

City of Marathon
City Council Action Minutes
August 13, 2019 5:30 pm City Council Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER - A Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on August 13, 2019 in the Marathon Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Hwy., Marathon, Florida, Mayor Bartus called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL - There were present:

Councilmember Luis Gonzalez

Councilmember Mark Senmartin

Councilmember Dr. Daniel Zieg

Vice Mayor Steven Cook

Mayor John Bartus, comprising a quorum

Also in attendance were:

City Manager, Charles Lindsey

Planning Director George Garrett

City Attorney, David Migut

City Clerk, Diane Clavier

Finance Director Jennifer Johnson

Growth Management Director, Doug Lewis

Public Works Director, Carlos Solis

Utility Director, Dan Saus

Retiring Parks and Recreation Director, Jimmy Schmidt

Parks and Recreation Director, Paul Davis

Captain Don Hiller, Monroe County Sheriff's Office

Sherriff Rick Ramsay, Monroe County Sheriff's Office

Marina Director, Sean Cannon

Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Gonzalez added Dedication of City Property under City Council items. Senmartin asked that the Splash Park Commitment be moved to the first item under City Council items for discussion. Lindsey asked to remove Resolution 2019-72 from the consent agenda.

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve the agenda as amended.

SECOND: Gonzalez

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

City Council Items

*** Approval of Minutes**

Splash Park Commitment (Councilmember Senmartin) Senmartin explained he posted on Facebook that the timing was right for a splash park for our 12 year old and under kids to cool off. Senmartin suggested that the splash park could be built for an amount in the million dollar range, give or take, and that the City currently had the funding, and proposed to use some of that money in this budget year to get it started, and in the next budget year, we should be in a better position. Senmartin explained developers donated funds for park use, and there is a property the City owns due to a code /fine and foreclosure situation work \$200,000 to \$260,000 with a building right the City could sell, and TDC has money they collect and has three funding cycles that they give between \$300,000 and \$400,000 grants, and groups have offered to raise money with grocery bagging, etc. Senmartin estimated only around \$200,000 would be needed from the tax payers. Senmartin stated he would like to have the Council to approve to move forward with an RFP and site location, engineering/infrastructure/design and commit the budget for the next year. Senmartin also stated the City has an engineer on a continuing services contract that would do the engineering for next to nothing.

Mayor Bartus recognized Sheriff Ramsay and City Manager of Key Colony Beach, Chris Moonis.

Cook questioned the \$225,000 donation for a children's type park, if it existed and if so, has it been allocated? Jennifer Johnson stated we were promised \$100,000 donation, but we have not yet received it. Johnson stated that we have \$200,000 allocated already to the kayak dock on Grassy Key.

Cook asked if there was a building right associated to the 81st Street property and if so, could it be removed and used to remove a takings case? Cook also asked what the takings cases were thought to cost, rule 50/50 included. Cook also questioned if the property could be used for another purpose, possibly a pocket park? Garrett stated it could be used for another permit to alleviate a takings case. Lewis explained the decisions have not been made, and we would need to come before the Council for those decisions.

Cook explained how the grant process works, it is different than what was depicted on Facebook. The grant application must go before DAC, who has a certain amount of funds for brick and mortar and

advertising, and the DACIII, in this case, score the projects against others in their respective districts. They also score it against our own current projects. So that would mean that beach nourishment, and beach raking, which there are stories in the Caribbean and South Florida that are having issues with seaweed, so which would we let go? We also need an ADA swing for Sombrero Beach, Rotary Park needs renovation, we have the 33rd Street Community Center project, the Quay Property, the old 7 Park, which we are on the hook for \$180,000 a year for the next thirty years, mounds for the ballfields, tiki and deck at Oceanfront Park and may other repairs if FEMA funds do not come through. The Skate Park also needs a complete renovation. Cook also explained a splash park would need personnel: two maintenance/operators that have a wastewater operator certification as we are really forced to recycle water and three to four safety attendants to cover shifts and time off, but perhaps those positions could overlap. The point being, we would have to make choices on the amenities of our town and how we will pay for them. Cook explained the last line of the Facebook posts suggested you are the only Councilmember that cares for others and for the health, safety and welfare of this town. We all want the best of everything we can have for our families, kids and grandkids. Cook commented that he sees this as a political strategy, aimed to force the will of the Council, or just to force candidates in the coming election to either pander to this audience or make unpopular, adult decisions that are hard and fiscally responsible while looking at friends and neighbors in the same audience. I cite the pool, the splash pad, the hospital/MSTU, and the attempted purchase and holding hostage of the City seal to change the votes of the Council. Cook commented that we need to be better than this, even though we may not agree. Cook stated that there may be a way to do this project responsibly, but the people will likely have to pay for this and maintain it in perpetuity. If the reward is indeed worth the costs, then let us not commit to it, but rather prioritize it for the good of the community and see what it will take to implement this. If there is a way we can make this a feasible and responsible asset, instead of an ill thought out liability, I will be all for it stated Cook.

