City of Marathon City Council Action Minutes January 28, 2025 5:30 pm City Council Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER - A Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on January 28, 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 Attorney, Steve Williams

Planning Director, Brian Shea

Finance Director, Jennifer Johnson

Deputy City Clerk, Hillary Palmer

Shea provided a presentation and explained the completed projects and outlined the list of priority projects from Florida Department of Transportation and asked Council to provide input on the projects.

The council provided their input on various high traffic and turn around areas throughout town such as 53rd & 11th Street areas. They spoke about bike path concerns, traffic signals, signage and public transportation.

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Staff discussion.

20th Street Update

City Attorney Steve Williams provided notice that a lawsuit has been filed against the City in connection with the 20th Street homeless population camp and further explained that although the lawsuit had not been served at the time of the meeting, the City's position was clear in that the Florida Department of Transportation was the accurate property owner. Mr. Williams read an email into the record from the Plaintiff and stated the City has no responsibility in the matter.

Council Discussion.

Citizen Comments

Debra Struyf suggested a traffic light on Aviation Boulevard and expressed discontent with the 20th Street homeless population.

Lorenzo Chiangu supported more public bathrooms and expressed discontent with the 20th Street homeless population.

City Council Comments

Matlock spoke about the homeless population on 20th Street.

Landry requested a traffic light study to be performed at the light on Coco Plum Drive.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Landry adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the regular Council meeting of January 28, 2025.

Helaus Palmer, Deputy Clerk

3/28/25 Date