

City of Marathon
City Council Action Minutes
December 10, 2019 5:30 pm City Council Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER - A Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on December 10, 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:

Vice Mayor Luis Gonzalez

Councilmember Mark Senmartin

Councilmember Dr. Daniel Zieg

Mayor Steven Cook

Councilmember John Bartus, comprising a quorum

Also in attendance were:

City Manager, Charles Lindsey

Planning Director George Garrett

City Attorney, David Migut

Deputy City Clerk, Hillary Palmer

Finance Director Jennifer Johnson

Growth Management Director, Doug Lewis

Public Works Director, Carlos Solis

Utility Director, Dan Saus

Fire Chief John Johnson

Parks and Recreation Director, Paul Davis

Marina Director, Sean Cannon

Captain Don Hiller, Monroe County Sheriff's Office

Cook recognized several dignitaries in the room, Key Colony Beach City Manager Chris Moonis, Key Colony Beach Chief of Police Kris DiGiovanni & Eugene Gilson.

Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Senmartin added a discussion about the boat ramp on Harbor Drive, kayak dock on Grassy Key & street sign update as item 5H.

Bartus added signing of a letter of recommendation in support of Community Health of South Florida, Inc. as item 5I.

Zieg pulled US1 Cleanup item 5F.

Lindsey pulled Resolution 2019-118, item 10B.

Migut added legal invoices as 6E under City Manager's Report.

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve the agenda as amended.

SECOND: Bartus

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

City Council Items

* Approval of Minutes

Airport Update & Introduction of Mike Legere, Airport Manager – Zieg introduced Mike Legere as the new Marathon Airport Manager.

Mike Legere spoke on his background in the aviation field which led him to the position as airport manager in Marathon. He provided updates going on at the airport, such as the new county car wash for rental cars at the airport as well as county vehicles. He stated Marathon jet center will be breaking ground soon on a new hanger, repainting of the runways and the FAA inspection is coming up in January. Also in January will be a full review of the Airport emergency plan. He spoke on the dangers drones can pose to aircrafts and encouraged drone operators to use safety when operating.

Planning Commission Appointment (Councilmember Zieg) Zieg informed everyone his previous appointment has resigned and asked Eugene Gilson to be considered for appointment.

MOTION: Bartus moved approval of Eugene Gilson to the Planning Commission.

SECOND: Cook

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

City Manager Evaluation (Councilmember Zieg) Zieg stated he has brought up the City Manager's contracted raise in the past and asked him if he received his evaluations from Council last year. Lindsey stated he received four out of five evaluations both last year and this year. Zieg verified with Lindsey that he has not taken any contracted raises for the last two or three years and Lindsey confirmed. Zieg also verified with Johnson that Lindsey's raise is budgeted in this year's budget, and she confirmed it was. Zieg asked if Lindsey would like to comment as to why he has not brought a raise in the last few years. Lindsey replied that he wanted to put the City staff before himself and bring staff up to the levels at which he thought they should be. Zieg asked if raises have been awarded to City staff and Lindsey confirmed they have. Zieg suggested to Council to get Lindsey caught up with his 5% per year raise including back pay from the last few years.

The council unanimously agreed.

Cook mentioned he appreciated all the work since he started with the City.

MOTION: Zieg moved to retroactively approve a 5% raise for the City Manager, for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020.

SECOND: Bartus

Cook asked if Lindsey has ever taken a raise. Lindsey replied he took a 3% raise during his first year, but not since Hurricane Irma.

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Zieg, Bartus, Senmartin, Gonzalez, Cook

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

Quay Property Workshop (Councilmember Zieg) Zieg asked Johnson if the City has received funding resources from grants, etc. that were applied for to offset the purchase price of the Quay property. Johnson replied no and explained that impact fees are currently being used for a paving project at the property. Zieg explained he would like something attractive to go on the property and expressed a need for ample parking and the importance of public input on what to do with the property. He asked Council if they would like to consider a public workshop to discuss the possibilities for the Quay property. Bartus supported a public workshop and suggested to give as much advance notice as possible to get good participation. Senmartin also supported the public workshop idea and agreed that public participation is necessary. Gonzalez and Cook supported the workshop also. Council instructed staff to prepare for a public workshop at the end of January, preferably a Tuesday. Lindsey spoke about the numerous funding sources and the appropriation request that he didn't feel comfortable applying for, as there is no plan for the property in place.

