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Brian Bradley has been the City of Marathon Deputy City Manager since January 2025.

City of Marathon Employee Spotlight: Brian Bradley, Deputy City Manager

MARATHON, FL (Aug. 12, 2026) – Brian Bradley knows working in government can be a risky business. He also knows the job has its rewards.



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For more than 20 years, Brian worked for Monroe County in a variety of positions, most recently as Risk and Records Manager, before joining the City of Marathon as Deputy City Manager in 2025 at the behest of City Council.

He has worked diligently not only to fulfill the role of city manager as necessary, but also assume other duties as warranted while the city determines its next city manager.

For every special city event or outing Brian attends as a city representative, there are pressing city matters that need his immediate and undivided attention. From budget issues to employee relations to working to provide boat slips for city residents, Brian's daily workload can be as chaotic as the waters around Marathon during lobster mini-season.

Brian takes it all in stride.

The Michigan native addresses each situation with a calm demeanor, assessing various scenarios and possible solutions before offering his opinion or direction. If there are questions to be answered, he'll often ask with a glare over his glasses; at that moment, the conversation shifts from city official to community partner.

Which is a key element of his role as Deputy City Manager.

Brian's years with the county have provided him insight into proper management procedures, leading to identifying bottlenecks and single-points-of-failure within city departments. He understands the need for rules and regulations while keeping the interests and needs of the community in mind.

It's a balancing act that, when handled as Brian often does with a droll sense of humor, results in success for the city and the community.



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In the past year, Brian has restructured departments, streamlined payment and processing of bills and, with the help of a new project manager, has been successful in expediting several existing capital projects.

Those projects include completion of the skate park at Marathon Community Park and the renovation of the Oceanfront Park Dog Park. One key policy change implemented by Brian is one new project for every two completed, which has proven successful in managing the city's current project load.

Brian recently saved taxpayers \$150,000 by suggesting solar lighting at the city's new pickleball courts, another of the expedited capital projects. He also identified and resolved an unanticipated overtime issue that could have cost the city more than \$1 million.

As a salaried employee, Brian routinely works more than 60 hours a week for the city; he recently entered into an agreement with the county to assist with staffing issues in Risk Management.

He provides the county with six hours a week as county officials work to fill vacant positions, while continuing to give the City of Marathon his full attention and hours on the job.

It's in that commitment to Marathon, its residents, and working for the betterment of Monroe County where Brian Bradley finds his greatest reward.

"It has been an amazing opportunity to work for the City of Marathon," he says. "I have enjoyed all of the unique challenges I have faced in this role and look forward to continue helping build a better municipality."



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