

CALL TO ORDER - A Special Call Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on September 23, 2025 in the Marathon Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Hwy., Marathon, Florida, Mayor Landry called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL - There were present:

Councilmember DelGaizo via Zoom

Councilmember Matlock

Councilmember Still

Vice Mayor Smith

Mayor Landry, comprising a quorum.

Also, in attendance were:

City Manager, George Garrett

City Clerk, Diane Clavier

City Attorney, Steve Williams

Finance Director, Jennifer Johnson

Deputy City Manager, Brian Bradley

Planning Director, Brian Shea

Deputy Utilities Director, Libby Soldano

Code Director, Ted Lozier

Marina Director, Sean Cannon

Park and Recreation Director, Scott Williamson

Senior Planner, Dan Gulizio

Marina Director, Sean Cannon

Public Works Manager, Paul Bartnik

City Engineer, Carlos Solis

Public Information Officer, Carlos Garcia

Information Technology Director, Hank Kokenzie

Fire Rescue Chief Muro

MCSO Capt. Derek Paul

Approval Of Agenda

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

First Public hearing to adopt tentative budget and millage rate

Johnson briefly gave a review of the general fund budget. Johnson explained the proposed tax rate of 2.0631 mills, which is a zero percent tax increase. Johnson informed everyone of one change to the budget for the wastewater audit, which will be \$50,000, but will not change the numbers in the resolution.

The Mayor called for speakers.

Mike Millard – thanked Johnson and explained he had asked many questions and thanked Johnson for answering all of them. Millard questioned why we were accepting \$600,000 from United Way, a nonprofit company. Millard also commented on the amount of money being expended on vehicles. Millard suggested making the City stick with the revenues coming in and letting the City Manager allocate the funds across the departments.

Diane Scott – suggested to take funding away from the police and suggested putting the shade trees and benches back into Jesse Hobbs Park along with electrical outlets.

Still informed everyone the City was standing on solid ground and only five municipalities have met rollback in the last three years, and they are all smaller than Marathon.

Matlock commented that it is easy to meet rollback when the houses are more expensive, Matlock asked for more detailed information on the budget.

Smith thanked Johnson and commented that we have done an outstanding job over the last three years. Smith questioned if the training budget was sufficient. Bradley commented that it was.

Landry thanked Marathon Fire Rescue for lowering their budget and commented that having twelve months of reserves was fiscally responsible. FROCK, and fronting the money for reimbursement is far better than it was for previous storms. Landry also commented that he was happy we have moved capital budget forward.

DelGaizo thanked Johnson and staff for their work on the budgets.

Johnson read Resolution 2025-90 into the record: **Resolution 2025-90**, Adopting The Final Millage Rate and Levy Of Ad Valorem Taxes For The City Of Marathon of Monroe County, Florida For The Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and Providing For An Effective Date.

Johnson read section two of the resolution into the record: The FY 2025-2026 final millage rate for the City of Marathon is 2.0631 mills, which is \$2.0631 for each thousand dollars of taxable assessed property value; and the final millage rate is equal to the rolled-back rate.

MOTION: Still moved to approve Resolution 2025-90
SECOND: Smith

Vote of the Motion:

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

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

Johnson read Resolution 2025-91 into the record: **Resolution 2025-91**, Adopting The Final Budget For Fiscal Year 2025-2026; Authorizing The Expenditure Of Funds Established By The Budget; And Providing For An Effective Date.

As well as the third whereas: **WHEREAS**, the City has set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the tentative operating budget for FY 2025-2026 in the amount of \$144,676,201.

MOTION: Smith moved to approve Resolution 2025-91
SECOND: Still

Vote of the Motion:

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Landry adjourned the meeting at 5:52 pm by unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the regular Council meeting of September 23, 2025


Diane Clavier, City Clerk


Date