Clerk read the community announcements into the record. Bartus announced he will be auctioning his ponytail for Presents in Paradise charity event on December 16th at 1:30pm at Keys Hairmasters.

Harbor Drive Boat Ramp, Grassy Key Kayak Dock and Street Signs Discussion (Senmartin)
Senmartin spoke about the boat trailer parking issues at the Harbor Drive Boat Ramp, including the vacant residential lot next to the ramp where people are parking their boat trailers and asked staff if this is permitted. Lewis stated no and Senmartin asked if a letter could be sent to the property owner stating that boat trailers are not permitted on vacant residential lots. Lewis informed Council the lot owner is not happy with the boat trailers there and would work with him to address the issue. Senmartin addressed considering limiting the size of the boats that can use the boat ramp and asked for staff to recommend a reasonable maximum size. Lindsey stated there are no legal ramifications of limiting the size and staff can come back to Council with a maximum size limit. Gonzalez and Bartus agreed. Cook asked if signage has been considered and Bartus suggested to post the different sizes of the boat ramps to the city website, Tourist Development Council website and Chamber of Commerce website so the information is available to the public. Senmartin questioned if staff has given any more thought to making the boat ramp have no parking. Lindsey replied he will talk with Solis about it and if they think it's necessary to make it no parking they will bring it back at the January Council meeting. Zieg asked if the ability to park trucks and trailers inside the airport property is still available. Lindsey directed the question to the Airport Director, who did not know the answer. Lindsey thanked Legere for the improvements he has made to the airport thus far. Senmartin stated he would like to see more regular police patrol at the ramp and asked Capt. Hiller if he would consider doing that. Gonzalez added the garbage left behind by the patrons of the ramp is out of hand and would like to see it addressed by larger receptacles or more frequent pick-ups. Lewis commented the dumpster at 33rd street is in the process of being doubled in size and will look into the harbor drive ramp also. Lindsey stated Solis is working on getting the quay property repaved by the end of year, so traffic at the other boat ramps will increase. Solis is working with officials to ensure a safe transition period. Senmartin asked for an update on the Grassy Key Kayak Dock. Garrett replied the permits are in place with a request for proposal ready to go, however the only issue is that we need better plans, which is in the process. He confirmed the Kayak Dock will go out to bid within the next week. Senmartin asked for an update on the street signs. Solis explained the mitigation grant funding is in the works and the project will actually have to go out as an invitation to bid and hopes to bring the award of the purchasing of the posts & signs back to Council at the 2nd meeting in January. He will have his staff install the posts, which will have concrete bases with break aways. Solis stated mid-late February signs will start being erected, which will be a two-three month process. He stated the first goal will be to put the stop signs up, speed limit signs & information signs.

Zieg requested an update on the Tiki Hut Bus Stop. Solis explained he has not heard back from the companies he's working with, but continues to work on addressing the issue. There are stops on private property and in the right-of-way, which have to be dealt with differently in terms of permitting.

Community Health of South Florida, Inc. Letter of Support-Bahama Village (Councilmember Bartus) Bartus explained CHI of South Florida is seeking the City of Marathon Mayor to sign

a letter of support for a new center in Bahama Village in Key West and asked for consideration from Council. Council unanimously agreed. Bartus also announced they will be having their grand opening of their new facility in Marathon next month.

MOTION: Gonzalez moved to approve the letter of support for CHI.

SECOND: Bartus

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

Wastewater Utility Report

Saus explained it was a busy month, but had a minor disaster on Thanksgiving Day, thankfully only one customer was affected. He explained he created a list of mitigation items created after Hurricane Irma, totaling 18 million and applied for a grant and was awarded the money, it should be forthcoming within the next month or two.

Growth Management Report

Lewis announced new Code Officer, Tim Unger and new Building Official Daniel Walsh, Sr. have joined the City and stated he will keep within budget.

