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CALL TO ORDER - A Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on December 9, 2025, in the Marathon Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Hwy., Marathon, Florida, Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL - There were present:

Councilmember Landry (Via Zoom)

Councilmember Matlock

Councilmember Still (Via Zoom)

Vice Mayor Struyf

Mayor Del Gaizo, 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

Park and Recreation Director, Scott Williamson

Deputy Utilities Director, Libby Soldano

Senior Planner, Dan Gulizio

Marina Director, Sean Cannon

Public Works Director, Paul Bartnik

City Engineer, Carlos Solis

Public Information Officer, Carlos Garcia

Information Technology Director, Hank Kokenzie

Ports Director, Sean Cannon

Fire Rescue Chief Muro

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MCSO Capt. Derek Paul

MOTION: Matlock moved to allow Councilmembers Landry and Still to participate via Zoom.
SECOND: Struyf

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

Approval Of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Garrett added approval of selling alcohol at the Marathon Community Park on January 10th and 11th during the Celtic festival to the agenda and added Shands Case Discussion

MOTION: Matlock moved to approve the agenda as amended.
SECOND: Struyf

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

City Council Items

*A. Approval of Minutes

B. Shands Case Discussion –Williams explained he was seeking either a head nod to proceed or settle and recommended to proceed to fight. Williams explained that Attorney Bob Shillinger with Monroe County has an interest since they have far more islands. Shillinger spoke of his willingness to assist the City in their fight. Matlock commented that the Council has had in depth conversations with the attorney. The Council agreed the city needed to move forward and gave head nods.

City Manager Report

- * A. MCSO Marathon Substation Report
- * B. Grants Update
- * C. Public Works Report
- * D. Park and Recreation Report
- * E. Information Technology Update
- * F. Marina Report
- * G. Code Report
- * H. Wastewater Utilities Report
- * I. Building Report
- * J. Marathon Fire Rescue Report

K. Discussion Of Current Progress With The City's Wastewater Deep Well Project And Preliminary Projections Of Potential Costs – Steve Suggs with Weiler Engineering commented that there was a map handed out that shows the 60 million cost estimated project split into five phases. Suggs explained each phase and spoke about the funding sources. Struyf asked if the project was behind schedule. Suggs explained we are behind where we would like to be, but we should pull back to the schedule in the end. Del Gaizo asked if the

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project was still projected to cost sixty million dollars. Suggs explained we are in the 40 to 60 million range. Garrett spoke about the legislative requests he has made. Suggs explained some things are further out are ballpark estimates.

Celtic Festival Request to sell alcohol at the January 10th and 11th festival.

MOTION: Matlock moved to allow alcohol to be sold at the Celtic Festival
SECOND: Struyf

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

Quasi-Judicial Public Hearings:

Resolution 2025-117, Consideration Of A Request For A Final Plat Approval Pursuant To Chapter 102 Article 10 Of The City Of Marathon Land Development Regulation (LDRS) Entitled “Subdivision Of Land/Plats And Re-Plats,” For A Final Plat Approval As Submitted By Key Vaca LLC And John And Phyllis Strittar For A Portion Of Land Which Is Described As Section 10, Township 66, Range 32, Key Vacas Bay Bottom & Fill Bay Bottom Adjacent To Part Of Lot 2 & All Of Lot 3 Of Thomoson Subdivision (A/K/A Parcel E & Bay Bottom Parcel B), And Thompson Subdivision & Adams Subdivision PB2-24, Key Vaca Part Of Lot 2 & Adjacent Bay Bottom And Thompson Subdivision & Adams PB2-24 Key Vaca Part Lots 2 & 3 (Parcel B & F) & Filled Bay Bottom & Canal Bay Bottom And Thompson Subdivision & Adams Subdivision PB2-24, Key Vaca Part Of Lot 3, Having Real Estate Numbers 00103280-000000, 00327120-001000, 00327130-000200, And 00327130-001000. Nearest Mile Marker 50.

The Clerk swore in speakers, Council communicated they had no ex parte communications.

Shea informed everyone that this is the final plat, there have been no changes. Matlock commented that Brian Schmidt has all of the building rights, they are not coming from the City. Clavier informed the Council there was no one who signed up for public comments.

MOTION: Matlock moved to approve the Resolution as is.
SECOND: Struyf

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Matlock, Struyf, Still, Landry, Del Gaizo
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

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

Ordinances For First Public Hearing

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Ordinance 2025-10, Amending Chapter 102 “Development Application Review Procedures” By Creating Article 25 “Requests For Accommodations”, Amending Chapter 104 “Specific Use Regulations”, Section 104.20 Entitled “Group Home”, Amending Chapter 110 “Definitions”, Article 3 Entitled “Defined Terms”; Providing For Severability; Providing For The Repeal Of Conflicting Provisions; Providing For The Transmittal Of This Ordinance To The Department Of Commerce After Final Adoption By The City Council; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Shea explained the reason to amend the Land Development Regulations to allow us to address “Recovery Residences” consistent with newly enacted State legislation. Shea informed everyone we currently only have the Heron House; we would need to go through a conditional use approval if there were any others. Clavier informed the Council there was no one who signed up for public comments.

