

CALL TO ORDER - A Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on December 11, 2018 in the Marathon Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Hwy., Marathon, Florida, Mayor Bartus called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL - There were present:

Vice Mayor Steven Cook

Councilmember Luis Gonzalez

Councilmember Mark Senmartin

Councilmember Dr. Daniel Zieg

Mayor John Bartus, comprising a quorum

Also in attendance were:

City Manager, Chuck Lindsey

City Attorney, David Migut

City Clerk, Diane Clavier

Finance Director Jennifer Johnson

Planning Director/Deputy City Manager George Garrett

Growth Management Director, Doug Lewis

Public Works Director, Carlos Solis

Marina Director, Sean Cannon

Parks and Recreation Director, Jimmy Schmidt

Fire Chief, John Johnson

Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Sherriff Ramsay and Captain Hiller

Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Mayor Bartus added Everglades Foundation Event Discussion as item 5F and Building Department Vision Discussion as item 5G under City Council items. Senmartin added Condition of Soccer Field Discussion as item 5H under City Council items and removed Resolution 2018-121 from the consent agenda.

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve the agenda as amended.

SECOND: Cook

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

City Council Items

*** Approval of Minutes**

Shriner Paper Drive February 16th at 107th & 109th Streets (Councilmember Senmartin) – Senmartin explained this fundraising event was for a good cause and wanted to make sure the Council was okay with it.

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve the paper drive

SECOND: Cook

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

American Flood Coalition Discussion (Mayor Bartus) Bartus explained that this has to do with the threat of climate change that affects sea levels, etc. Bartus explained the City was invited to join the coalition by Jim Cason, the former Mayor of Coral Gables. Bartus informed everyone the coalition was comprised of a group of community leaders to get the federal government to pay attention to and provide coastal cities with necessary policy changes, funds and incentives to address flooding and sea level rise. There is no cost to join and no legal obligation. Bartus informed everyone of their website, floodcoalition.org Bartus asked that Marathon join in this effort. Council gave a head nod to bring back a resolution to the next meeting.

Christmas Eve Discussion (Councilmember Zieg) – Zieg explained that previous tradition was the volunteer firefighters had used the old ladder truck on Christmas eve to bring Santa and children around the City of Marathon. Unfortunately, Hurricane Irma brought an early end to that tradition. Zieg suggested that a few volunteer firefighters and deputies throw candy to children with a quick pass behind the airport, similar to Halloween but on Christmas eve for those who cannot see Santa on the 22nd of December. Zieg explained the suggested quick pass with no stops between 7 and 730 pm on Christmas eve from the fire station to 107th Street behind the airport neighborhood and back to US1 from Aviation Blvd. Gonzalez questioned why there was a sudden change last year to this community event. Lindsey explained that

volunteers went to where they wanted to go, but did not cover the entire City. Then volunteers and some on duty personnel covered the entire City in one night from Grassy Key to the Seven Mile Bridge. In 2015 was the last time this was completed. There was no control over how long they stayed on the truck, in 2015 we required lap belts, and in 2016 the volunteers also did a route. On Saturday the 22nd we will do the entire route of the City using on duty crews. The volunteers still have their vehicle, however it was flooded from Irma. Gonzalez asked for more stops on Christmas Eve. Zieg suggested looking into this for next year as we don't have the time to make this work this year for the entire route. Senmartin stated he liked the Christmas Eve event, and was not in agreement with just behind the airport on Christmas Eve. Chief Johnson explained that in 2015 was the last time we had completed the City with both volunteers and paid duty crew. The truck was rated for 40 people and had many more on it, and we were fortunate that there were no injuries. There was no control over how long people stayed on the truck or who was even on the truck at different stops. Last year we had a tremendous turnout. The old ladder was given back to the volunteers at their request. This year, we will be using on duty crews. The half hour might be okay, but if we made stops throughout the City, they don't complete the route sometimes in the past until midnight and if they have to go to a call, they will need to leave the route. Gonzalez stated one resort was added in addition to the Holiday Inn. Johnson also mentioned that we borrow the sled from Islamorada. Senmartin stated he liked when we did this on Christmas Eve, but he was not in agreement with just behind the airport. Senmartin suggested that next year we put out a qualified volunteer sign up sheet for Christmas Eve. Cook thanked Chief for volunteering to do this and was in favor of doing the route the Saturday before Christmas.

