

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Call Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on July 14, 2021 at the Marathon Council Chambers Marathon, Florida, Mayor Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL - There were present:

Councilmember John Bartus

Councilmember Steve Cook

Vice Mayor Mark Senmartin

Absent Councilmember Dr. Daniel Zieg

Mayor Luis Gonzalez, comprising a quorum

Also, in attendance were:

City Manager, George Garrett

Deputy City Clerk, Hillary Palmer

City Attorney, Steve Williams

Planning Director, Brian Shea

MCSO, Captain Don Hiller

MOTION: Senmartin moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Bartus

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

Garrett provided a report on the modifications made to the ordinance based on comments from Council and he explained the 26ft condition could be removed from the ordinance making the rule no more than three axles.

Bartus spoke on the boat ramp parking issues especially during mini-season and the weekend to weekend during the opening of regular season. He expressed his concerns regarding the high traffic at the boat ramps during these peak times.

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Garrett stated he would add the aforementioned parking restrictions into the ordinance.

Senmartin included at any other time period as deemed necessary by the City Manager.

Bartus agreed with Senmartin and supported the additional language.

Williams verified three Council head nods for the additional language.

A unanimous head nod from Council was received.

Hiller commented the new added language would make the ordinance more clear.

Bartus asked for clarification regarding removing the twenty six (26) foot or longer vessel portion of the ordinance and keeping just the number of axles in the trailer.

Gonzalez commented with the new language it will make the ordinance a lot clearer from an enforcement standpoint.

Garrett agreed with Gonzalez that the deletion of the twenty six (26) foot or longer of vessel simplifies the ordinance.

Senmartin suggested erecting signage at the boat ramp to outline the new rules and clearing up the existing signage.

Garrett commented he would work with the Public Works Director to get legally sufficient signage up.

Garrett verified that Staff will remove the twenty six (26) feet or longer vessel language and add a phrase that gives the City Manager authorization for parking restriction management as he deems necessary and adding language specific to mini-season and the weekend to weekend of opening of regular lobster season in reference to parking.

Ordinance 2021-17, An Ordinance Of The City Of Marathon, Florida Amending Chapter 36, Article Iv, "Water And Mooring Fields," Modifying Section 36-83 To Prohibit The Launching Of Vessels Twenty-Six (26) Feet Or Longer And Any Vessel Transported On A Trailer Of Three (3) Axles Or More From The Boat Ramp Located At Aviation Boulevard And Harbor Drive; Providing For Severability; Providing For The Repeal All Ordinances Or Parts Of Ordinances Found To Be In Conflict, And Providing For Inclusion In The Code; And Providing For An Effective Date.

MOTION: Bartus moved to approve the ordinance as revised by Staff and Council.

SECOND: Cook

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Bartus, Cook, Senmartin, Gonzalez

No: None

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Absent: Zieg

Abstain: None

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

No Public Speakers.

Gonzalez thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 8:39 AM by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the Special Call Council meeting of July 14, 2021.


Hillary Palmer, Deputy City Clerk


Date