

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2005-108**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A LAND ACQUISITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO GIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING THE IDENTIFICATION AND PRIORITIZATION OF PROPOSED LAND USE PURCHASES WITHIN THE CITY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND FOR CONSERVATION AND PROGRAMS TO RETIRE EXISTING DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Land Authority (the "Land Authority") and State and Federal agencies (the "Agencies") are empowered with the authority to acquire parcels of land throughout the City of Marathon for conservation, preservation and affordable housing purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to make informed recommendations to the Land Authority and other Agencies concerning acquisition of such lands within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's Comprehensive Plan requires the development and implementation of various programs to acquire environmentally sensitive properties and retire such development rights and to enhance and preserve the inventory of affordable housing.

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 of Marathon hereby establishes the Land Acquisition Advisory Committee (LACC) to make reports and recommendations to the City Council concerning the identification and prioritization of land acquisitions within the City of Marathon by the Land Authority or other Agencies and to carry out those responsibilities specified in the applicable policies of the Comprehensive Plan related to land acquisition.

Section 3. The LACC shall be comprised of five (5) members appointed by the City Council. The term of each member of the Committee shall coincide with the term of the councilmember making the appointment. All committee members must be residents of the City of Marathon. Each councilmember shall appoint one (1) person from a list of applicants. The LACC shall elect a chairperson at the first meeting and thereafter, at the first meeting held after May 1 of each year.

Section 4. Meetings of the LACC shall be held on a monthly basis and at the call of the chairperson. A majority of the LACC shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of a majority of those members present shall be required to take official action. On a quarterly basis, the LACC shall prepare a report containing its activities and recommendations to the City Council.

Section 5. At all meetings of the LACC, at least one City staff member will be present to provide information and input regarding land acquisition and the retirement of development rights and to record the minutes of the meeting.

Section 6. The purpose and goals of the LACC shall be:

1. To provide a public forum in which to research, analyze and discuss ideas and strategies regarding land acquisition issues and to convey those ideas and strategies to the City Council.
2. To make recommendations to the City Council regarding land acquisition issues, including recommending strategies pertaining to land acquisition and conservation to carry out the Goals and Objectives of the City's Comprehensive Plan.
3. To recommend the best means for land acquisition and conservation including retiring of development rights from the vacant lands within the City, while protecting private property rights.
4. To recommend the best means for land acquisition for the development of affordable housing.
5. To build working relationships with the Monroe County Land Authority and other public land acquisition agencies, committees, and organizations.

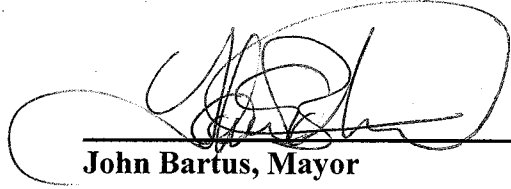
Section 7. The duties and responsibilities of the LACC shall be:

1. Pursuant to Policy 4-1.2.14 of the City Comprehensive Plan and in conjunction with City staff, the Land Authority, DCA and other Agencies develop a Land Acquisition Selection System. This system shall include criteria to rank environmentally sensitive land for acquisition.
2. To maintain, update and amend an acquisition priority list consistent with the Acquisition Selection System.
3. To help create and maintain an inventory of all properties in the City.
4. To identify potential funding sources for land acquisitions and conservation and assist, as needed, in the preparation of grants for land acquisition and conservation by the City or other agencies and organizations.
5. To identify potential funding sources and other agencies, organizations, and committees to assist with the land acquisition for affordable housing.
6. To assign a member of the LAAC to attend and report on the Monroe County Land Authority meetings.

Section 8. This Resolution shall be come effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida, this 9th day of August, 2005.


THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



John Bartus, Mayor

AYES: Bull, Mearns, Miller, Pinkus, Bartus
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

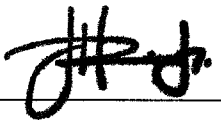
ATTEST:



Cindy L. Ecklund
City Clerk

(City Seal)

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



City Attorney