Mayor Bartus called for speakers

Karen Farley Wilkinson – spoke for keeping the Christmas Eve tradition.

Lindsey clarified that the volunteers could choose where they want to go. If we use paid firefighters, we need to be everywhere in the City.

John Grouten – spoke for keeping the tradition of Christmas Eve

Gerald Roussin – spoke for keeping the Christmas Eve tradition.

Vickie Tashijan – spoke for keeping the Christmas Eve tradition.

MOTION: Gonzalez moved to have the Santa event on the 24th of December.

SECOND: Zieg

Bartus stated his preference would be to keep this on the 24th as tradition. Bartus questioned the Chief if it would be a hardship to do this on the 24th instead of the 22nd. Chief Johnson responded explaining he would have to request to use the sled from Islamorada and it would be a smaller parade since he did not have the personnel. Zieg suggested just a quick pass on the 24th. Gonzalez stated then they would be doing the event twice. Chief explained the quick pass would be an hour and the entire City would be approximately eight hours. Chief also

explained the person who drives the truck would also be responsible for fighting any potential fires as he does not have extra units.

Zieg amended his second. Gonzalez did not agree to the amendment. Zieg withdrew his second. No one else seconded the motion; motion died.

MOTION: Zieg moved to go with the plans outlined by the Chief and on the 24th, a small parade by on duty this year and next year work on having the event on the 24th.

SECOND: Cook

Senmartin clarified what would happen on the 24th and Senmartin wanted the quick 24th through the whole town. Cook suggested Winn Dixie parking lot on the 24th. Zieg commented that it would be reasonable to do this instead of the area behind the airport. Zieg amended his motion to go to Winn Dixie parking lot on the 24th and not behind the airport. Cook amended his second.

The Council recommended that the manager work to have this event on the 24th in the future throughout the City. Lindsey promised to figure out a way to hold the event on the 24th in the next year, but because of logistics could not pull this off this year.

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Zieg, Cook, Senmartin, Gonzalez, Bartus

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

Lindsey also recognized the MSCO and FHP that also assisted with the event.

Bartus acknowledged Sherriff Ramsay.

Community Announcements - the announcements were read. Zieg informed everyone the County would be closed on the 24th and 31st in addition to the days listed and questioned if the manager would consider letting the employees leave early those days. Lindsey informed everyone Governor Scott closed state offices on the 24th and 31st and recommended giving those days off to City staff. Senmartin informed everyone of the December 15th BBQ fundraiser for Samantha Scholfield at the American Legion. Bartus informed everyone not to miss the San Pablo prayer garden holiday light display.

Everglades Foundation Conference (Mayor Bartus) – Bartus informed everyone the conference would be held January 10-12 and asked the Council for permission to represent the City at the Conference. The Council gave head nods.

Building Department Vision Discussion (Mayor Bartus) – Bartus commented that the building department has been overwhelmed since Irma and they have been working hard. Recently, he received criticism. Contractors and residents are frustrated. Bartus explained that he would like

the City to do what they could when there is room for interpretation on the side of the taxpayer in the Florida Building Code and would like to timely issue permits and treat everyone the same. Cook stated he was not sure where the line was on being lenient or hard, there is a line legally and there are many rules that direct us, and he believes everyone is doing their part on getting things done correctly. Senmartin questioned where we were going with this and asked that everyone be treated the same. Bartus explained he wanted to make sure the people who have reached out to him knows that the Council is hearing them and changes are coming that will address these issues. Senmartin stated he spoke with a resident the other day that complained his permit was taking 8 months already, and Senmartin explained how to look it up on the City's website, and the permit was issued in June. The contractor did not express it to him or did not follow up; it is not always a city issue. Doug Lewis informed everyone permit tech and inspector ads were running, and we are speaking with the MT Causley contractor to lend us personnel to catch up the permit techs. The goal is by the end of January to be caught up. January 1st to go back to full, regular hours. We look at the code to protect all citizens. We do not want to damage our insurance rating, and don't want to allow things to be built that should not. Lewis was also looking at hiring a consultant firm for appraisals.