Zieg commented that Vice Mayor Cook made valid points, all of us would love to have a splash pad facility, and I think our residents are very interested and want it also. Zieg explained he disagreed with the City Council discussion on Facebook as Florida sunshine law will not allow us to comment on anything we may vote on. This meeting is the proper venue for us to have an open discussion as the leaders of our community. The question is how we afford it, because part of the Facebook story is not true. Zieg explained he took some time to research the issue and feels the figure for a modest facility to begin with is close to one million. Zieg commented that Senmartin stated the \$225,000 is set aside for children, and the fact is that \$100,000 is already earmarked for the new park office building this year and the rest is restricted "water access facilities" and is slated for Grassy Key Sunset Beach, so that part of the Facebook story goes away. Zieg further explained the 81st Street property is a lot with a building right, and if we transfer the building right to another lot, it saves the City money; two takings cases would go away. Zieg commented that this would make more sense than receiving \$200,000 and being exposed to takings cases. Zieg questioned if everyone was aware the TDC had reduced funding last year, and our beach raking funding was reduced. Zieg explained as he observed while serving on the DAC III committee they are not inclined to fund programs for residents, only tourists. However, with the proximity to US1, we may be able to work for funding, but in comparison to the Dolphin Research Center with 98 percent of attendees being tourists, it would be a hard sell. Zieg commented that the TDC grants also require that the projects be paid up front and we would have to have the money first, not the way outlined in the Facebook post. Zieg asked Johnson to give an update on FEMA money received. Johnson responded that we have requested 32 million in reimbursement and we have received \$550,000. Zieg stated on page five of the packet in the minutes at the last meeting Senmartin wanted to

build up our reserves, and we all agree on that. Zieg stated that many things still need to be repaired, the question is priority, and priority spending is doing what is right for the City and its citizens, the buildup of reserves is much more important now in hurricane season. Zieg listed the many repairs that are needed such as the skate park, which \$50,000 is budgeted in this year's budget, and that amount may not be enough. If in the next few years, we receive the bulk of our reimbursement perhaps we should consider a splash pad where the skate park is now, and a new, concrete skate park across the parking lot could be constructed and we could share the attendant, refreshment stand and other resources for the two facilities. Zieg commented that he always wants to put the residents first, but until we receive a substantial portion of our FEMA reimbursement, we cannot afford this project at this time. When we decide to do this project after getting reimbursed, we need to do it the right way commented Zieg.

Lindsey explained the Skate Park was an ongoing maintenance issue, but a lot of places have concrete, and are more modern and require less maintenance. Lindsey explained we need to prioritize spending in the next few years, and we should consider this if we receive funds. Lindsey suggested we may be able to have an attendant for both a splash park and skate park, and we all want to put the residents first, but we cannot afford this at this time, as what was put on Facebook for funding does not exist.

Gonzalez stated we all want it done, but done responsibly, this is a good starting point to get the ball rolling. Lindsey stated we would need to know the site location to get a more accurate number, and liked Zieg's suggestion to look at two different parks, and let the RFP respondents choose.

Senmartin stated these are creative facts and he can communicate on Facebook, TDC funding is down, this will keep families in town, and it is not a very high dollar thing, the property on 81st street has little value to the City.

Citizens Comments:

Diane Scott – Spoke for a splash park at Jesse Hobbs Park.

Bartus thanked Senmartin for bringing this item forward and asked the Council for head nods to seek numbers for costs. The Council agreed.

