

**CALL TO ORDER** - A Virtual Zoom Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on September 8, 2020, Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL - There were present:**

Councilmember John Bartus

Vice Mayor Luis Gonzalez

Councilmember Mark Senmartin

Councilmember Dr. Daniel Zieg

Mayor Steven Cook, comprising a quorum

Also in attendance were:

Chuck Lindsey, City Manager

Planning Director George Garrett

Attorneys with Vernis and Bowling, Dirk Smits and Gaelan Jones

City Clerk, Diane Clavier

Finance Director Jennifer Johnson

Code Compliance Director, Doug Lewis

Public Works Director, Carlos Solis

Fire Chief John Johnson

Parks and Recreation Director, Paul Davis

Marina Director, Sean Cannon

Utilities Director, Dan Saus

Cody Ward, Paralegal

Mayor Cook read the directions for the public to call in and view the meeting.

### **Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda**

Senmartin added Halloween as item D under City Council items. Bartus added Grassy Key Fills Update as item E under City Council items. Lindsey added item E under City Manager items, a request from Marathon High School to hold the Homecoming Parade on October 8th.

**MOTION:** Bartus moved to approve as amended

**SECOND:** Gonzalez

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

### **City Council Items**

#### **\*Approval of Minutes**

Patriot Day Proclamation was read, and Mayor Cook asked for a moment of silence.

Bartus requested that on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year that we have a candlelight vigil at Sombrero Beach.

Constitution Week Proclamation was read

Halloween (Councilmember Senmartin) Senmartin explained there was confusion regarding what is allowed and not allowed for the behind the airport Halloween. Senmartin stated that Halloween was not a City sponsored event, it is a local resident event, so it will go on if the locals want to hand out candy, but everyone should social distance and wear the type of mask that will prevent the spread of Covid19.

Grassy Key Fills Update (Councilmember Bartus) Bartus explained he drove to Grassy Key, and there was garbage left behind, and there were crowds of people. Lindsey informed everyone that Solis reached out to FDOT who referred us to the Monroe County Transportation Committee, which he did not feel was the appropriate agency to assist. Lindsey explained staff was identifying all agencies who would take part in enforcement and asked for a Countywide meeting including FWC, DEP, and FDOT.

### **City Manager Report**

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Parade Request, October 24, 2020 – Lindsey asked for a head nod for the parade from Marathon High School to the beach. The Council have a head nod of approval.

Park and Recreation Report – Davis explained that he moved four trash cans from Rotary Park to the beach and purchased ten portable cans and also purchased cans and scoops for the grills so that hot ashes may be put in the metal cans. Davis reported that staff were at the beaches on the

weekends and sanitizing the playgrounds, tables, and restrooms. Davis informed everyone in person programming would begin on the 14<sup>th</sup> with approval from Council. Davis reported that he spoke with Charlotte Quinn and Michelle Franck who represented Zonta to reserve the park for Halloween to replace the event that Gulfside Village used to put on. Davis asked for head nods to bring the grills back and to have in person programs. Council approved.

Marina Report – Cannon reported occupancy was up and asked for a head nod to donate the floating docks and parts to a non- profit organization (Replaced after Irma) to Florida Keys Community Center, as well as keep some for the City. Council gave a head nod approval.

Marathon High School Homecoming Parade – Lindsey asked the Council to approve the annual parade from Knights Key to Publix on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Council gave a head nod of approval.

### **Quasi-Judicial Public Hearings**

**Resolution 2020-54** Approving Request Of By Grassy Key Resort Group, LLC For A Modification To Their Conditional Use Permit (Resolution 2019-46) Pursuant To Chapter 102, Articles 13 Of The City Of Marathon Land Development Regulations (LDRS); Seeking A Modification To Their Site Plan For The Redevelopment Of An Existing Hotel Resort And Commercial Uses On Property Located At 58070 And 58182 Overseas Highway, Which Is Legally Described As Township 65, Section 24, Range 33; Bk 36 Lts 1-2-3-4, Pt Lts 5-6 (Parcel A) And W’y 15ft Unnamed St Adj Lot 1 Res B-C-C 8/11/61 And Adj Portion Of Flagler Street And Grassy Key Bay Bottom Adj Lts 1-2-3, Lot 12 And Pt Lot 13 In The Crain’s Subdivision, Grassy Key, Marathon, Florida; Having Real Estate Numbers 00370940-000000 And 00371060. Nearest Mile Marker 58.5.

