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**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2009-34**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, REVISING RESOLUTION 2005-108 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE LAND ACQUISITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; MODIFYING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Marathon (the “City”) established the Land Acquisition Advisory Committee by Resolution 2005-108 prescribing appointment, terms of office, and broad responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, City staff has identified the need to make general revisions to the operating charter of the Land Acquisition Advisory Committee;

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 established the Land Acquisition Advisory Committee (“LAAC”) by Resolution 2005-108 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 LAAC 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 LAAC shall elect a chairperson at the first meeting and thereafter, at the first meeting held after a new City Council member has been elected and sworn.

Section 4. Meetings of the LAAC shall be held on a monthly basis or as otherwise may be determined by the chairperson. A majority of the LAAC shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of a majority of those members present shall be required to take official action. On a regular basis, the LAAC shall prepare a report containing its activities and recommendations to the Director of Planning.

Section 5. At all meetings of the LAAC, 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 LAAC 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 LAAC 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 representative from the City of Marathon to attend and report to LAAC 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 10th day of March, 2009.


THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



Mike Cinque, Mayor

AYES: Vasil, Snead, Ramsay, Worthington, Cinque
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

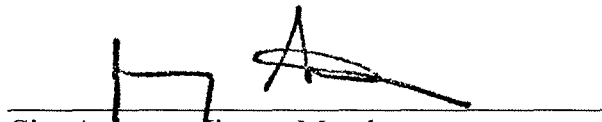
ATTEST:



Diane Clavier
City Clerk

(City Seal)

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



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