

CALL TO ORDER - A Meeting of the City Council of Marathon, Florida was held on November 18, 2025, in the Marathon Council Chambers, 9805 Overseas Hwy., Marathon, Florida, Mayor Landry called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL - There were present:

Councilmember Del Gaizo

Councilmember Matlock

Councilmember Still

Vice Mayor Smith

Mayor Landry, comprising a quorum.

Also, in attendance were:

Councilmember Elect Debra Struyf

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

Fire Rescue Chief Muro

MCSO Capt. Derek Paul

Resolution 2025-100, Accepting The Results Of The Municipal General Election Held November 4, 2025 For The Election Of Three At Large City Council Seats; And Providing For An Effective Date

MOTION: Matlock moved to approve the Resolution 2025-100

SECOND: Still

Vote of the Motion:

Yes: Matlock, Still, DelGaizo, Smith, Landry

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

The Council thanked Vice Mayor Smith for his service and friendship, and Garrett presented Smith with a gift

Swearing in of Council Members - Councilmembers Still, Landry and Struyf were sworn into office.

Mayor and Vice Mayor Selection:

Struyf nominated Matlock for Mayor. Matlock explained that due to time constraints he would respectfully decline because he could not due the position justice and nominated Del Gaizo. Struyf seconded the nomination with no objections. Del Gaizo nominated Struyf for Vice Mayor, Matlock seconded the nomination with no objections.

Approval Of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Garrett removed Resolution 2025-110 from the agenda and removed Resolution 2025-111 from the consent agenda.

MOTION: Landry moved to approve the agenda as amended.

SECOND: Matlock

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. Cancellation of November 25th and December 23rd Workshops - Council gave a head nod of approval of the cancellations and Matlock and Del Gaizo spoke regarding the structure of the workshops to be a more casual back and forth round table discussions.

C. Permission to sell beer on Jan 24th for the City of Marathon Sauced and Tossed BBQ event at Community Park – Council gave a head nod of approval to sell beer at the event.

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. New Not To Exceed Amount (\$250,000) for MT Causley DBA MTCI Private Provider Services, LLC – Garrett explained that a part of the amount was for inspectors to review permits remotely. Struyf questioned what term this would cover. Johnson responded that the fees are approximately \$6,000 per month, and this would cover approximately a year and a half.

MOTION: Landry moved to approve a new not to exceed amount of \$250,000

SECOND: Still

Vote of the Motion:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

L. Review and Approval of 2025-26 Legislative Priorities – Garrett gave an update on the lobbyist contracts and suggested we continue with the agreements, they are the three most powerful lobbyists in Florida. Garrett briefly reviewed his written legislative state and federal lists of priorities memorandum. Council gave a head nod of approval.

Ordinances for Second Public Hearing and Enactment

A. Ordinance 2025-07, Amending City of Marathon’s Code of Ordinances Chapter 3, Article III, Section 3-42 Titled “Administration”; Providing For The Repeal Of All Ordinances Or Parts Thereof Found To Be In Conflict; Providing For Severability; And Providing An Effective Date.

Shea explained that there have been no changes since the first hearing.

The Mayor called for public comments, hearing none, closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Matlock moved to approve Ordinance 2025-07

SECOND: Del Gaizo

Vote of the Motion:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

Resolutions For Adoption

***A. Resolution 2025-101,** Approving An Amended Agreement Between The City Of Marathon And Jeff D. Vastola, Esq. For Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Services; And Providing For An Effective Date.

***B Resolution 2025-102,** Approving a Interlocal Contract Between Huston-Galveston area Council “H-GAC” and the City of Marathon For A Cooperative Purchasing Program; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement and Providing for An Effective Date.

***C. Resolution 2025-103,** Approving Payment For Invoice 57756 From Charley Toppino & Sons, Inc In An Amount Not To Exceed \$60,000.00 For The EMERGENCY Cleaning To The Three Injection Wells At WWTP 5; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Contract And Appropriate Budgeted Funds On Behalf Of The City; And Providing For An Effective Date

***D Resolution 2025-104,** Approving Grant Agreement ID# 3581 Between The City And The Monroe County Tourist Development Council for Coco Plum and Sombrero Beach Cleaning; Appropriating Funds; And Providing For An Effective Date

***E. Resolution 2025-105,** Approving Tourist Development Council Inter-Local Grant Agreement No. 3519 Oceanfront Dog Park Renovations, Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Agreement, And Providing For Conflicts, Severability, And An Effective Date

***F. Resolution 2025-106,** Approving Grant Agreement ID# 3521 Between The City And The Monroe County Tourist Development Council For installation of the Splashpad Restroom and Concession Stand; Appropriating Funds; And Providing For An Effective Date

G. Resolution 2025-107 Authorizing A Contract For Phase IIIA Deep Injection Well Transmission Main Project to Coral Construction Company, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$2,454,750.00; Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into Agreements In Connection Therewith, Appropriating And Expending Budgeted Funds; And Providing For An Effective Date

Garrett explained that Weiler reviewed and recommended approval and he was comfortable with their recommendations. The Council asked for an update on the project costs at the December meeting. Landry questioned if we could make fines due from the contractors if the project is not completed on time. Williams replied yes, we have \$1,000 a day or higher. Struyf questioned if we were three months behind. Garrett replied just on phase 1 because we did not have DOT/MOT agreement yet, but we are working with our lobbyist to come up with solutions as DOT has become very difficult with traffic control.