**Resolution 2020-55**, Approving A Request Of By Grassy Key Resort Group, LLC For A Modification To Their Development Agreement (Resolution 2019-47) Pursuant To Chapter 102, Articles 8 Of The City Of Marathon Land Development Regulations (LDRS); Seeking A Modification To Their Site Plan For The Redevelopment Of An Existing Hotel Resort And Commercial Uses On Property Located At 58070 And 58182 Overseas Highway, Which Is Legally Described As Township 65, Section 24, Range 33; Bk 36 Lts 1-2-3-4, Pt Lts 5-6 (Parcel A) And W’y 15ft Unnamed St Adj Lot 1 Res B-C-C 8/11/61 And Adj Portion Of Flagler Street And Grassy Key Bay Bottom Adj Lts 1-2-3, Lot 12 And Pt Lot 13 In The Crain’s Subdivision, Grassy Key, Marathon, Florida; Having Real Estate Numbers 00370940-000000 And 00371060. Nearest Mile Marker 58.5.

Bartus stated he had exparte communications with the applicant, but it would not affect his vote. The rest of the Council stated they had no exparte communications.

Garrett explained the request has had no changes since the last hearing and asked if there were any questions.

Cook called for public comments, hearing none, closed public comment.

**MOTION:** Gonzalez moved approval of Resolution 2020-54

**SECOND:** Zieg

**Vote of the Motion:**

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

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

**MOTION:** Bartus moved approval of Resolution 2020-55

**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

**Resolution 2020-56** Approving The Request By Knight's Key Investors, LLC And Knight's Key Road, LLC For The Expansion Of An Existing Conditional Use Permit (Resolution 2015-94) And Development Agreement (Resolution 2015-96), Pursuant To Chapter 102, Articles 13 8 Respectively Of The City Of Marathon Land Development Regulations (LDRS), Seeking The Addition Of Ninety-Six (96) Transient Residential Units (Hotel Rooms), Restaurant Space, And A Water Feature On An Existing 199 Room Resort Facility With Restaurants, Spas, Retail Space, And Pools; With Existing Densities Of Approximately 9.91 Transient Residential Units Per Acre; Located At 1 Knight's Key Blvd; Which Is Legally Described As Lot 1 And Part Of Lot 2 And Bay Bottom East Of And Adjacent To Government Lot 2, Section 8 And 17, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Knights Key, Monroe County, Florida; Having Real Estate Number 00101800-000000, Nearest Mile Marker 47; And Providing For An Effective Date.

**Resolution 2020-57** Approving The Request By Knight's Key Investors, LLC And Knight's Key Road, LLC For The Expansion Of An Existing Conditional Use Permit (Resolution 2015-94) And Development Agreement (Resolution 2015-96), Pursuant To Chapter 102, Articles 13 8 Respectively Of The City Of Marathon Land Development Regulations (LDRS), Seeking The Addition Of Ninety-Six (96) Transient Residential Units (Hotel Rooms), Restaurant Space, And A Water Feature On An Existing 199 Room Resort Facility With Restaurants, Spas, Retail Space, And Pools; With Existing Densities Of Approximately 9.91 Transient Residential Units Per Acre; Located At 1 Knight's Key Blvd; Which Is Legally Described As Lot 1 And Part Of Lot 2 And Bay Bottom East Of And Adjacent To Government Lot 2, Section 8 And 17, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Knights Key, Monroe County, Florida; Having Real Estate Number 00101800-000000, Nearest Mile Marker 47; And Providing For An Effective Date.

All the Council except Senmartin stated they had exparte communications with the applicant, but it would not affect their vote.

Garrett explained the request of the additional 96 transient units which they will be responsible for acquiring the units necessary for the additional development and that the applicant has agreed as part of the conditions they would be involved in the upgrades to the wastewater system as well as a left or right hand turn lane at the top of the hill coming onto US1 to make three lanes.

Cook called for public comments, hearing none, closed public comment.

**MOTION:** Gonzalez moved to approve Resolution 2020-56

**SECOND:** Bartus

**Vote of the Motion:**

Yes: Gonzalez, Bartus, Senmartin, Zieg, Cook

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

Cook called for public comments, hearing none, closed public comment.

