

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Call Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on September 14, 2021 in the City Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Hwy., Marathon, Florida, Mayor Gonzalez called the Meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL - There were present:

Councilmember John Bartus

Councilmember Steve Cook

Councilmember Dr. Daniel Zieg

Vice Mayor Mark Senmartin

Mayor Luis Gonzalez, comprising a quorum

Also in attendance were:

City Manager, George Garrett

Finance Director, Jennifer Johnson

Attorney, Steve Williams

City Clerk, Diane Clavier

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Bartus moved to approve the agenda

SECOND: Zieg

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

Resolution 2021-70, Adopting The Final Millage Rate and Levy Of Ad Valorem Taxes For The City Of Marathon of Monroe County, Florida For The Fiscal Year 2021-22; and Providing For An Effective Date.

The Clerk read into the record: **Section 2.** The FY 2021-2022 tentative millage rate for the City is 2.77 mills, which is \$2.77 for each thousand dollars of taxable assessed property value; and the tentative millage rate is greater than the rolled-back rate of 2.4712 mills by 12.9%.

Jennifer Johnson explained the rate is 12.09% higher than our roll-back rate of 2.4712 mills. This millage rate will generate about \$8.3M of revenues for our general fund. Johnson informed everyone the proposed FY22 budget includes appropriations for staff merit raises, employee benefit insurance increases, increased IT subscriptions, security surveillance at various park locations and increased professional services.

Johnson advised that overall, the FY22 general fund revenues and expenditures are projected to be approximately \$15.1M for a balanced budget with a planned use of mitigation reserves for landscaping projects of approximately \$390,000, and an increase in the unreserved fund balance of approximately \$312,000. Johnson informed everyone we are projected to end the year with \$13.3M, or 10.53 months in reserves. This is 44 days short of our 12-month reserve target in the General Fund, but is greater than our reserves prior to Hurricane Irma.

MOTION: Cook moved to approve Resolution 2021-70

SECOND: Zieg

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

Vote on the Motion

Yes: Cook, Zieg, Bartus, Senmartin, Gonzalez

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

Resolution 2021-71, Adopting The Final Budget For Fiscal Year 2021-2022; Authorizing The Expenditure Of Funds Established By The Budget; 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 2021-2022 in the amount of \$99,471,586.00.

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

MOTION: Bartus, moved to approve Resolution 2021-71

SECOND: Zieg

Vote on the Motion

Yes: Bartus, Zieg, Cook, Senmartin, Gonzalez

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

Council Comments:

Senmartin commented that he was looking forward to improvements.

Cook thanked staff and Jennifer Johnson.

Bartus thanked Jennifer Johnson and department heads.


Zieg thanked Jennifer Johnson and staff.

Gonzalez thanked Johnson and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 5:09 pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the Council special call budget meeting of September 14, 2021


Diane Clavier, City Clerk


Date