

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Call Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on September 20, 2022 in the City Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Hwy., Marathon, Florida, Mayor Bartus called the Meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL - There were present:

Councilmember Steve Cook

Councilmember Luis Gonzalez

Councilmember Robyn Still

Vice Mayor Dr. Daniel Zieg

Mayor John Bartus, comprising a quorum

Also, in attendance were:

City Manager, George Garrett

City Clerk, Diane Clavier

Attorney, Steve Williams

Finance Director, Jennifer Johnson

Approval of Agenda

Bartus added Open Fire Policies on City Property as item 7C.

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve the agenda as amended.

SECOND: Gonzalez

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

Resolution 2022-110, Adopting The Final Millage Rate and Levy Of Ad Valorem Taxes For The City Of Marathon of Monroe County, Florida For The Fiscal Year 2022-2023; and Providing For An Effective Date.

Jennifer Johnson explained the final millage rate of 2.72 mills is 15.04% higher than rollback rate of 2.3644 mills and will generate about 9.7 million of revenues for our general fund.

Johnson reported the proposed FY23 budget includes appropriations for staff cost of living increases, employee benefit insurance increases, increased public works staff and increased professional services for climate change type studies.

Johnson informed everyone we are projected to end the year with \$16.7M, or 11.86 months in reserves. This is 13 days short of our 12-month reserve target in the General Fund.

Johnson conveyed the following:

Special Revenue Funds & Enterprise Funds

- The Building, Street Maintenance, Marina and Utilities Funds are budgeting to continue the existing level of services the City currently provides. With the added 7 Mile Marina budget
- \$400,000 of appropriations in the affordable housing fund to continue to the first-time home buyer loan program.
- Approximately \$1.3M for the debt service fund for payments on the City's TD bank bond & the installment payment on the 7 Mile Marina purchase.

The Capital Infrastructure budget included appropriations for;

- Bridge Improvements
- 7 Mile Park improvements
- Quay improvements
- Numerous Community Park upgrades

Bartus thanked Johnson for doing such a great job and the department heads.

Bartus called for public comments, hearing none, closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Cook moved to approve Resolution 2022-110

SECOND: Zieg

Vote on the Motion

Yes: Cook, Zieg, Still, Gonzalez, Bartus

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

Resolution 2022-111, Adopting The Final Budget For Fiscal Year 2022-2023; Authorizing The Expenditure Of Funds Established By The Budget; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Bartus called for public comments, hearing none, closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Gonzalez moved to approve Resolution 2022-111

SECOND: Zieg

Vote on the Motion

Yes: Gonzalez, Zieg, Cook, Still, Bartus

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

Ordinances for First Public Hearing

Ordinance 2022-23, Amending Chapter 18, Article III (“Offenses Involving Public Peace, Order, And Morals”) Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Marathon By Amending Section 18-124 To Create Subsection D Which Will Provide An Enforcement Mechanism For Section 18-124; By Amending Section A To Prohibit Smoking At Public Beaches And Parks; 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.

Williams explained he inserted the suggested language regarding smoking and took out the nonprofit information language in section 2(b)

Mayor Bartus called for public comments; hearing none, closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Zieg moved to approve Ordinance 2022-23

SECOND: Gonzalez

Vote on the Motion

Yes: Zieg, Gonzalez, Cook, Still, Bartus

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

(For Clarification) Resolution 2022-99, Approving The Ranking And Allocations Of The Market Rate And Affordable Residential Building Permit Allocation System (RBPAS) For Period 1, Year 31 (July 14, 2022 To January, 2023); And Providing For An Effective Date.

Bartus commented he made an addition to the motion to use administrative relief for a local contractor, however, the motion maker did not amend the motion.

MOTION: Bartus moved approval with the 7 administrative relief allocations added.

SECOND: Gonzalez

Zieg asked Williams to weigh in on giving the administrative relief to the contractor. Williams explained three contractors are asking, one is very close to occupancy. While the initial thought was to use administrative relief, other contractors are coming forward. In the attempt to rehear the 300 units, 1000 are in jeopardy, we are now stuck and at some point, the harshest is the easiest to apply. Until the court case is resolved, everyone is on hold. While using the seven administrative relief allocations is not illegal or unlawful, Williams explained where do you shut the valve off. Cook asked everyone to pause on this and urged the Mayor to withdraw the motion or asked the Council to vote no. Cook commented that we have 52 occupied units that were part of the 300, what does the ruling do for them, that would put 52 ahead of six. Zieg commented that a project on the mainland had the same opposing counsel and the units were torn down.

Vote on the Motion

Yes: Bartus

No: Gonzalez, Zieg, Cook, Still

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

MOTION: Zieg moved approval of Resolution 2022-99 as written

SECOND: Bartus

Vote on the Motion

Yes: Zieg, Bartus, Cook, Still, Gonzalez

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

MOTION: Cook moved to approve the transfer of the seven administrative relief allocations back to the administration pool.

SECOND: Gonzalez

Vote on the Motion

Yes: Cook, Gonzalez, Still, Zieg, Bartus

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

***Resolution 2022-104**, Establishing City Boat Ramp Usage Fees, Trailer Parking Fees And Parking Fees At Sombrero Beach And Establishing An Annual City Resident Registration; And Providing For An Effective Date

Open Fires on City Property – Bartus explained that there was an issue with someone having a fire in one of our parks and asked the Council to direct staff to add to the code no fires on municipal property. Cook commented that the Boy Scouts use City property for their flag event. Bartus added not without Council approval to add to the code. Council gave a head nod.

Council thanked Johnson, Williams and staff

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Bartus adjourned the meeting at 5:29 pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the Council special call budget meeting of September 20, 2022.

Diane Clavier

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

October 12, 2022

Date