Parks & Recreation Report

Davis highlighted several items from his staff report including the completion of re-sodding the baseball field, repaving the sidewalks and re-sodding and irrigation at the dog park at Ocean Front Park. He mentioned the holiday lights event was a huge success, bringing almost 300 people out to the park for a night of holiday fun with Santa. Several holiday displays have been added at the Community Park, Jesse Hobbs Park and Christmas lights have been added to Rotary Park. Davis spoke on the youth basketball programs happening at the park and the free basketball clinic coming up. He announced the grand re-opening of Sombrero Beach will be Thursday, December 12th at 4:30 and refreshments will be served. He announced there are now reservation boards posted at each pavilion along with barbeque grills added to every pavilion. He informed Council there has been a big request for pickle ball and staff has modified the tennis courts to facilitate the games. Davis expressed concerns about over use of fields as the event season nears, but explained that by shutting down the park fields for a couple of days afterwards, it allows time for fertilization and regrowth to take place. He announced there will not be a winter camp this year, as Christmas & New Year's falls in the middle of the week and it's too difficult to coordinate scheduling. Gonzalez thanked Davis for his hard work and asked for an update on the expansion of the offices at Community Park and the start date for repairs at Jesse Hobbs Park. Davis replied he has reached out regarding the shade structure at Jesse Hobbs Park and will need to submit the proposal to Finance and has already identified a play structure, he's hoping for January to get the ball rolling. He said the next task is Community Park playground equipment. Solis provided an update on the Community Park Offices and stated the start date will be sometime in February 2020 with a completion date of Summer 2020.

Lindsey stated Key Colony Beach has a great pickleball program and thanked the Key Colony Beach Police Chief Kris DiGovani for continuing to help with the boat ramp issues.

Marina Report

Cannon provided staff report and stated they are going into their busy season and the mooring balls have recently been inspected. They are keeping busy with regular pump-outs.

Legal Invoices

Migut briefed Council on the administrative hearing that is taking place this week at City Hall. He explained the hearing is regarding the challenge to the 300 units that we were granted by the state cabinet. He stated the outside counsel that is representing the City is working hard and the hours have stacked up and asked for an increase in the attorney fees in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00.

MOTION: Bartus moved to approve a not exceed amount of \$350,000 for legal invoices for legal representation in the 300 units litigation.

SECOND: Senmartin

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Bartus, Senmartin, Zieg, Gonzalez, Cook

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

Citizens Comments

Diane Scott stated City employees who get arrested should be fired and elected officials who get arrested should be recalled from office.

Brian Reckenbeil spoke on getting a Pickleball program at the Community Park started and stated he has looked up grants for the City for public land use. He commented the west side of the old Quay property could use signs to alert of the shallow water.

John Kissick commented the Harbor Drive Boat Ramp would have been a better investment than the old Quay property. He stated he is disappointed with all parties in the recent events.

Resolution 2019-115, Consideration of a Request by Tender Loving Care Garden Supply, Inc. For A Conditional Use Permit Pursuant To Chapter 102, Article 13 Of The City Of Marathon Land Development Regulations (LDRs) Entitled “Conditional Use Permits”, Seeking The Authorization For Eight Residential Units (4 Duplexes) On A Mixed Use Lot On Property Located At 7537 Overseas Highway, Which Is Legally Described As Section 12, Township 66, Range 32; Tract A In The Paraiso Estates Subdivision In Key Vaca, Marathon, Florida; Having Real Estate Number 00343500-000000. Nearest Mile Marker 51.

The clerk swore in speakers. Cook stated he spoke with the applicant, but it would not affect his vote.

Garrett provided a staff report using a PowerPoint presentation and explained the proposed project will consist of four duplexed or eight single family market rate residential units. He stated the project is in compliance with the City’s requirements and Planning Commission approved the project. He stated the applicant agreed to improve Palmer Street.

Steve Hurley, DDAI, provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the existing site conditions, conditional use plan including Palmer Street improvements, traffic study report, infrastructure, including transportation, drainage and utilities. He stated the project is in compliance with the City of Marathon’s requirements.

Senmartin questioned if Palmer Street will be improved by the applicant and Hurley confirmed it would be. Hurley also spoke on the current landscaping on the property and assured it will be relocated and used on the site.

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve 2019-115
SECOND: Gonzalez

Vote of the Motion:

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

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

Consideration Of A Request For An Extension Of A Development Agreement For JoJo’s Of the Florida Keys, LLC. And Nomad Outfitter’s LLC For The Redevelopment Of A Mixed Use Project Consisting Of Fourteen (14) Single Family Residences, A Convenience Store With Fuel, And A Marina; On Property Which Is Legally Described As Grassy Key Pt Govt. Lot 5; Having Real Estate Numbers 00100110-000000, 00100110-000200, 00100110-000300, 00100110-000400, And 00100130-000000; Located At 59720 And 59740 Overseas Highway, Grassy Key, Marathon, Florida. Nearest Mile Marker 60.