Request to Hold Coral Head Music Festival February 2020 and permission to sell Beer and Wine at Marathon Community Park (Mayor Bartus) Cook commented the SPCA did not receive any funding from the last event. Rich Anderson responded that there was no profit, but they were added to the list again this year.

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve to the request

SECOND: Cook

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

Request to Hold Annual Taste of the Islands November 10th, waive fees and permission to sell Beer and Wine at Marathon Community Park - Christy Johnson, President of BPW asked the

council to approve the request. Lindsey explained the City still needed to come up with a fee schedule, but this event did not have a lot of impact on the field.

MOTION: Cook moved to approve the request
SECOND: Zieg

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

Tour de Reef Bike ride permission to use Marathon Community Park as Rest Stop Travis Ketchum explained the event, and Council thanked him for being so thorough.

MOTION: Gonzalez moved to approve the request
SECOND: Zieg

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

US1 Lighting Update (Councilmember Zieg) Zieg explained that the Sherriff had been working with FDOT regarding lighting to make US1 safer as we have had unfortunate accidents since IRMA. Sherriff Ramsay gave a lighting update, explaining that FDOT repaired 53 lights, and 58 are yet to be fixed according to the Sherriff Deputies count. Sherriff Ramsay explained that the lack of lighting was a major safety issue and he had been assured that FDOT would begin working and moving forward to repair the lights. Gonzalez and the rest of the Council thanked Sherriff Ramsay for all of his efforts and successes he had created.

Boat Ramp Discussion and Impact From KCB (Councilmember Zieg) Zieg explained that this last mini season put our boat ramps under great pressure, as we have 600 vacation rentals and Key Colony has 400 vacation rentals and the boat ramp in Key Colony is closed. Zieg informed everyone he had spoken with Mayor Deneale and the Key Colony Beach Mayor offered an officer and a public works employee during the high demand time to assist us at the boat ramps. Zieg suggested Mayor Bartus and Mayor Deneale and the two City Managers meet once a month. Bartus stated he would be happy to meet monthly. Lindsey thanked Zieg for suggesting this, and explained every mini season we have the same crisis. Lindsey stated he would like to re-evaluate Harbor Drive to possibly keep the size of the boat down. Gonzalez explained that would be perfect, as he believed the backlog was the larger vessels.

Planning Commission Appointment (Vice Mayor Cook) Cook appointed Matt Sexton to the Planning Commission and thanked Mr. Smith who moved out the City limits for his service.

Private Inspection Reimbursement Procedure (Councilmember Senmartin) – Senmartin explained he felt when a private inspector is hired, the homeowner is entitled to money back, and we are working on a breakdown to figure out how much. Lewis explained two builders have requested a refund, and one of the builders asked for a percentage. Senmartin suggested Finance Department would break this down and provide a figure. Lewis informed everyone we were 60 days out from getting the study back. Gonzalez suggested 25% until the study is complete.

MOTION: Gonzales moved to start with 25% until the study is completed.

SECOND: Zieg

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

Citizens' Comments

Diane Scott commented that rules and laws were being ignored.

Monroe County Transportation Coordination Committee (Mayor Bartus) Bartus commented that Dr. Zieg had been working with the County and appointed him as the City's elected official to the committee.

Community Announcements - The Clerk read the Community Announcements. Gonzalez reminded everyone school would start the next day and also announced the Marathon High School football game would be held on August 30th and Senmartin informed everyone the Boy Scout sign up would be held on August 15th at St. Columbia.

Dedication of City Property (Councilmember Gonzalez) Gonzalez explained over the last several weeks we have heard of all of Jimmy's accomplishments as Park and Recreation Director, which most of us have seen the development of the department from the ground up. Gonzalez commented that in addition to Jimmy's park duties, his commitment to our community through his involvement in the Take Stock in Children Program, he has made life changing impacts on the children he mentored. Gonzalez also explained that Schmidt also worked with college interns to develop a mentorship program at the park, where they would volunteer up to 500 hours working beside Schmidt to help form a foundation for future Park and Recreation Directors. Gonzalez thanked him for the foundation he was leaving behind not only in the park but in the community as well. Gonzalez asked the Council to approve naming the road behind the park Jimmy Schmidt Way. Migut explained no coordination was needed with any other entity to do this.