Conditions of Soccer Field (Councilmember Senmartin) – Senmartin explained the soccer coach had issues with the field after Hurricane Irma and felt the field was too dangerous for the children to play on, and the children are now playing at Marathon High School. Lindsey reported that there were millions of dollars of damages and so the City had to get creative since we have not seen any reimbursement funding; some County's have had to file bankruptcy. Lindsey explained we have had to prioritize what is most important, and the State promised to take care of the canals and then could not, the next two projects were the beach and the park, which came to a halt without reimbursement. The beach will be primarily done by July 4th. In the Park, there are only certain times to plant grass, and this will be done after the seafood festival. By the end of May we should be using the field again for soccer.

Citizens' Comments:

Karen Farley Wilkinsen – asked the Council to pressure the State to fix all of the street lights on US1 as in many places it is dark.

Sherriff Ramsay explained he had been in contact with FDOT and they do not have any funding, and are talking about 2019 or 2020 to fix all of the street lights.

Diane Scott – spoke against the Sherriff's Department and State Attorney's office.

City Manager Report

Building/Code Department Report – Lewis gave an overview of his written report and informed everyone the Code Magistrate was working really well. Code is working in segments, currently unsafe structures. Next staff will be working on categories, next category will be US1 and staff are still responding to other code complaints.

Monroe County Sheriff's Substation Report - Captain Hiller explained that there was a homicide in November and within twenty four hours with all hands on deck an arrest was made Thanksgiving day. Bartus thanked the Sherriff's office for all of their community involvement.

Public Works Report – Solis gave status updates on several projects including Aviation Blvd. Bike Trail explaining he was coordinating with the Aviation Blvd. and US1 road project consultants. Senmartin informed Solis of a stop sign that was down in Grassy Key and asked for the status of the street signs.

Quasi-Judicial Public Hearings

Resolution 2016-116 - Approving The Request For A Conditional Use Permit, For Gem Homes LLC, Pursuant To Chapter 102, Article 13 Of The City Of Marathon Land Development Regulations ("The Code") Entitled "Conditional Use Permits" With Proposed Densities Of Approximately 15 Affordable Housing Units Per Acre; Located At 250 Gulf Terrace; Which Is Legally Described As Part Of Lot 2 & Lots 8, 9 & Part Of Lots 7 & 10, Schmitt Subdivision, Section 2, Township 66, Range 32, Key Vaccas, Marathon, Monroe County, Florida; Having Real Estate Numbers 00101340-000000 And 00101340-000200, Nearest Mile Marker 51; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Resolution 2018-117, Approving The Request For A Development Agreement, For Gem Homes LLC, Pursuant To Chapter 102, Article 8 Of The City Of Marathon Land Development Regulations ("The Code") Entitled "Development Agreement" With Proposed Densities Of Approximately 15 Affordable Housing Units Per Acre; Located At 250 Gulf Terrace; Which Is Legally Described As Part Of Lot 2 & Lots 8, 9 & Part Of Lots 7 & 10, Schmitt Subdivision, Section 2, Township 66, Range 32, Key Vaccas, Marathon, Monroe County, Florida; Having Real Estate Numbers as Stated in the Resolution, Nearest Mile Marker 51; And Providing For An Effective Date

Clavier swore in speakers.

Council stated they had no exparte communications since the last meeting.

Garrett gave an overview of the project which consisted of 9 affordable and 6 market rate units and outlined the conditions for approval.

James Barnhill – spoke against the development project explaining there was too much density and the intersection had a history of tragic accidents.

Richard McChesney with Spottswood, Spottswood, Spottswood and Sterling PLLC explained there were many traffic studies and have come up with a plan. McChesney informed everyone they will contribute 10% or up to \$70,000 as part of our fair share.

Zieg asked Sherriff Ramsay if he had a good idea of the time frame when the intersection would match the drawings presented. Ramsay explained the contractor was already hired and final design plan was to be completed May 6th and work was to being in June.

MOTION: Cook moved to approve Resolution 2016-116 based upon the testimony and evidence provided.

SECOND: Zieg

Senmartin stated that access to US1 was the biggest issue and the change in the road was the only reason he agrees to move forward. Bartus also thanked the Sherriff for moving the project along.

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Cook, Zieg, Senmartin, Gonzalez, Bartus

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

MOTION: Cook moved to approve Resolution 2016-117 based upon the testimony and evidence provided.

