LLC; Said Actions Intended To Document The Financial Responsibilities For Funding The Project Under Department of Commerce Grant Job Growth Grant Agreement G0106; And Providing For An Effective Date.

***D. Resolution 2025-04,** Approving And Accepting A Monetary Donation Agreement With United Way Of Collier And The Keys For The Design And Construction Of A Splash Pad; And Providing An Effective Date.

***E. Resolution 2025-05,** Approving And Accepting A Monetary Donation Agreement With United Way Of Collier And The Keys For The Design And Construction Of A Skate Park; And Providing An Effective Date.

***F. Resolution 2025-06,** Approving A Project Specific Agreement With Stantec Consulting Services' Inc., The Selected Contractor Under Resolution 2024-103 For A City Of Marathon Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Agreement; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Citizens' Comments:

Diane Scott – commented that she says the same thing at every meeting that the MCSO does not do their job.

Council Comments:

Del Gaizo welcomed Brian Bradley, the new Deputy City Manager, and thanked the staff. DelGaizo mentioned as we watch what is going on in California with the fires, remember to be kind, you do not know what people are going through. DelGaizo reminded everyone to enjoy the life we have in Marathon.

Matlock welcomed the new Deputy City Manager, Brian Bradley.

Still welcomed Brian Bradley and thanked the staff as well as United Way for investing in our community. Still thanked the Sherriff's office for keeping us safe and thanked Marathon Fire Rescue for their service.

Smith also welcomed Brian Bradley and thanked United Way for their contributions to our community. Smith also thanked Joe Forcine and Christopher Cameron for their service and mentioned he would like to workshop important topics. Smith also thanked Shea and Covelli.

Landry thanked the United Way, Forcine and Cameron and mentioned that the Celtic Festival was a great event. Landry recounted how he was touched by the Wounded Warriors, especially a person who goes by Angel, who had a self-inflicted gunshot wound at seven years old and has come full circle serving our country and coming back to the keys.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Landry adjourned the meeting at 6:26 pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the regular Council meeting of January 14, 2025.

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Diane Clavier
Diane Clavier, City Clerk

2-12-2025
Date