MOTION: Gonzalez moved to move forward to name the back of the Community Park Road Jimmy Schmidt Way

SECOND: Zieg

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

City Manager Report

Farewell to Mr. Jimmy Schmidt and Welcome Mr. Paul Davis - The Council presented Schmidt with a plaque and thanked him for his service. Paul Davis was introduced. Davis explained he wanted to make sure our youth are steered in the right direction, and was looking forward to working in the community.

Growth Management Report – Lewis reported that the Code Department was running smoothly, and staff was reaching and Building software for the last 6-8 months. The software costs a fraction up front of what other types costs and it was cloud based. Council had no objection to transitioning to the new software. Bartus questioned when the impact fee study would be completed. Lewis responded 60 days.

Planning Department Report, Affordable Housing Allocations – Garrett explained the Planning Department is half way in between the close of the BPAS cycle and allocation awards will be presented in September. He stated there are lot of projects and few allocations and the numbers are outlined in the report to Council. He discussed the possibility of borrowing forward allocations which was examined a few years ago for smaller projects. He stated there are larger projects coming forward some with approvals and some awaiting allocations. Garrett noted most of the larger projects do not have allocations and some of the projects are Florida Finance projects which have special requirements.

Senmartin asked if Garrett was looking for direction regarding the process and criteria. Garrett replied no, the process and criteria are in place.

Garrett explained most of the smaller projects are shovel ready, as that is how they get into the system, but the larger projects mostly only have approvals. Garrett suggested to set aside allocations in September for a limited period of time for the larger projects.

Senmartin questioned if the 300 allocation units will be issued going down the BPAS list. Garrett replied yes. Senmartin asked if the Council could implement restrictions and criteria on the developers to meet guidelines set by Council. Garrett replied yes. Senmartin asked if the GEM Homes development project is moving forward. Garrett stated GEM Homes Development has not proceeded, but has requested allocations and no building plans have been submitted. He stated building plans should be submitted to the City before allocations are awarded.

Senmartin asked if the affordable housing allocations could be made non-transferable. He provided an example of developers initially obtaining allocations for a project and then the project never is brought to completion. Garrett referenced two development projects that were sold and subsequently development began.

Mayor Bartus called for Citizens Comments.

Martin Flynn spoke on the process of allocating the 300 units. He stated the Florida Housing Financing is competitive and congratulated the City staff for receiving six financed projects. He asked the Council to consider the process of setting aside units for Florida Housing projects.

Senmartin asked if reserved allocations could have contingencies placed upon them. Garrett replied, no for the larger projects, a commitment can't be made until the 300 units are secured. The smaller projects could be allocated, as most of them have building plans already submitted.

Lindsey noted that a lot of affordable housing has been built in the last 3-4 years and recalled that staff attempted to clear the affordable housing allocation list, however not everybody took advantage of it, so there are some affordable units left. He recommended to focus on the smaller

projects that wouldn't qualify for the 300 unit allocation pool. Senmartin asked if the January Period letters for BPAS have been sent out. Garrett answered yes and the process has begun.

Bartus thanked all involved in finding affordable housing solutions.

Marina Report

Canon stated July was a good month, continuing to improve over the past years. He stated the Marina is working with the Code Department regarding wet stored vessels in the managed anchorage area. Canon stated the Marina is applying for another CVA grant to continue the program for the pump out boat maintenance.

Council thanked Canon.

Public Hearing

A. Hurricane Irma Voluntary Home Buyout CDBG-DR Program Public Hearing

Garrett provided a PowerPoint presentation and explained the homes that qualify are homes that have been substantially damaged. He explained the program requirements, the process to apply and criteria the City must meet. Garrett explained resolutions will be passed to approve the grant application and the Monroe County Land Authority will be used as the acquisition agent.

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve the Hurricane Irma Voluntary Home Buyout CDBG-DR Program.

SECOND: Cook

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

Ordinances for Second Public Hearing and Enactment

Ordinance 2019-08, Amending The City Of Marathon Comprehensive Plan Modifying Chapter One, "Future Land Use," Table 1-1, "Future Land Use Densities And Intensities," To Provide Assurances That Residences Within RL-C Zoning May Be Rebuilt; Providing For Severability; Providing For The Repeal Of Conflicting Provisions; Providing For The Transmittal Of This Ordinance To The State Department Of Economic Opportunity; And Providing For An Effective Date Upon The Approval Of This Ordinance By The State Department Of Economic Opportunity.