**MOTION:** Gonzalez moved to approve Resolution 2020-57

**SECOND:** Zieg

**Vote of the Motion:**

Yes: Gonzalez, Zieg, Senmartin, Bartus, Cook

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

**Resolution 2020-58** Approving The Ranking And Allocations Of The Market Rate And Affordable Residential Building Permit Allocation System (RBPAS) For Period 1, Year 29 (July 14, 2020 To January 13, 2021); And Providing For An Effective Date.

Garrett explained this was the biannual BPAS allocation process.

Cook called for public comments, hearing none, closed public comment.

**MOTION:** Bartus moved approval

**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

**Ordinances for Final Public Hearing and Enactment**

**Ordinance 2020-04**, A Request By Julie Walker (Accepted By Marathon Vacation Properties LLC) To Amend The Future Land Use Map From Residential Low (RL) To Residential Medium (RM) For Lot 8, Block 18; Lot 1, Block 19; Lot 4, Block 19; And Lot 5, Block 19, Coco Plum Beach Subdivision; Having Real Estate Numbers 00365970-000000, 00365980-000000, And Part Of 00366031-000100 (Formerly 00366010-000000 And 00366020-000000), Marathon, Florida, Monroe County, Florida; Nearest Mile Marker 54.

Garrett explained the comprehensive plan or FLUM and Zoning map has been through DEO who have accepted it and agreed it was an appropriate change, it is back for the second hearing with no changes from the previous hearing.

Cook called for public comments, hearing none, closed public comment.

**MOTION:** Gonzalez moved to approve Ordinance 2020-04

**SECOND:** Bartus

**Vote of the Motion:**

Yes: Gonzalez, Bartus, Senmartin, Cook

No: Zieg

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

**Ordinance 2020-05**, A Request By Julie Walker (Accepted By Marathon Vacation Properties LLC) To Amend Land Development Regulations Zoning Map From Residential Low (RL) To Residential Medium (RM) For Lot 8, Block 18; Lot 1, Block 19; Lot 4, Block 19; And Lot 5, Block 19, Coco Plum Beach Subdivision; Having Real Estate Numbers 00365970-000000, 00365980-000000, And Part Of 00366031-000100 (Formerly 00366010-000000 And 00366020-000000), Marathon, Florida, Monroe County, Florida; Nearest Mile Marker 54.

Cook called for public comments, hearing none, closed public comment.

**MOTION:** Gonzalez moved to approve Ordinance 2020-05

**SECOND:** Bartus

**Vote of the Motion:**

Yes: Gonzalez, Bartus, Senmartin, Cook

No: Zieg

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

**Citizens Comments on items not scheduled for public hearing**

Dolly Sadowsky, Marathon – asked how many code officers were employed by the City. Mayor Cook explained the Council policy to not converse and suggested she call City Hall. Lindsey suggested if she could wait until the meeting ended, he would speak with her.

Terrill from 41<sup>st</sup> Street in Marathon questioned why an item was removed from the agenda. Mayor Cook explained the Council policy to not converse and suggested Lindsey could speak with him after the meeting.

Charlotte Quinn – thanked everyone for approving the Strides Drive and thanked Davis for allowing the drive-up Halloween in the park.

Thomas Casey, Mockingbird Lane, spoke against the development on 123 Mockingbird Lane and suggested it had not been properly evaluated and does not qualify to have two homes on the lot.

Susan Stelzer, Mockingbird Lane – commented that the permit for 123 Mockingbird Lane should not have a variance granted and that she felt it did not meet requirements.

Cindy Casey, Mockingbird Lane, spoke against the development on 123 Mockingbird Lane and suggested a simple subdivision does not apply and it does meet square footage requirements.

Mike Blee, Mockingbird Lane, spoke against the development on 123 Mockingbird Lane and stated he has been receiving inconsistent information from the staff.

Sue Blee, Mockingbird Lane, spoke against the development on 123 Mockingbird Lane and stated a variance should not be granted.

Harry Bidding, Mockingbird Lane, spoke against the development on 123 Mockingbird Lane and suggested it did not meet setbacks.

Jim Stelzer, Mockingbird Lane, spoke against the development on 123 Mockingbird Lane and stated the project does not meet the code or the intent of the code.