Council had no ex parte communication. Clerk swore in speakers.

Garrett provided a staff report, explaining he is seeking to consolidate the conditional use and development agreement into one document. He explained the project site and stated nothing changed in the proposal.

Richard McChesney spoke for the project.

Senmartin asked if there are any plans for the project. McChesney replied no plans at the moment, but they are working on it. Senmartin stated he would be in favor of extending the development agreement three years, but not the full seven that is being proposed. Zieg agreed with Senmartin on the three year limit and he stated there are too many undeveloped projects throughout the City.

Citizens Comments

Patricia McGrath spoke against extending the JoJo's project and pointed out discrepancies with the map and application dates in the packet. She asked the Council to bring it back to Planning Staff so she can have further input.

Zieg questioned if there are annual reports on file as per the requirements of the development agreement. Garrett stated he was not sure if there is one for every year and he would have to go back and look. Cook asked McChesney if there were any annual reports transmitted or if he had them and he replied that he did not know, but would be happy to look.

MOTION: Zieg moved to send the request for extension back to the Planning Commission.

SECOND: Bartus

Bartus stated he would like to see the annual report to the development agreement and Garrett ensured he would get it updated. Migut suggested to send it back to Planning staff for review.

MOTION: Zieg amended his motion to send the request back to Planning staff for review.

SECOND: Bartus

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Zieg, Bartus, Senmartin, Gonzalez, Cook

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

Resolution 2019-116, Consideration Of A Request By Request By G98 Development LLC For An Extension of A Conditional Use Permit Pursuant To Chapter 102 Article 13 Of The City Of Marathon

Land Development Regulations (LDRs) Entitled “Conditional Use Permits” For The Development Of Seven Modular Homes To Replace Seven Existing Homes On Property Located At 453, 455, 457 And 543 11th Street, Which Is Legally Described As Bk 1 Lots 3 Through 6 & Government Lot 1 Bay Bottom Adjacent To Lot 6, Riggs Subdivision, Hog Key, Marathon, Florida; Having Real Estate Numbers 00319960-000000 And 00319970-000000. Nearest Mile Marker 47.5.

Clerk swore in speakers. No ex parte communication from Council.

Garrett provided a staff report explaining the project is unchanged and has lapsed. He stated there is a new owner to the property and would like to proceed with the project as it was originally approved. He spoke on the setbacks to the property and assured the units will be ten feet apart as per fire code. He addressed the layout and stated the applicant is seeking an extension of the approved site plan so they can begin to build the project.

Senmartin asked if the project needs to go back to the Fire Dept. for code or technical review. Garrett explained the original conditions concerning the set-backs were addressed by the Fire Dept. when the project was originally approved and nothing has changed. Garrett added no building plans have been submitted for the project yet, but when they are submitted they will have to meet the conditions placed by the conditional use. Zieg asked the duration of the extension and Garrett replied one year.

Chris Gratton, G98 Development, spoke for the project and reiterated that he is looking for an extension to the project and is ready to move forward.

Senmartin asked if the units will be the same as the 11th street housing project. Gratton stated the new units will be larger 1,200-1,500sqft, each with their own pool and community docking facility.

MOTION: Bartus moved approval of Resolution 2019-116 based on the testimony and being in compliance with the LDR’s and comprehensive plan.

SECOND: Senmartin

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Bartus, Senmartin, Zieg, Gonzalez, Cook

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

Ordinance 2019-11 (16), Amending The City Of Marathon’s Comprehensive Plan Modifying Chapter One, “Future Land Use,” “Table 1-1, Future Land Use Densities And Intensities,” And Intending To Modify Policy 1-3.3.4, “Encourage Redevelopment Of Tourist/Resort/Campground Facilities,” To Allow Uses Designated As “Permanent RVs” To Be Utilized As “Transient Residential Units” (RV Lots), Meeting All Requirements Of Such Uses, And That Hold No Monetary Value As Transient Units, And Cannot Be Transferred As Transient Units, To Be Allowed On Properties Zoned Residential Mobile Home (R-MH) That Also Allows Permanent Florida Building Code Compliant Residences; Providing For Severability; Providing For The Repeal Of Conflicting Provisions; Providing For The Transmittal Of This Ordinance To The State Department Of Economic Opportunity After The First Hearing By The City Council; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Garrett provided a staff report explaining that at the last meeting Council requested two things be added to it, which have been done and are highlighted in blue in the staff report. Garrett spoke on the RV zoning and explained the details and conditions of the Ordinance, which stated that all RV’s would have to be operable road ready and only be allowed to remain on site for 180 days. He spoke on the changes requested by Council that have been made, including owner occupancy of PRV sites only and the sunset date of three years. He also explained the hurricane evacuation requirement that would require the park to maintain a program including routine inspections the City could monitor.

