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For Immediate Release:

Update on The 7 Mile Marina Project - Finger Pier & Dock Construction and Future Lease of Boat Slips

MARATHON, Fla. - January 6th, 2026- *The City is pleased to provide the following update on The Seven Mile Marina Dock Replacement Project as we near completion.*

Construction Status

This portion of the work at 7 Mile Marina consists of removal of the remnants of the existing finger piers that were destroyed by fire many years ago. The City is replacing the old structures with new finger piers, revitalizing the existing seawall, and replacing the existing marginal wood dock. Water and electric conduits will also be installed, to be energized at a later date. The docks are expected to be completed and the project closed out by mid-February.

The City will contract for the connection of the water services to the previously installed water lines on the property immediately after the completion of the docks. Electric services will be provided once the contract for the restoration of the existing building is issued which is expected to be put out to bid this spring. Completion of the marine work on the property represents years of careful planning, overcoming difficult permitting issues, accepting community input, and seeking grants to minimize project costs to our citizens.

Boat Slip Rental Plan

The plan for the boat slips is to provide fair and equitable access to all local charter boat businesses that would like to utilize the 7 Mile Marina. The city recognizes the vital role that our charter and tourism boats play in the local economy and is committed to ensuring that opportunities at The Seven Mile Marina are provided in a transparent and inclusive manner.

To achieve this goal, the City will be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will allow qualified charter business applicants to apply for the lease of a boat slip. The RFP process will provide clear guidelines, evaluation criteria, and timelines to ensure all interested parties have an equal opportunity to participate.

A few likely key conditions will be placed on future leases:

1. *Leases will not be transferable, meaning slip holders cannot sell, sublease, or otherwise transfer their rental agreements to third parties.*

2. *The City will retain full control of all slips, ensuring that the Marina continues to serve the broader public interest and that slip assignments can be managed in accordance with community needs.*

3. *Businesses will be able to apply for one slip.*

Next Steps

Stay tuned as we will be releasing the RFP in the coming months. For updates on The Seven Mile Marina Project, including the RFP release date and upcoming community meetings, please visit the city website and direct your question to the Ports Director, Sean Cannon

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