**Resolutions for Adoption**

**Resolution 2020-59**, Approving An Employment Agreement Between Steve Williams And The City Of Marathon, Florida For City Attorney Services; Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Agreement On Behalf Of The City; And Providing For An Effective Date

Cook called for public comments, hearing none, closed public comment.

**MOTION:** Bartus moved to approve 2020-59

**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

**\*Resolution 2020-60**, Authorizing The City To Extend The Agreement With Ballard Partners Inc. For Professional Consulting And Lobbying Services Before The Legislature Of The State Of Florida; Authorizing The City Manager To Expend Budgeted Funds And Execute The Extension Agreement; And Providing An Effective Date.

**\*Resolution 2020-61**, Approving An Interlocal Agreement Between The City Of Marathon, Florida (Hereinafter, The “City”) And Monroe County, Florida (Hereinafter, The “County”) Providing The Mechanism For The City To Seek And Be Reimbursed For Expenditures Related To The City’s Expenditures Associated With The COVID-19 Pandemic; Acknowledging That Such Funding Is Made Available To The County Through The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act; PL 116-136); Providing For Signature; and Providing For An Effective Date

**\*Resolution 2020-62**, Approving Amendment One To The Interlocal Agreement With Monroe County For Receipt Of Local Option Gas Tax Revenues

**\*Resolution 2020-63**, Approving A Second Amendment To The Contract Between The City And EssentialNet Solutions. For Information Technology Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$9,253 Per Month; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Amendment And Expend Budgeted Funds On Behalf Of The City; And Providing An Effective Date.

**\*Resolution 2020-64** Declaring That The City Has No Interest, As A Matter Of Ownership Or Current And Future Use, In A Parcel Severed At Sale From “Tract A” (RE No. 00343500-000000) As Part Of Paraiso Estates Subdivision, A Part Of The S.W. ¼ Of Section 1 And A Part Of Govt. Lot 1, Section 12, All In Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Providing For Signature By The Mayor, Providing For An Effective Date

**\*Resolution 2020-65**, Approving An Amendment To The Agreement Between The City Of Marathon And The City Of Key Colony Beach For The Provision Of Emergency Medical And Fire Rescue Services; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Amendment; And Providing For An Effective Date.

**\*Resolution 2020-66**, 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 connecting new homes and properties throughout the City, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$48,337.00; Authorizing The City



Manager To Enter Into Agreements In Connection Therewith, Appropriating And Expending Budgeted Funds; And Providing For An Effective Date

**Council Comments**

Zieg thanked Johnson for all her work on the budget and gave a history of events that took place this week and welcomed Steve Williams and thanked Dirk Smits and Gaelan Jones.

Senmartin welcomed Steve Williams and thanked staff.

Bartus commented that it had been three years since Irma hit and it would be nice to have rebuild Florida funds, and there has not been one Keys project from Rebuild Florida. Bartus reminded everyone of the September 13<sup>th</sup> Facebook concert to benefit Presents in Paradise.

Gonzalez welcomed Mr. Williams and reminded everyone that school was partially open and next week will be fully open and to look out for school busses. Gonzalez encouraged everyone to donate to Presents in Paradise and thanked Johnson, Sheriff's officers, and Marathon Fire Rescue.

Cook welcomed Steve Williams and thanked staff, Johnson, staff of Vernis and Bowling as well as Marathon Fire Rescue, MCSO and FWC, Coast Guard. Cook stated he would donate this month's pay to Presents in Paradise. Cook asked everyone to be mindful of September 11<sup>th</sup> and remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for this country.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Cook adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the virtual Council meeting of September 8, 2020

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Diane Clavier, City Clerk

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Date

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Special Call Virtual Zoom Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on September 10, 2020, Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL - There were present:**

Councilmember John Bartus

Councilmember Dr. Daniel Zieg

Vice Mayor Luis Gonzalez

Mayor Steve Cook, comprising a quorum

Councilmember Mark Senmartin was absent.

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 Steve Williams

Attorney with Vernis and Bowling Gaelan Jones

Code Compliance Director, Doug Lewis

Parks and Recreation Director, Paul Davis

Marina Director, Sean Cannon

Utilities Director, Dan Saus

Cody Ward, Paralegal

Jones read the call-in instructions for public comments.

Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Zieg moved to approve the agenda

**SECOND:** Gonzalez

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

**Resolution 2020-67**, Adopting The Tentative Millage Rate and Levy Of Ad Valorem Taxes For The City Of Marathon, Florida For The Fiscal Year 2020-2021; and Providing For An Effective Date.

Johnson read Section 2 of the Resolution into the record as follows

The FY 2020-2021 tentative millage rate for the City 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 2.4631 mills by 5.15%.

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

**MOTION:** Zieg moved to approve Resolution 2020-67

**SECOND:** Gonzalez

**Vote on the Motion**

Yes: Zieg, Gonzalez, Bartus, Cook,

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Senmartin

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

**Resolution 68**, Adopting The Tentative Budget For Fiscal Year 2020-2021; and Providing For An Effective Date.

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

**MOTION:** Zieg moved to approve Resolution 2020-68

**SECOND:** Bartus

Bartus spoke of his concerns regarding the amphitheater and funding to fix parks and beaches in case of another storm. Johnson commented that we have not received approval from FEMA for all of the Irma repairs, but the next budget hearing we will review the five year plan that includes Rotary Park and Quay property, and we can always appropriate funds.

**Vote on the Motion**

Yes: Zieg, Bartus, Gonzalez, Cook,

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Senmartin

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

**Council Comments:**

Cook apologized to Steve Williams for not previously introducing him.

Bartus commented on recovery progress and thanked Staff and Jennifer Johnson.

Lindsey thanked Jennifer Johnson, and remarked that it was another anniversary of Irma, but we are on our way for reimbursements, being short two to three million for category B, but we will have it shortly.

Zieg reminded everyone of the third anniversary of Irma and thanked everyone who worked so hard to get us where we are today. Zieg thanked Jones and Smits and Welcomed Williams.

Gonzalez thanked Jennifer Johnson and staff and reminded everyone to do something kind for someone on the anniversary of the terrorist attack.

Chief Johnson informed everyone there would be a remembrance ceremony that would be open to the Council but closed to the public because of COVID. Johnson informed everyone that one of the EOC's was closed and reminded everyone to make sure their properties were prepared.

Cook thanked Jennifer Johnson and Lindsey and reminded everyone that sixty years ago, Hurricane Donna destroyed Marathon, and we are defined by our resilience after the storm. Cook also thanked the residents of Marathon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Cook adjourned the meeting at 5:25 pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the Council special call budget meeting of September 10, 2020

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Diane Clavier, City Clerk

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Date

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Special Call Virtual Zoom Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on September 22, 2020, Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL - There were present:**

Councilmember John Bartus

Councilmember Mark Senmartin

Councilmember Dr. Daniel Zieg

Vice Mayor Luis Gonzalez

Mayor Steve Cook, 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 Steve Williams

Code Compliance Director, Doug Lewis

Parks and Recreation Director, Paul Davis

Marina Director, Sean Cannon

Utilities Director, Dan Saus

Cody Ward, Paralegal

Mayor Cook read the call-in instructions for public comments. And asked for a moment of silence for Former Associate Justice Ruth Ginsburg.

Approval of Agenda - Lindsey removed Resolution 2020-71 from the agenda.

**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.

**Resolution 2020-69**, Adopting The Final Millage Rate and Levy Of Ad Valorem Taxes For The City Of Marathon of Monroe County, Florida For The Fiscal Year 2020-21; and Providing For An Effective Date.

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

**MOTION:** Zieg moved to approve Resolution 2020-69

**SECOND:** Gonzalez

**Vote on the Motion**

Yes: Zieg, Gonzalez, Senmartin, Bartus, Cook

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

**Resolution 2020-70**, Adopting The Final Budget For Fiscal Year 2020-2021; Authorizing The Expenditure Of Funds Established By The Budget; And Providing For An Effective Date.

