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Robyn Still  
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### STILL TO SERVE ON MARATHON CITY COUNCIL

Robyn Still is the newest member of the Marathon City Council. She was selected to serve at a special call meeting on January 31 as a result of a coin toss, ending Jody “Lynny Thompson” Del Gaizo’s bid to fill the vacant seat on the Council. A video of the proceedings confirmed the outcome.

According to Marathon’s Charter, nominees must have the majority support of the Council to take office. Because the Council was tied 2-2 after a special call meeting on January 24 -- with equal support for both Still and Del Gaizo -- Marathon City Attorney Steve Williams told the sitting Council that Florida law “explicitly” allows the City to “draw lots.”

“The most recent example was in the town of Chiefland, Florida,” said Williams. “There was a dead tie in an election and they drew straws.” Williams said. “The law allows us to pull names from a hat, flip a coin, use bingo balls – any method where there is no opportunity for skill and no bias in the outcome; where it is truly a 50-50 chance.”

The vacancy on the Marathon City Council was created in early January, when Wofsey resigned. On January 11, at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting, the sitting board called a special meeting on January 24 to fill the vacant seat. A week ago, the field of 14 applicants was narrowed to the two candidates, and both had equal support however the council was tied 2-2. The Council scheduled the January 31 meeting in an attempt to avoid the coin toss.

Prior to the coin toss, Still told the Council, “I have been in public service my entire adult life. Prior to the election season, I committed to educating myself about the needs and issues of our city. I think I am the best person to fill that seat,” Still said.

Still moved to Marathon in 2016 after a career in law enforcement in Georgia. She and her husband, Chris, own and operate The Tackle Box. Still will be sworn in at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Council on Tuesday, February 8 at 5:30 p.m. at Marathon City Hall.

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