



COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT

Meeting Date: July 14, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

From: Brian Shea, Planning Director

Through: Steve Williams, Interim City Manager/City Attorney

Agenda Item: **Resolution 2026–58**, Adopting The Final Rankings For The Selection Of A Professional Engineering Firm For Preparation Of The City Of Marathon Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into And Execute A Contract With The Highest Ranked Firm, Exp Inc.; And Providing For An Effective Date.

BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION:

The City of Marathon issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking professional engineering services to assist the City in the preparation of a comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. On April 10, 2026 proposals from Professional Consulting firms were accepted and subsequently, evaluated by City staff, ranking the individual plans. The Plans were ranked based upon objective criteria contained in the Request For Qualifications (RFQ).

The City of Marathon, Florida, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 287.055, “Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act,” is seeking to enter into a contract for the preparation of the City’s Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. Funding of \$250,000 for this project was awarded from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:

Yes	No
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1. Comprehensive Plan

FISCAL NOTE:

Approved by Finance Director:

RECOMMENDATION: Council approve Resolution

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2026-58**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL RANKINGS FOR THE SELECTION OF A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FIRM FOR PREPARATION OF THE CITY OF MARATHON BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE HIGHEST RANKED FIRM, EXP INC.; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City published a Request For Qualifications for professional engineering services for the preparation of a Comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, each Proposal was subsequently evaluated and ranked by the City's Evaluation Team according to objective criteria contained within the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon, Florida, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 287.055, 'Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act,' is seeking to enter into a contract for professional services with the highest ranked firm for the preparation of a Comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Council accepts the City's Evaluation Team ranking and authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with the top-ranked submittal from Exp. Inc. for the preparation of the Marathon Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan.

Section 3. Council further authorizes the City Manager to enter negotiations with the second highest ranked firm, McFarland Johnson, in the event a contract cannot be concluded with the highest ranked firm.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 14TH DAY OF JULY, 2026.**

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

Lynny Del Gaizo, Mayor

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Diane Clavier
City Clerk

(City Seal)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE
CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:**

Steve Williams, City Attorney