

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.

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.

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

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.

Hillary Palmer, Deputy Clerk

Date

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CALL TO ORDER - A Special Call Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on February 25, 2025, in the Marathon Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Hwy., Marathon, Florida, Mayor Landry called the meeting to order at 5:33 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

Public Works Director Carlos Solis

Building Official, Gerard Roussin

Fire Chief James Muro

Code Director, Ted Lozier

Approval Of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Mayor Landry added item C under City Council items as PIO (Public Information Officer) Discussion.

MOTION: Smith moved to approve the agenda as amended.

SECOND: Still

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

City Council Items

***A. Approval of Minutes**

B. Discussion Regarding Proposed Speed Radar Signs – Solis spoke regarding potential locations and his recommendations for the speed radar signs. Still suggested speaking with the sheriff's office and to consider the areas where there are issues. Solis explained the mobile signs capture data such as how many speeders and when. The Council commented that Harbor Drive was the issue when this was first brought up and wanted the focus to be on the neighborhoods. Solis informed the Council he would purchase four more signs to spread out in the neighborhoods.

Glen Courter, Avenue D explained that two hundred more drivers have been added to the Coco Plum area with the new apartments and the curve was extremely dangerous due to speeding cars and traffic.

C. Public Information Officer Discussion (Landry) – Landry explained we desperately need a PIO position and to be more transparent. Landry suggested a possible short-term contract until Sara Mathis is able to return. Still agreed something needed to be done and questioned if anyone had spoken with Mathis. Garrett informed everyone he has spoken with her and has reached out to a few people regarding the position and is currently defining the position, some staff are still getting a consistent message and the facts out in the meantime. Still asked that a person be hired who is trained to be a PIO as a career. Smith commented that the council ran on transparency, and we need to talk to Sara Mathis as it is important to have a professional. Still commented that it would be nice to see more people at the Council meeting. DelGaizo commented that she has the same attendance issues on her real estate board, people watch online and there is a decrease in her 600-member attendance. Landry commented that Bradley has a great handle on this and a contract would be the way to go at this time.

Ordinances for Final Public Hearing

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.

Garrett informed everyone there were no changes to the ordinances.

Mayor Landry called for public comments, hearing none; closed the public hearing.

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: Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2024-12
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

C. **Ordinance 2025-01**, Creating Section 18-126, Under Chapter 18, Article III Of The City Code Of Ordinances, To Be Titled “Trespass Warnings; Authorization To Issue Trespass Warning For Public Property; And Appeal Process.”; Authorizing The Enforcement Of Trespass Offenses On City Property; Providing For An Appeal Process; Providing For The Repeal Of All Ordinances Or Parts Thereof Found To Be In Conflict; Providing For Severability; And Providing An Effective Date.

Williams informed everyone there were no changes to the Ordinance.

MOTION: Matlock moved to approve Ordinance 2025-01
SECOND: Smith

Vote of the Motion:

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Landry adjourned the meeting at 6:23 pm with unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the Special Call City Council meeting of February 25, 2025.

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

Date