Senmartin stated he would have rather seen this item as a development agreement for a specific area that it would have affected. He explained he supports the three year sunset clause and believes it is a benefit to the City. He stated he would like to see the Ordinance changed to have the land owner be the same person as the RV owner, and the owner would be able to rent out the space. He supported the clause about the Park keeping track of their own vehicles and compliance to road ready vehicles. Garrett commented he prefers the Ordinance format as opposed to a development agreement format as he felt it’s an easier way to accomplish the goals set forth in the Ordinance. Bartus clarified what the FEMA requirements are 180 days or road ready, Garrett replied the Flood Plain Ordinance is specific to 180 days. Bartus questioned how the three year sunset clause affects the affordable housing that exists within the park. Garrett replied it could affect people trying to get into their homes or replace, etc. He stated however, the sunset dates were suggested so the parks do not become a trailer or RV park. Gonzalez agreed with Senmartin with regard to the parks providing housing to many people in the community and suggested revising to allow long term rentals on non-owner occupied road ready RVs and did not support the three year clause because the space is limited in the park and there’s nothing else that could take its place and meet city codes and setbacks. Zieg agreed with Gonzalez and expressed he would like to see at the end of the sunset timeframe elevated code compliant structures or road ready RVs and preservation of the rental units for the workforce. Garrett stated the sunset clause is not essential and suggested a compliance check annually. Cook stated he supports the road ready RV idea and suggested if people are concerned they are going to be a daily or weekly rental there could be a stipulation minimum of six months. Garrett disagreed with the six month suggestion and suggested 28 days to a month. Senmartin stated he is flexible with agreeing on a sunset date and Bartus expressed more concerns regarding the date. Garrett provided an explanation to Council that if the Ordinance is not passed the permanent RV will eventually have to be replaced as it

deteriorates and a new structure will have to go in. Senmartin spoke on the free market component of the RV lots and Bartus spoke in support of a five year sunset with annual reviews after to address the needs.

Lindsey asked for clarification on the term sunset. Garret explained that at the sunset date the road ready RVs would have to be gone. He further explained the sunset of the Ordinance provides for the temporary use of RVs.

Citizens Comments

Robert Young, president of Trailer Ranch by the Sea, spoke against Ordinance 2019-11 and asked Council to approve the proposal as originally presented without the sunset and owner occupancy requirement.

Shawn McAvoy spoke for Ordinance 2019-11, but spoke against the sunset clause.

Randy Boldon spoke for passing Ordinance 2019-11.

John Moseio spoke against the sunset clause in Ordinance 2019-11.

Stacy Dumus spoke against the sunset clause in Ordinance 2019-11.

Ed John spoke against Ordinance 2019-11

Zieg asked how difficult it would be to go back to the original proposal and drop the sunset and owner occupied clauses and not apply it to all the other RV parks. Garrett stated he would have to prepare a development agreement specifically and suggested if we go back to the original ordinance that Council leave in the clause about owner responsibility within the park.

Greg Coldiron spoke against the sunset clause in Ordinance 2019-11.

Senmartin disagreed with the Ordinance and explained it is not fit for everyone affected by the Ordinance.

MOTION: Senmartin moved to deny 2019-11

SECOND: Zieg

Bartus stated to deny the Ordinance in its entirety puts a stain on Trailer Ranch by the Sea and doesn't help the Key by the Sea residents either.

Vote of the Motion:

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

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

MOTION: Bartus moved to approve the original ordinance brought forward by Trailer Ranch by the Sea, with the only addition being that the RV's that come in, must be road ready and the parks must be able to certify that and pass it as an annual report to the City.