MOTION: Struyf moved to approve Ordinance 2025-10
SECOND: Matlock

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Struyf, Matlock, Still, Landry, Del Gaizo
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

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

Ordinance 2025-11, Amending The City’s Land Development Regulations, Chapter 20, “Parks And Recreation,” Section 20-2, “Rules Of Conduct And Operational Procedure For Certain Parks,” Subsection (I) “Golf Balls,”; Providing For Severability; Providing For The Repeal Of Conflicting Provisions; Providing For The Transmittal Of This Ordinance To The State Department Commerce After Final Adoption By The City Council; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Shea informed the Council the City Parks Department would like to allow golf balls within designated areas of City Parks and provide additional uses within the existing batting cages. The cages have the necessary netting to allow for the use as a driving range. Clavier informed the Council there was no one who signed up for public comments.

MOTION: Matlock moved to approve Ordinance 2025-11
SECOND: Struyf

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Matlock, Struyf, Still, Landry, Del Gaizo
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

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

Resolutions For Adoption

A. Resolution 2025-118, Authorizing A “Piggy-Back” Purchase Pursuant To The City’s Purchasing Policies And Procedures And Approving The Purchase Of One 2026 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD Crew Cab Pickup 4WD WT 6.5’ Bed And One 2026 Chevy Silverado 3500 HD Regular Cab Chassis 4WD DRW WT 60” Ca Under The City Of Tallahassee Contract 5179 From Alan Jay, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$121,412; Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into Agreements In Connection Therewith, Appropriating And Expending Budgeted Funds; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Matlock questioned if we were adding or replacing trucks and why we were getting four-wheel drive. Bartnik explained these were replacement trucks and it is easier to have four-wheel drive as sometimes public works have the trucks off of the road and into the medians, etc. Matlock commented that moving forward, he would like to see a report with more information and keep the trucks a little longer. Matlock asked that the bed liner be removed as it would rust the truck bed. Matlock also asked if the step was needed. Bartnik commented that it was a safety issue. Struyf asked how many trucks were in service. Bartnik replied about 72. Council asked for a list of who drives the trucks and the maintenance logs. Del Gaizo asked how often we go through trucks. Bartnik commented that it depends, one of these does not have air conditioning and it is a safety issue; these trucks are ten years old, but we have a 19-year-old truck that is still in use.

MOTION: Matlock moved approval with the amendment of removing the bed liners and moving forward providing more information

SECOND: Landry

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Matlock, Landry, Still, Struyf, Del Gaizo
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

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

***B Resolution 2025-119**, Authorizing A “Sole-Source” Purchase Pursuant To The City’s Purchasing Policies And Procedures And Approving The Purchase from Airvac Vacuum Collection System Vacuum Pits And Packages, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$144,580.80; Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into Agreements In Connection Therewith, Appropriating And Expending Budgeted Funds; And Providing For An Effective Date

***C. Resolution 2025-120**, Approving Professional Services Agreement With Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., For an Operational Audit of the Wastewater Department In An Amount Not To Exceed \$67,550.00; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute All Necessary Documents On Behalf Of The City And Expend Appropriated Funds; And Providing An Effective Date

Citizen Comments

Bruce Ferraro – spoke about a letter sent to the City to change Skip Jacks from market rate to affordable, there are 40 units and it will decrease the value of our units and asked the Council to take into account how long the residents have owned the units. Ferraro commented that he is not against affordable housing as he was the previous Habitat president.

Mike Millard – thanked whoever was responsible for stopping the generator noise and suggested a solar power panel giveaway to the boaters. Millard also asked for a list of vehicles the City has and all of the information for item K: Discussion Of Current Progress With The City's Wastewater Deep Well Project And Preliminary Projections Of Potential Costs

D. Resolution 2025-121, Awarding Change Order #6 For The Power Conditioning Upgrades To Pedro Falcon Contractors, Inc.; Approving A Change In Contract Amount From \$461,289.58; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Contract And Expend Appropriated Funds On Behalf Of The City; And Providing For An Effective Date. This Work Qualifies And Will Be Submitted For Reimbursement Through The Existing CDBG-DR Grant.

Suggs explained that the bulk of the item costs was the manufacturer indicated they were providing something that they did not. Without the bypass, we will have to run on generator as we have to have redundancy and there are other smaller issues. Matlock questioned why we are paying the change order if we are going to try to get back the money in litigation. Williams explained the wrong doer has nothing to do with Pedro Falcon, it does not threaten our position and this way, we keep Pedro Falcon whole. Suggs explained it was a custom part, and Pedro Falcon did the best they could, they are doing the least expensive option, and we need to close the project to close the grant. The staff and council discussed how we were misled, we should have received what we asked for and we did not. The work is done and we need to close out the six million dollars grant before the deadline.

MOTION: Matlock moved approval with the amendment of removing the cost of the crane rental from the change order.

SECOND: Struyf

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Matlock, Struyf, Still, Landry, Del Gaizo

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

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Landry — Thanked the Council for allowing him to Zoom in the meeting and wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Still – Still wished everyone happy holidays and thanked the Council for allowing her to Zoom in the meeting, thanked staff and stated it was a pleasure to serve with the Council.

Matlock – reminded everyone hurricane season was over and informed everyone Diane Scott lost her husband and commented about her passion toward her beliefs. Matlock wished everyone a merry Christmas.

Struyf – thanked everyone and especially the park and recreation staff, the decorations at the park are beautiful. Struyf thanked the staff and wished everyone a merry Christmas.

Del Gaizo – thanked the staff and commented how much the community gives and participates in giving back. Del Gaizo reminded everyone to check in with their neighbors and family and pay attention to what is going on as the holidays are not a happy time for everyone. Del Gaizo wished everyone happy holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Del Gaizo adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm with unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the City Council meeting of December 9, 2025.



Diane Clavier, City Clerk



Date