MOTION: Still moved to approve Resolution 2025-107

SECOND: Matlock

Vote of the Motion:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

***H. Resolution 2025-108,** Approving And Ratifying A Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease Modification Increase Square Footage With The Florida Department Of Environmental Protection On Behalf Of The Trustees Of The Internal Improvement Trust Fund Of The State Of Florida For Bay Botom Located Within The Boundary And Surrounded By Lands At The 7 Mile Marina; And Providing For An Effective Date.

***I. Resolution 2025-109,** Adopting The 2025 Update Of The Local Mitigation Strategy As Required By State And Federal Regulations To Qualify For Certain Mitigation Grant Funding; Providing For An Effective Date.

~~***J. Resolution 2025-110,** Awarding Change Order #6 For The Power Conditioning Upgrades To Pedro Falcon Contractors, Inc.; Approving A Change In Contract Amount From \$29,950.20; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Contract And Expend Budgeted 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.~~

K. Resolution 2025-111 Accepting The Second Lowest Responsible Bid And Approving A Contract Between The City And Discount Rock & Sand, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$459,982.00 For Construction of Pickleball Courts and Associated Improvements at Oceanfront Park; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Contract And Appropriate Funds On Behalf Of The City; And Providing For An Effective Date

Solis explained the rejected lowest cost submitted was in the amount of \$345,480.84. However, after a detailed review of their bid, we determined that their bid was not responsive or responsible, in that no cost was provided for the required bonds, and their cost for electric work was extremely low, and they appear to have substituted the lights with an unknown brand. Therefore, their bid was rejected. Solis informed everyone that the City Manager and Deputy City Manager met a solar contractor at

their recent conference and staff will pull out the electric portion of the contract and install solar in house. It is a line item bid and the amount for the lighting and electric will be subtracted from the total price.

MOTION: Still moved to approve Resolution 2025-111 as amended

SECOND: Struyf

Vote of the Motion:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

***L. Resolution 2025-112,** Amending Resolution 2025-85 That Approved A Clean Water State Revolving Fund Construction Loan Agreement No. WW44040 Between The City And The State Of Florida Department Of Environmental Protection Clean Water State Revolving Fund In The Total Amount Of \$8,666,273 For Wastewater/Stormwater Infrastructure Projects; To State With Greater Specificity The Pledged Revenues That Will Be Used To Re-Pay The Loan; And Providing For An Effective Date

***M. Resolution 2025-113,** Authorizing The City Manager To Execute A Release Of Unity Of Title On Behalf Of The City In The Form Attached To This Resolution Concerning Property Located At 126 Calle Ensueno; And Providing For An Effective Date.

***N. Resolution 2025-114,** Authorizing The City To Enter Into An Agreement With Ronald L. Book, P.A. For Professional Consulting And Lobbying Services Before The Legislature Of The State Of Florida; Authorizing The City Manager To Finalize And Execute The Agreement; And Providing An Effective Date.

***O. Resolution 2025-115,** Amending The City's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget; And Providing For An Effective Date

***P. Resolution 2025-95,** Authorizing The City To Extend The Agreement With Ballard Partners, Inc. For Professional Consulting And Lobbying Services Before The Legislature Of The State Of Florida; Authorizing The City Manager To Expend Budgeted Funds, And Execute The Extension Agreement; And Providing An Effective Date (**Tabled from October 14, 2025 Meeting**)

Citizen Comments

Armand Messina spoke on behalf of the Florida Keys Contractors Association and congratulated those on their election campaign for City Council and explained his excitement for the opportunity to collaborate with the Council.

Mike Millard – spoke about the noise coming from a boat generator and played a recording from his phone and questioned what could be done. Millard also asked about the design of a pumphouse for the deep well. Garrett informed him he would contact him to assist.

Council Comments

Landry —expressed his appreciation for the events committee, there were 70 people at the movie they organized and thanked Bradley for the pickleball and lights, it is the fastest growing sport in the US. Landry welcomed Struyf to the Council.

Matlock – thanked Jeff Smith it was nice to work with him, welcomed Struyf and thanked Del Gaizo for agreeing to be the Mayor.

Still – congratulated Struyf, Still and Landry and commented that she was looking forward to working with the Council. Still thanked staff and wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

Struyf – thanked those who have helped her and for all of the work that was put in. Struyf mentioned that she would be happy to speak with anyone about their needs and wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

Del Gaizo – welcomed back Still and Landry, thanked Struyf and Jeff Smith. Del Gaizo explained it is important to be involved, volunteer and stay engaged with local issues. Del Gaizo thanked the Council for making her Mayor and for a positive meeting, she was looking forward to working with everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Del Gaizo adjourned the meeting at 6:32 with unanimous consent.

I certify the above represents an accurate summary of the City Council meeting of November 18, 2025.

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

Date