SECOND: Zieg

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Cook, Zieg, Senmartin, Gonzalez, Bartus

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

Consideration Of A Request By Holiday Inn Express & Suites For A Time Extension For Approvals Granted Pursuant To Resolutions 2014-105 And 2015-37 Pertaining To The Granting Of Twenty-Five (25) Transient Residential Units (TRUs) For A Project Approved By The City To Expand The Holiday Inn Express & Suites By A Total Of Twenty-Seven (27) Hotel Units Approved Pursuant To Resolutions 2014-61 And 2014-62 For A Conditional Use Permit And A Development Agreement Respectively; Providing That Said Conditional Use Permit And Development Agreement Were Approved For Time Extensions Pursuant To Resolutions 2017-47 And 2018-65; Providing That The Approval Of This Resolution Makes The Approved Times Frames For The Conditional Use Permit, Development Agreement And The Allocation Of Transient Residential Units (TRUs) Concurrent; Providing That Said Extension Request Is Issued For Property Which Is Legally Described As Part Of Government Lot 2, Fat Deer Key, Monroe County, Florida, Having Real Estate Numbers As Stated In The Resolution.

Clavier swore in speakers. Council stated they had no exparte communications. Garret explained the item and that the project would be completed within two years. Zieg questioned if the units would come back if not completed. Senmartin questioned if this was an

enforceable deal for the time. Garrett explained that until we issue the permit, the units are ours.

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve the extension
SECOND: Cook

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Zieg, Cook, Senmartin, Gonzalez, Bartus
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

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

Resolution 2018-118, Consideration Of A Variance Request By Sapodilla Holdings, LLC, To Allow For A Reduction In North And South Setbacks; Pursuant To Chapter 102, Article 20, Section 102.115, "Review And Approval Procedures", For The Property Located At 7200 Aviation Boulevard, Legally Described As Part Of The Master Plat Of North Marathon Shores, Key Vaccas, Government Lot 1 Section 2 Government Lot 2 And Parts Of Government Lot 3 And The Southwest Quarter Of Section 1 Township 66 Range 32 E And Lots 18 Through 22 Schmitt Subdivision Key Vaca And Part Of Abandoned Aviation Boulevard, Having Real Estate Numbers as Stated in the Resolution

Consideration Of A Request By Sapodilla Holdings, LLC, For A Conditional Use Permit And Development Agreement Pursuant To Chapter 102, Articles 13 And 8 Of The City Of Marathon Land Development Regulations Entitled "Conditional Use Permits" And "Development Agreement" Respectively For The Redevelopment Of The Property Located At 7200 Aviation Boulevard As A Marina And RV Resort With 25 Spaces, Legally Described As, Part Of The Master Plat Of North Marathon Shores, Key Vaccas, Government Lot 1 Section 2 Government Lot 2 And Parts Of Government Lot 3 And The Southwest Quarter Of Section 1 Township 66 Range 32 E And Lots 18 Through 22 Schmitt Subdivision Key Vaca And Part Of Abandoned Aviation Boulevard, Having Real Estate Numbers As Stated in the Resolution, Providing For The Conditions And Requirements Of Development, Including, But Not Limited To Buffers, Building Heights, Setbacks, And Other Requirements.

Clavier swore in speakers. Cook, Gonzalez, Senmartin and Bartus stated they had exparte communications but that it would not affect their vote. Zieg stated he did not have exparte communications.

Garrett explained the variance proposal and conditional use and development agreement and informed everyone the recreational vehicles would have to leave during a storm.

Bill McCain, agent for the owner gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding traffic flow, low density and water runoff.

Zieg commented that on the airport map, part of the property is owned by the County, and

recalled that there was an issue with the right of way abandonment that the County owned it and the City could not give it away. Zieg questioned if we should resolve the issue before moving forward. Garrett explained the property appraiser maps show the abandoned piece as Rhyne's property, but he did recall there was an issue that would need to be resolved.

Jim Rhyne, owner of the property stated that at no time in more than ten years has the county or airport claimed the property.