SECOND: Gonzalez

Vote of the Motion:

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

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

Ordinance 2019-15, Amending Chapter 22, Article Ii, Section 22-19, "Definitions;" Chapter 22, Article Ii, Section 22-20, "Premises To Be Cleaned Of Debris And Noxious Material" And Chapter 22, Article Ii, Section 22-25, "Enforcement And Appeals" Of The City Code Of Ordinances; Providing For The Repeal Of All Ordinances Or Parts Thereof Found To Be In Conflict; Providing For Severability; Providing For Inclusion In The Code Of Ordinances And Providing For An Effective Date.

Lewis provided a staff report, explaining the Ordinance is a modification and rewrite and stated the goal is to better define debris, property standards and give code enforcement better direction. Zieg questioned if dirt is included under the definition. Lewis clarified that dirt was not specified. Zieg asked if dirt is covered by any of the other definitions asked if it should be added, Lewis stated it should be added. Senmartin stated he is not in support of the Ordinance, but appreciates the effort. He stated there is not enough room in the Ordinance to allow for people's eclectic material and supports going back to the other Ordinance that says "not visible in public view" or something similar. Lewis stated citizens had input on the Ordinance and it comes directly out of code complaints. Bartus suggested looking for a happy medium and sided with Senmartin on his thoughts on the issue. Bartus asked if first class or certified mail would be the way to go and Lewis responded either way would work its more of a budgetary issue. Bartus stated he would like to see both a letter sent and the property posted. Lewis explained if the person's property is shielded and not visible from the road or an easily visible spot, he does not have a problem with it. Lewis stated he can add the language to be specific as to say "visible from the road or right of way" and stated that he is trying to be more specific. Bartus stated he would like to add the word dirt under the definition and suggested legal to come back with a clause that says the debris would have to be visible from the right of way. Cook stated there are parts to the Ordinance that he does not agree with. Zieg suggested going

back and reflecting on the suggestions made by Council and bring back next month. Lewis agreed and Council gave a head nod to rework the Ordinance and bring back next month. Lindsey stated everyone's rights are equally important. He also stated it's difficult to define trash in this Ordinance, because what's trash to one person may be a treasure to another and stated we're working hard to make the definitions clear.

Resolution 2019-124, A Request To The City Council Of The City Of Marathon By Michael Adkins And Karen Adkins To Abandon A Portion Of The Public Right Of Way Known As Flagler Street, Located At And Adjacent To Vacant Land, Lots 16 And 17, Block 53, Crains Subdivision, Grassy Key, PB 1-51, Having Real Estate Numbers 00373830-000000 And 00373830-000100, Monroe County Florida, Nearest Mile Marker 57.7.

Garrett provided a staff report and recommended approval.

MOTION: Bartus moved approval of Resolution 2019-124
SECOND: Zieg

Vote of the Motion:

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

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

Citizens Comments

Diane Scott spoke on dogs in the community and feels they should be on leashes and would like to see the issue addressed.

Council Comments

Zieg provided a today in history quote and thanked City Staff for prepping Council on the agenda. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bartus wished everyone a happy holiday season and prosperous new year and read several Christmas quotes.

Senmartin thanked staff for a year's worth of good work & appreciated the hard work. He stated he is grateful for his family's health and happiness and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy and healthy new year.

Gonzalez thanked staff and the parks & rec department for all they do. He thanked Coldwell Banker and Faro Blanco for the great events they put on for the community. He thanked Sherriff Ramsay for his persistence with the Aviation Blvd. project and thanked Marathon Fire

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Rescue for their commitment to bring back Santa on Christmas Eve. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

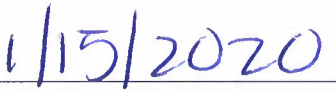
Cook announced the grand re-opening of Sombrero Beach will be December 12th at 4:30pm and encouraged everyone to bring their families out to celebrate and thanked everyone involved in repairing the beach. He reminded everyone of the 78th anniversary of Pearl Harbor and stated thoughts and prayers are with the families of the ones that were lost and wounded. He announced it's been 27 months since Hurricane Irma and FEMA has awarded the City \$1.5 million dollars in repair money. He thanked Lindsey, Ms. Johnson and all the staff for holding our city together. He thanked Monroe County Sheriff Office and Marathon Fire Rescue for all they do year round. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Cook adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the regular Council meeting of December 10, 2019.


Hillary Palmer, Deputy Clerk


Date