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Former Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo, left, hands over the gavel to new Mayor Debbie Struyf on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Council selects new mayor, vice mayor; hires city attorney

MARATHON, FL (Nov. 12, 2026) – The Marathon City Council selected a new mayor and vice mayor and hired a new city attorney during their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10.



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Following a motion nominating council member Robyn Still that failed to pass, councilmember Kenny Matlock nominated vice mayor Debbie Struyf for the post, and the motion passed 4-1, with council member Lynn Landry in the minority.

Struyf, in turn, suggested Matlock for the vice mayor post, but he declined. Struyf then nominated current mayor Lynny Del Gaizo, who accepted the nomination, which passed 5-0.

Council also recognized two members of Marathon Fire Rescue for their years of service to the community.

Fire Chief Shana Rogers commended Capt. Daniel Murciano and Driver Engineer Edwin Marquez for their respective 20 years of service.

A majority of Tuesday's $2^{1/2}$-hour meeting was spent discussing the proposed audit of various city departments, which had been addressed at a Special Call meeting on Oct. 27.

City Manager Steve Williams informed the council he had contacted The Corradino Group regarding an audit, and he asked council to define the parameters of the audit, prompting lengthy discussion.

Council ultimately agreed to have the audit focus on the Planning and Building department and the issuance of transferrable building rights, known as TBRs, as well as the Code Department's issuance of red tags over the past 10 years.



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Council also approved all items on the consent agenda, including an employment agreement with Alexandra “Alli” Heller to become city attorney, filling the position left vacant by Williams accepting the city manager position in September.

Heller, a Marathon resident, has worked with the City of Marathon for the past four years as assistant city attorney. She has been practicing law since 2018.

City Council workshops in November and December were cancelled, while the next City Council meeting is scheduled Tuesday, Dec. 8.



City Council members join Marathon Fire Rescue Shana Rogers in celebrating the 20-year careers of Capt. Daniel Murciano and Driver Engineer Edwin Marquez with the department.

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