Senmartin explained he had concerns regarding a berm versus a swale for stormwater and noise concerns and asked if generators could be prohibited. Senmartin asked that traffic be directional down Aviation to 107th Street with an obstruction that prevents a right turn. Senmartin also asked for a vegetation buffer along the canal to be double. Bill McCain explained there would be a swale and they would prohibit generators and he had no objection to directional traffic. Cook explained the seven houses directly across from the canal may have issues with lighting and asked if a fence inside the buffer to reduce the light could be a condition as well. Bartus asked that the transient units be added as a condition to move every 188 days. Senmartin reiterated no permanent structures.

Public Comment

Betsy Philipps – spoke against the resolution due to outstanding code violations.

Bartus called for a five minute break due to the power outage to make sure we were broadcasting and everything was back online.

Bartus called the meeting back to order at 8:04 pm.

Betsy Philipps continued her comments regarding the code violations and suggested a wall as an additional buffer.

Norman Philipps – presented a PowerPoint presentation and spoke of the code violations and 36 inches of fill with no permits.

Bettie Goodloe explained the owner has ignored rules and regulations and has not been responsible and has been in violation of the code.

James Rhyne explained the situation that has been that way and his plans to amend the property.

Doug Lewis explained that as far as he was aware, all code issues had been resolved.

Senmartin explained any lingering code violations will need to be cleared up.

Zieg commented on the condition of no new impacts to traffic, and agreed with Senmartin that that would be impossible without a traffic device. Zieg also mentioned the criteria for evaluating a conditional use permit and development agreement approvals regarding

screening and buffering that on page 132 of the packet reads the technical review committee made a recommendation to the planning commission to allow a reduced project and district boundary buffer, which was ignored by the planning commission. Therefore, he did not feel the variance should be allowed to go forward. Garrett explained 75 units would be the max density and the TRC approved this project, the project boundary buffer is actually about vegetation.

MOTION: Zieg moved to deny the variance.

SECOND: none

Motion died.

MOTION: Cook moved to table for further review

SECOND: Zieg

Migut questioned if the ownership was the potential issue, as the owner went through the procedures and we must give them a yes or no answer. Earlier in the hearing we learned there was a potential ownership issue. Migut explained he had drafted a condition to add if this was the issue. Cook explained he would table to research the different conditions based on the neighbors, project use. Migut suggested they may want to ask the applicant if they would want to continue this for another month.

Jim Rhyne stated he wanted to know the basis for not getting a decision is and the conditions; he can give answers, as he does not have to report to a board. Cook stated zero light buffer, a deed search, and traffic direction.

Migut explained property rights pertaining to the hearing, and evidence presented show that requirements have been met.

Senmartin questioned if the applicant would change the buffer to 25 percent (10 feet to 15 feet).

Rhyne stated this would not work, but he would do everything to enhance the buffer in spots. Senmartin questioned if this could be worked out with more time. Rhyne stated his intention would be to give as much buffer as possible. Gonzalez questioned if a wall could be built. Rhyne stated a split rail fence could be put up to stop access but not a wall. Rhyne stated he would answer or solve any issues now and wanted an approval or disapproval due to finance constraints.

Cook withdrew his motion.

Migut explained the options for the conditional use, development agreement and variance; approve or deny the variance this evening, the conditional use also has only one hearing, and the code is specific on the options, and recommended an additional condition.

MOTION: Cook moved to approve Resolution 2016-118 with a deed search, voiding the conditional use permit if ruled that he is not the proper owner of the property with condition #6 the variance shall be void ab initio if it is determined that the applicant does not own the property or the conditional use permit is denied as well as condition #7 of the enhanced light buffer other than vegetative

SECOND: Gonzalez

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Cook, Gonzalez, Senmartin, Bartus

No: Zieg

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Vote on the Motion: 4 Yes, 1 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain

MOTION: Senmartin moved to approve the Conditional Use and Development Agreement with additional conditions: no generators, no right turn out of the complex with the addition of mechanical traffic control device, highest possible level of vegetation buffer, which may or may not be taken care of by the variance condition, stormwater retention to staff's approval.

SECOND: Cook

Rhyne asked Lewis to weigh in regarding the traffic control device. Bartus stated he and the Council have discussed this and have already weighed in.

