

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Call Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on September 12, 2019 in the City Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Hwy., Marathon, Florida, Mayor Bartus called the Workshop to order at 5:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL - There were present:

Councilmember Luis Gonzalez

Councilmember Mark Senmartin

Councilmember Dr. Daniel Zieg

Vice Mayor Steve Cook (5:10 pm)

Mayor John Bartus, comprising a quorum

Also in attendance were:

City Manager, Charles Lindsey

Finance Director, Jennifer Johnson

City Clerk, Diane Clavier

Planning Director, George Garrett

Fire Chief John Johnson

Public Works Director, Carlos Solis

Attorney, David Migut

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve the agenda

SECOND: Gonzalez

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

Jennifer Johnson explained the tentative millage rate that we are seeking approval of is for 2.59 mills which is the same millage rate we charged in FY2018/19, although Florida TRIM compliance views this as a tax increase. The tentative rate is 5.89% higher than

our roll-back rate of 2.4459 mills, which will generate about \$6.8 million of revenue for our general fund, about an increase of \$475,000 over the prior year.

Johnson explained the general fund revenues were projected to be approximately 21.2 million and expenditures were about 14.1 million. Johnson remarked that FEMA reimbursements of approximately 12 million between FY 2019-2020, and if these reimbursements came through, we are projected to end FY 2020 with 10 days or \$401,883 over our six month reserve target in the general fund.

Johnson explained we could incorporate a \$25,000 donation in the City Council Budget for the Guidance Care Clinic.

Zieg commented that the Guidance Clinic provides a great service.

Senmartin commented that this would be more of a hurt for us, the County has a lot more money than we do, and he would rather fund the Drama Club or Recreation Center.

Bartus commented that both Zieg and Senmartin make excellent points, the Guidance Clinic is important, and it is not a bad idea to fund them.

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve the \$25,000 donation in the FY 2019/2020 budget.

SECOND: Gonzalez

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

Johnson informed everyone the budget included new appropriations for additional staffing and staff raises as well.

Johnson reviewed the special revenue and enterprise funds, and informed everyone the Capital Infrastructure budget included appropriations for replacement of an ambulance, sunshades and playground equipment, new fire hydrants, funded by impact fees, 33rd Street Community Center/Multi Use Facility, skate park refurbishments, Community Park Office, Coco Plum Beach restoration, Improvements to the Quay property and boat ramp, a kayak dock in Grassy Key that is funded from a private source contribution that is restricted for water access projects, continuing TDC grant funded projects at Community and Ocean Front Parks, installment payment on Quay property purchase, and old Seven Mile Bridge project as well as continued annual transfers to the General and Stormwater funds.

Johnson informed everyone the Stormwater Utility would utilize stewardship funding and grant proceeds for Irma canal cleanup and for canal and culvert restoration work.

Resolution 2019-95, Adopting The Tentative Millage Rate and Levy Of Ad Valorem Taxes For The City Of Marathon, Florida For The Fiscal Year 2019-2020; and Providing For An Effective Date.

The clerk read Section 2 of the Resolution into the record as follows

The FY 2019-2020 tentative millage rate for the City of Marathon is 2.59 mills, which is \$2.59 for each thousand dollars of taxable assessed property value; and the tentative millage rate is greater than the rolled-back rate of 2.4459 mills by 5.89%.

Mayor Bartus called for public comments; hearing none, closed public comments.

MOTION: Gonzalez moved to approve Resolution 2019-95

SECOND: Zieg

Vote on the Motion

Yes: Gonzalez, Zieg, Senmartin, Cook, Bartus

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

Resolution 2019-96, Adopting The Tentative Budget For Fiscal Year 2019-2020; and Providing For An Effective Date.

The clerk read into the record:

WHEREAS, the City has set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the tentative operating budget for FY 2019-2020 in the amount of \$83,763,914.

Mayor Bartus called for speakers, and hearing none, closed public comment.

MOTION: Cook moved to approve Resolution 2019-96

SECOND: Gonzalez

Vote on the Motion

Yes: Cook, Gonzalez, Senmartin, Zieg, Bartus

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

Council Comments:

Gonzalez thanked Johnson for being thorough and staff for their work on the budget.

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Zieg wished Marathon High School Football good luck at the game tomorrow and thanked Johnson for her hard work.

Senmartin had no comment.

Cook thanked staff and Jennifer Johnson.

Bartus thanked the staff, Johnson, City Manager and the department heads. Bartus commented that he hoped to see reimbursement from FEMA soon.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Bartus adjourned the meeting at 5:20 pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the Council special call budget meeting of September 12, 2019


Diane Clavier, City Clerk


Date