Garrett explained Ordinance 2019-08 & 2019-09 are very similar, one is the comprehensive plan version and one is the Land Development Regulation version. He provided an explanation of the Ordinances and stated Council has already approved it.

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

MOTION: Cook moved to approve Ordinance 2019-08.

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

Ordinance 2019-09, Amending Chapter 103 “Zoning Districts”, Article 3 “Use And Intensity Tables”, Modifying Table 103.15.1 “Uses By Zoning District” And Table 103.15.2 “Density, Intensity, And Dimension For Zoning Districts;” Amending Chapter 108, Article 3, “Nonconforming Uses,” Section 108.12, “Nonconforming Density And Intensity” And Article 4, “Nonconforming Lots,” Section 108.13, “Nonconforming Lots;” Providing For The Repeal Of All Code Provisions And Ordinances Inconsistent With This Ordinance; Providing For Severability; Providing For Inclusion In The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Marathon, Florida; And Providing An Effective Date.

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

MOTION: Cook moved to approve Ordinance 2019-09.

SECOND: Zieg

Vote of the Motion:

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

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

Resolutions for Adoption

A. Resolution 2019-72, Nominating Property For Purchase By The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority For The Purposes Of Workforce Housing; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Lindsey explained Resolution 2019-72 was removed from the consent agenda due to a scrivener’s error. He asked to remove section four of the resolution that stated “the City shall waive stormwater and wastewater fees and assessments”. Lindsey explained waiving stormwater and wastewater fees and assessments is something the City does for conservation lots, but not for buildable lots.

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve Resolution 2019-72.

SECOND: Senmartin

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

***B. Resolution 2019-73**, Approving A Fire Rescue – EMS Medical Director Agreement With Professional Emergency Services, Inc., In An Amount Not To Exceed \$40,000; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Agreement And Expend Budgeted Funds: And Providing For An Effective Date.

***C. Resolution 2019-74**, Approving A Professional Services Agreement Between The City Of Marathon And Professional Practice Support, Inc., Third Party Healthcare Billing Agreement; Authorizing the City Manager To Execute The Extension And Expend Budgeted Funds; And Providing For An Effective Date.

***D. Resolution 2019-75**, Approving The Execution And Delivery Of Amendment To Financing Agreement; Providing For The Rights, Securities And Remedies For The Owner Of The Note; Making Such Determinations As Are Required To Afford The Note “Bank Qualified” Status; Making Certain Covenants And Agreements In Connection Therewith; Providing For Severability; And Providing For An Effective Date.

***E. Resolution 2019-76**, Approving an Amendment To The Contract With Biosolids Distribution Services, LLC., For Liquid Sludge Removal Services Previously Approved By Resolution 2019-06 Dated January 8, 2018; Increasing The Contract Amount From \$75,000 to \$175,000; and Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Amendment And Expend Budgeted Funds On Behalf Of The City; And Providing For An Effective Date.

F. Resolution 2019-77, Restricting Parking On Certain Rights-Of-Way On Stirrup Key Road Pursuant To City Code Section 32-31(A); And Providing For An Effective Date.

Solis provided a staff report and outlined the restricted parking areas. Senmartin questioned why the restricted area isn’t cut back to allow for more room to park. Carlos stated it is a safety issue with parking in the area at night as there are no lights and limited room to park. Senmartin suggested cutting five feet back and make a safer parking area on the right of way. Solis explained the area is conservation land and that could present a problem with cutting back into it, such as permitting, mitigation, etc.

Senmartin suggested looking into applying for the permits to cut back the conservation land to resolve the parking problem on Stirrup Key Road and also suggested looking into cutting back the area on Aviation Blvd. where employees from the Animal Shelter park, as it is congested.

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve Resolution 2019-77

SECOND: Gonzalez

Cook questioned where the trucks that are parked on the right of way are coming from.

Senmartin stated it's the same truck all the time, so he assumed the owner of the vehicle lives on Stirrup Key Road.