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Senmartin, Cook, Gonzalez, Bartus

No: Zieg

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Vote on the Motion: 4 Yes, 1 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain

Resolution 2018-124, Approving The Request For A Conditional Use Permit, For HJ3 Inc., Pursuant To Chapter 102, Article 13 Of The City Of Marathon Land Development Regulations ("The Code") Entitled "Conditional Use Permits"; Authorizing The Development Of Seven (7) Duplexes On Properties Located At 57578 And 57468 Overseas Highway, Which Are Legally Described As Block 58, Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, And 15, Crains Subdivision, Grassy Key, Monroe County, Florida, Having Real Estate Numbers as Stated in the Resolution. Nearest Mile Marker 57.5; And Providing For An Effective Date.

The Clerk swore in speakers. Council stated they had no ex parte communications.

Garrett explained the project, conditions imposed and recommended approval with conditions.

Steve Hurley, explained HJ3 would meet all of the requirements outlined.

MOTION: Cook moved to approve Resolution 2018-124
SECOND: Zieg

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Cook, Zieg, Senmartin, Gonzalez, Bartus
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

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

Resolutions for Adoption

* **Resolution 2018-119**, Approving A Contract Between The City And Vernis And Bowling Of The Florida Keys To Serve As The Primary Alternative Counsel Other Than The City Attorney For Litigation And Conflict Representation As Well As Any Special Projects Requested By The City, Rescinding All Prior Agreements Of The Parties, Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Agreement On Behalf Of The City, Expend Budgeted Funds, And Providing For An Effective Date.

* **Resolution 2018-120**, Accepting The Ranking And Recommendation Of The City's Evaluation Team In Response to an RFQ for Construction Engineering And Inspection Services (CEI) For The Aviation Blvd. Multi-Use Trail Project; Authorizing The City Manager And City Attorney To Negotiate A Contract With The Top Ranked Firm Of RS&H; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Resolution 2018-121, Approving A Contract for Sludge Dewatering and Maintenance To Biosolids Distribution Services, LLC In The Amount Of \$370,000.00; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Contract And Expend Budgeted Funds On Behalf Of The City; And Providing For An Effective Date

Saus explained \$370,000 was his budget for the entire year, and the new company underbid the existing contractor.

Bartus called for speakers, hearing none, closed public comments.

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve Resolution 2018-121
SECOND: Senmartin

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Zieg, Senmartin, Gonzalez, Cook, Bartus
No: None
Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

* **Resolution 2018-122**, Amending Purchase Order #180037 For “Irma damaged electrical repairs to Area 6 Wastewater Treatment Plant” to Nearshore Electric, Inc. to an increased Total Amount Not To Exceed \$37,000.00; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Change Order And Expend Budgeted Funds On Behalf Of The City; And Providing For An Effective Date

Resolution 2018-123, Approving The First Amendment To The Employment Agreement Between Charles Lindsey And The City Of Marathon, Florida For City Manager Services; Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Agreement On Behalf Of The City; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Lindsey explained the amendment mirrors the City Attorney’s contract; a vacation increase and term. Senmartin stated he was not in favor of removing the cap on vacation and wanted to make sure the manager used his vacation time. Cook thanked Lindsey for all of his hard work. Bartus and the Council agreed that he was the best person to assist us through the Hurricane.

MOTION: Gonzalez moved to approve Resolution 2018-123
SECOND: Cook

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Gonzalez Cook, Senmartin, Zieg, Bartus
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

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

Citizens' Comments:

Diane Scott asked that the bus stop be moved back to the previous location.

Council Comments

Gonzalez thanked staff and informed everyone Samantha, the girl that was hit by a car was miraculously back home with her family and thanked everyone for their prayers.

Zieg provided a history of events that happened December 11th and complimented Public Works crews who put up the Christmas decorations. Zieg thanked Jennifer Johnson for her part in going after FEMA reimbursement and thanked the rest of the staff and wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Senmartin thanked staff and reminded Lindsey to take a vacation.

Cook informed everyone Mike Puto was in the hospital in Miami and needs our prayers and thanked Fire Rescue team, MSCO deputies, and FWC. Cook wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Bartus reminded everyone that 15 months after Hurricane Irma we have still not received reimbursement from FEMA. Bartus commented that the state needs to fix DEM and that Wes Paul resigned from DEM. Bartus thanked staff and wished everyone a happy holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Bartus adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the regular Council meeting of December 11, 2018.

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

Date