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

**MOTION:** Gonzalez moved to approve Resolution 2020-70

**SECOND:** Bartus

Senmartin explained there were a few numbers he did not understand and felt the numbers should be higher, such as public works equipment. Johnson and Solis explained the equipment costs would come out of the Street Maintenance Fund. Senmartin commented that the City could employ its own mechanic or two mechanics to save money since we have the Public Works Building. Solis explained we have a full-time routine maintenance in house, and the in-house person is working on a certification to work on the ambulances. Senmartin questioned why some merit raises were a higher percentage. Lindsey explained that the raises were based on merit evaluations and others are increases due to the disparities and a wage study. Lindsey gave an example of the permit techs needed to be increased and those positions are difficult to fill. Senmartin

commented that the budget for IT does not cover what needs to be done. Senmartin stated he was not happy with the IT provider and we were hit with ransomware. Lindsey explained we have even stronger security now, and there was nothing our contractors could have done to stop it from happening, we are as good as we can be. Senmartin suggested a shade session to discuss how to prevent this in the future. Senmartin also mentioned that the TV channel broadcast has nothing on it. Lindsey informed everyone there was funding in the budget for a part time person

**Vote on the Motion**

Yes: Gonzalez, Bartus, Senmartin, Zieg, Cook

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

Five Year Capital Improvement Program – Lindsey commented that the Council was provided with the list of improvements, and there is nothing the Council needs to vote on tonight. Johnson explained it is a pay as you go plan, and explained the long list of unfunded projects which included the following: permanent debris site, Fire station 16 on the South end of town, 33<sup>rd</sup> Street multi use facility and rec center, Community park improvements: Skate Park rebuild, Concession stand window modification, phase 3 – 69 parking spaces. Also bike trail and boardwalk at the salt ponds, board walk/observation platform/kayak docs/docks at Tropical Blvd., Coco Plum Beach, Boot Key Acquisition, Boot Key improvements (kayak dock, etc.), Fire Rescue boat, Swimming Pool/Splash Pad.

Gonzalez suggested moving things around at the Park to accommodate a splash pad.

Lindsey explained the challenge of prioritizing with limited funds, the nice to haves get overshadowed by needs such as a permanent debris site. Lindsey also mentioned the skate park was a challenge as it always needs repairs and explained the ways the City funds for future projects. Lindsey explained we need to know where we would put a splash pad first and the second part is the recurring maintenance.

Senmartin suggested to ask staff where to put the splash pad and then decide to move forward or not. The only option to fund seems to be a loan, and interest rates are low now.

Zieg suggested to consider approaching the Dolphin Research Center to help us sponsor our residents for an annual pass at their splash pad would be less expensive. Cook commented on the conversation last year of subsidizing Crane Point Hammock as they were interested in having a splash pad. Garrett informed everyone Crane Hammock has been dealing with the Covid situation and trying to stay afloat, but they are still interested. Bartus commented that he knew Charlotte Quinn was still interested, and in need of funds and he would like the splash pad elevated on the list closer to the top. Lindsey suggested that staff would identify a location and put out to RFP and he would

bring it back before Council with the understanding that we have no funding. He would look at Community and Rotary Parks.

**MOTION:** Senmartin moved to direct staff to identify a location, costs, and loan information for a splash pad.

**SECOND:** Gonzalez

**Vote on the Motion**

Yes: Senmartin, Gonzalez, Bartus, Zieg, Cook

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

Johnson commented that capital infrastructure sales tax took a huge hit and loans affect our bonds, we must have a revenue stream for.

Lindsey asked for any other projects the Council wanted on the list.

Cook suggested boat ramp properties and everyone agreed. Senmartin commented that FKEC was putting in a ramp and suggested a partnership.

Davis suggested a work area and storage for workshops and golfcarts.

Bartus suggested when redoing the skate park, use concrete.

Solis suggested an additional ocean side boat ramp and having a metal building in the park for storage/work area and a debris site needs to be a priority. Saus echoed thoughts on another boat ramp.

**Citizen Comments:**

Chelsie Lyons – commented she felt a splash pad should be a priority, families are leaving because there are not enough amenities in town.

Laura Chapman Taylor – commented that a splash pad is needed and wanted.

Natalie Campbell – spoke for a splash pad.

**Council Comments:**

Bartus thanked staff, department heads, finance director and manager.

Senmartin thanked Lindsey, Johnson, staff and stated he wanted to make sure we have the tools needed to succeed.



Zieg thanked Lindsey and staff, especially Johnson for all her hard work.

Gonzalez thanked Lindsey, Johnson, and department heads.

Cook welcomed Steve Williams as our legal counsel and thanked staff, MCSO, Marathon Fire Rescue, FWC, USCG, Governor DeSantis, Lindsey and Johnson.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Cook adjourned the meeting at 6:12 pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the Council special call budget meeting of September 22, 2020

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Diane Clavier, City Clerk

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Date

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