Lindsey stated that it becomes the question of do we want commercial trucks parked in residential neighborhoods. He explained the City gets similar complaints all the time, but there's nothing in place to fix it. He asked Council if it warrants looking at our parking ordinance and questioned if it's reasonable to have a semi-truck parked in a residential neighborhood. Lindsey explained it is a safety issue as it stands, large vehicles parked on the road in an unlighted area are dangerous.

Senmartin suggested doing more research on the conservation land area, whether it can be trimmed back or not.

Gonzalez recalled a similar situation recently, where vehicles were parking on the right of way on Boot Key and it was resolved with no parking signs and talking with the neighboring business owners. He proposed putting no parking after dark signs up instead of cutting back the area.

Migut stated the City Code allows to restrict night time parking. Zieg stated passing the Resolution eliminates any liability the City has in the area, but the problem will be enforcement.

Cook suggested a collection system to enforce the no parking restriction. Solis explained the parking ticket system in other municipalities in Florida. Cook spoke about the high permitting costs to cut environmentally sensitive areas. Bartus questioned how many semi-trucks or vehicles are parked on the road on any given night. Lindsey commented that we are bringing the issue forward because we have a safety issue that needs to be addressed.

Vote of the Motion:

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

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

***G. Resolution 2019-78,** Authorizing A "Sole-Source" Purchase Pursuant To The City's Purchasing Policies And Procedures And Approving The Purchase of various AirVac (now the Aqseptance Group) vacuum collection system replacement components and equipment for use in replacing and upgrading the vacuum pits in Ocean Isles, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$92,161.00; Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into Agreements In Connection Therewith, Appropriating And Expending Budgeted Funds; And Providing For An Effective Date

***H. Resolution 2019-79,** Urging That Any Reauthorization of The National Flood Insurance Program Must Include Meaningful Affordability Protections For All Policy Holders, Specifically A Lower Cap On Annual Increases; And Providing For An Effective Date

***I. Resolution 2019-80**, Approval Of The Off-System Construction Maintenance Agreement For The Improvements To the Intersection Of US 1 And Aviation Blvd; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Agreement; And Providing For An Effective Date.

***J. Resolution 2019-81**, Providing For The City of Marathon Voluntary Home Buyout Local Program Prioritization Criteria For Selection Of Properties Interested In The Voluntary Home Buyout Program Utilizing Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Funding.

***K. Resolution 2019-82**, Requesting Specific Assistance From The Monroe County Land Authority (Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority) In The Acquisition of Properties Selected For Purchase Under The Florida Volunteer Home Buyout Program; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Citizens' Comments:

Diane Scott spoke against dogs at the beach.

Council Comments

Gonzalez thanked the City staff for their hard work on a daily basis. He also thanked the Monroe County Sherriff's Department along with the Fire Department and all involved making National Night Out a great event. Gonzalez congratulated his oldest Son, Luis Gonzalez, Jr. for receiving his degree from FIU and being hired at Marathon High School. He also congratulated his younger son for earning the position of head baseball coach at Marathon High School. He reminded everyone, school opens tomorrow and to please stop for the school buses.

Zieg wished Jimmy Schmidt farewell and luck in his future endeavors. He welcomed Paul Davis to the Parks & Rec Department and noted the bar is set high for him. He thanked all the first responders who participated in National Night Out. He provided a history lesson and thought of the day.

Senmartin reminded everyone about the Boy Scout sign-ups and reminded the local splash pad supporters to be vigilant and let the local leaders know what they want.

Cook stated the town needs to work together to receive Irma reimbursement funds. He thanked the City staff and department heads for their hard work and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. He gave a special shout out to Marathon Fire Rescue and wished Chief Johnson well with his surgery. He wished Jimmy Schmidt farewell and welcomed the new Parks & Recreation Director Paul Davis.

Bartus recalled the incident where he received threatening voicemails and thanked the Monroe County Sherriff's Office for responding so quickly. He wished Schmidt farewell and welcomed Paul Davis. Bartus announced he and Doug Lewis will be attending the annual Florida League of Cities Conference. He stated he has been tasked with looking for grant money, as the reimbursement funds in the wake of Hurricane Irma have been very slow moving.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Bartus adjourned the meeting at 7:59 pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the regular Council meeting of August 13, 2019.


Diane Clavier, City Clerk


Date _____