

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.

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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


Diane Clavier, City Clerk


Date