

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Call Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on May 23, 2023 at the Marathon City Hall, Council Chambers, Marathon, Florida, Mayor Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL - There were present:

Councilmember Lynn Landry

Councilmember Jeff Smith

Mayor Luis Gonzalez, comprising a quorum.

Vice Mayor Robyn Still was absent.

Councilmember Kenny Matlock was absent.

Also in attendance were:

City Manager, George Garrett

City Attorney, Steve Williams

City Clerk, Diane Clavier

Finance Director, Jennifer Johnson

Planning Director, Brian Shea

Building Official, Gerard Roussin

Rick Marks, Federal Lobbyist

Libby Frazier, Deputy Utilities Director

Alexandra Heller, Paralegal

Budget Process / Capital Infrastructure Plans Discussion – Jennifer Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation and explained the budget process as well as the major phases of the budget process. Johnson informed the Council that staff was working on the City’s five year capital plan. Included in the plan in the Capital Infrastructure Fund is a listing of unfunded projects that the staff would like to have the Council input on to prioritize them and to add or remove any items from the listing.

Smith commented that he asked Garrett for an HR report to be incorporated into the staff reports and look at BPAS fees for transfers. Gonzalez asked that we investigate the Cities South and North of us as well as the County. Smith suggested we do not blanket raises. Johnson informed everyone the City used a employee performance software. Smith also suggested hiring in the building department and having enforcement at the beach. Garrett commented that the CPI was significant this year at nine percent, and he would look at each position. Smith commented in the Wall Street Journal that the National CPI was listed at 4.5 percent. Johnson explained the nine percent was South Florida CPI from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. Smith commented we should look at the capital improvement numbers as well as boat ramps on the ocean side and affordable housing. Johnson informed everyone there was a new reserve category budgeted for people who donated for BPAS and did not receive an allocation. Garrett commented that the code could be changed for workforce house for hotel developments, a percentage basis to create affordable housing. Smith asked that the City look into raising the fees for TBRs.

Garrett introduced Rick Marks, the City's Federal Lobbyist to the Council.

MOTION: Smith moved to approve the consent items on the agenda.

SECOND: Landry

Vote on the Motion:

Yes: Smith, Landry, Gonzalez
No: None
Absent: Matlock, Still
Abstain: None

Vote on the Motion: 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent, 0 Abstain

Resolutions for Adoption

***A. Resolution 2023-50,** Accepting The Ranking And Recommendation Of The City's Evaluation Team In Response To An RFQ For Professional Design Services For The Design Of The 117th Street And 116th Street Bridges; Authorizing The City Manager And Staff To Negotiate A Contract With The Top Ranked Firm Of KCA; And Providing For An Effective Date.

***B. Resolution 2023-51** Approval Of An Amendment To The Existing Contract For Emergency Debris Removal Monitoring Services With Tetra Tech, Inc.; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Agreement; And Providing For An Effective Date.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the City Council Special Call Meeting held May 23, 2023.


Diane Clavier, City Clerk


Date