Information Technology Department Report

Meeting Date:	September 9, 2025
To:	Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From:	Henry Kokenzie, IT Director
Through	George Garrett, City Manager

This monthly report outlines the key accomplishments, savings, and ongoing projects from the City of Marathon IT Department.

Cost Savings

• Successfully saved $14,000 by reducing unused Adobe licenses.
• Negotiated with vendors based on loyalty and volume, resulting in $15,000 in additional savings.

Infrastructure & Resiliency

• Starlink internet installation is underway to ensure continuity of internet access during disasters such as hurricanes.
• Added Starlink connectivity at Fire Station 15.
• Implemented video conferencing capabilities at Fire Stations 14 and 15.

Security Enhancements

• Continued installation of new security and safety features at City Hall.
• Exploring point-to-point wireless to enhance connectivity; pilot projects at smaller sites are underway.

IT Planning & Replacement

• Progress continues on 3, 4, and 5-year IT equipment replacement plans to ensure budget-friendly, sustainable technology upgrades.

Website & Compliance

• Entered into an agreement to develop a new City of Marathon website, with initial steps now underway.
• Preparing to implement SMARSH to comply with state requirements for cell phone and social media backups.