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City of Marathon Code Compliance Director Theodore 'Ted' Lozier, second from right, is honored for his five years of service by Marathon City Council members, from left, Lynn Landry, Kenny Matlock, Robyn Still (via Zoom), Debra Struyf, and Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo at the Tuesday, July 14, council meeting.

Lengthy discussions, quick approvals mark City Council meeting

MARATHON, FL (July 15, 2026) – The Marathon City Council met Tuesday, July 14, at Council Chambers in a gathering marked by lengthy discussions on the relationship between the Marathon Rotary Club and the city regarding the Fourth of July celebration, and the continuing search for a new city manager.



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Also during the 2^{1/2}-hour meeting, former Marathon Fire Rescue Chief James Muro sought a review of his firing from the post following his involvement in a multi-vehicle crash on U.S. 1 in April.

Following a nearly half-hour exchange with City Attorney and interim City Manager Steve Williams, and a brief interaction with Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo, Muro was told the city will be naming a new fire chief.

Council member Kenny Matlock led the discussion on the Fourth of July celebration, which is sponsored and hosted by the Rotary Club. The city has been responsible for the purchase of fireworks for more than two decades.

At question was shared prominence for Rotary and the city in advertising, as well as the contents of the sponsorship application.

After the discussion, Williams noted that costs involved with the fireworks presentation are not anticipated to decrease next year, and he suggested the council readdress the issues early next year.

Vice Mayor Debra Struyf brought forth a discussion on the possibility of a departmental audit for the city, following concerns she said were brought to her by the public. She suggested a workshop to discuss the issue, and Williams proposed doing so in August.

Council member Lynn Landry took the lead on a discussion about the application process for selecting a new city manager. Williams said interviews are being scheduled and the process is now in the hands of Human Resources Director Evie Engelmeyer.

Council decided to each send their five to 10 selections to Engelmeyer, who requested they be sent to her by Friday, July 17.

Other action by the council included:



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- An update was provided on unlicensed contractor enforcement, with Williams noting the issue is already being addressed within the city, county and state.
- Council unanimously approved the Safe Streets for All program, which is designed to create initiatives to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries; and
- Council unanimously approved the \$400,000 purchase of property on the Florida Forever list, which is potential habitat for the white-crowned pigeon, osprey, and eastern indigo snake.

To watch this and previous City Council meetings, visit <https://cloud.castus.tv/vod/city-of-marathon> . For information on upcoming meetings, visit the city's website at <https://www.ci.marathon.fl.us> .

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