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**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2026-31**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA APPROVING A SEPARATION AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE BETWEEN GEORGE GARRETT AND THE CITY OF MARATHON; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, George Garrett (Employee) is currently employed by the City of Marathon (Employer) in the position of City Manager pursuant to that certain Employment Agreement dated November 10, 2020, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Employee and Employer have determined that it is in the best interest of each that the Employee terminate his employment with Employer; and

WHEREAS, Employee and Employer have agreed that Employee will receive certain benefits and payments, as more fully detailed in the Separation Agreement and General Release, in exchange for execution of such agreement.

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. The City Council hereby approves the Separation Agreement and General Release between the City and George Garrett, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A," together with such non-material changes as may be acceptable to the City Council and approved as to form and legality by the City's Attorney for this matter.

Section 3. The Mayor is authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City and expend appropriated funds.

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 10TH DAY OF MARCH 2026.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



Lynny Del Gaizo, Mayor

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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:**



Steven T Williams, City Attorney

SEPARATION AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE

This Separation Agreement and General Release (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between George Garrett (“EMPLOYEE”) and the City of Marathon (the “EMPLOYER”).

WHEREAS, EMPLOYEE is currently employed by EMPLOYER in the position of City Manager pursuant to that certain Employment Agreement dated November 10, 2020, as amended (“Employment Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, EMPLOYEE was terminated pursuant to Paragraph 11 of his Employment Contract on February 24, 2026 and the EMPLOYEE is still with the City pursuant to his Contract; and

WHEREAS, EMPLOYER and EMPLOYEE have agreed that EMPLOYEE will receive certain benefits and payments, as more fully detailed herein, in exchange for execution of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of their mutual promises and other good and valuable consideration, EMPLOYEE and EMPLOYER, intending to be legally bound, agree to the following:

1. Termination of Employment. To aid in transition and allow for continuity, EMPLOYEE’s last day in office will be March 10, 2026. EMPLOYEE’s employment shall be listed as having ended by termination without cause. From the date of execution of this Agreement until March 10, 2026, EMPLOYEE shall be paid in bi-weekly installments, along with all benefits to which he is entitled pursuant to the Employment Agreement (including the continued accrual of Leave) and general City policies, as he was preceding the execution of this Agreement. Following the final day of employ, as part of EMPLOYEE’s final paycheck, in addition to payment of all regular wages, EMPLOYEE shall also be paid:

- Severance Compensation. Employee shall receive severance compensation equal to twenty (20) weeks of Employee’s base salary, payable in ten (10) consecutive pay-period installments; and
- Accrued Leave. Employer shall pay Employee for all accrued and unused vacation and sick leave, with such accrual calculated through March 27, 2026, or through the latest permissible date of employment as determined by the applicable effective-date provisions; and
- Retirement Benefits. Employee shall receive the portion of retirement benefits to which Employee is entitled under the applicable retirement plan(s) and governing policies; and
- Medical Benefits. Employer shall maintain Employee’s medical benefits (including but not limited to health, dental and vision) for a period corresponding to the ten (10) pay-period severance schedule, with such continuation ending after August 2026.

- Life Insurance. Employer shall maintain Employee's Life Insurance policy for a period corresponding to the ten (10) pay-period severance schedule, with such continuation ending after August 2026.

2. Full and General Waiver of All Rights and Claims. Other than as described in this Agreement, EMPLOYEE hereby knowingly and voluntarily releases, waives, and discharges any and all claims, rights, demands, actions, or causes of actions, of any kind whatsoever, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, foreseeable or unforeseeable, and any consequences thereof, which he has or may have against EMPLOYER (including but not limited to, its current and former members, officers, attorneys, employees, agents, successors and assigns) from the beginning of the world until the date of execution of this Agreement, including, any claim(s) under:

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- The Civil Rights Act of 1991;
- The Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992;
- Sections 1981 through 1988 of Title 42 of the United States Code;
- The Constitutions of the United States and the State of Florida;
- The Age Discrimination in Employment Act;
- The Older Workers Benefit Protection Act;
- Florida Wage and Hour laws;
- The Internal Revenue Code;
- The Rehabilitation Act;
- The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act;
- The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986;
- The Fair Labor Standards Act;
- The Equal Pay Act of 1963;
- The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993; or
- Any other federal, state, or local civil or human rights law or any other federal, state, or local law, regulation, or ordinance.

EMPLOYEE also acknowledges and agrees that this release and waiver bars any claim or demand for damages, costs, fees, or other expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with his employment with EMPLOYER, the termination of that employment, or with any of the above-referenced claims. EMPLOYEE understands and agrees that, with respect to the claims he is waiving in this Agreement, he is waiving not only the right to recover money or other relief in any action he might institute, but also that he is waiving any right to recover money or any other relief whatsoever in any action that might be brought on his behalf by any other person or entity, including but not limited to, the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or any other federal, state or local government agency or department.

EMPLOYEE's intends to fully, finally and forever resolve and release any and all disputes he may have or believe himself to have against EMPLOYER with respect to any alleged acts occurring before the effective date of this Agreement, whether those disputes presently are known or unknown,

suspected or unsuspected. Any matters waived pursuant to this separation Agreement relate solely to the time period for which the EMPLOYEE was duly employed by EMPLOYER. Any future actions caused or undertaken by employer, principle elected officials and employees are not subject to this separation agreement.

3. Covenant Not to Sue. EMPLOYEE represents and agrees that he will not hereinafter pursue, initiate, or cause to be instituted any dispute released herein against EMPLOYER and represents that he has not heretofore assigned or transferred, or purported to have assigned or transferred, to any entity or person, any dispute released by him herein. Any matters waived present to this separation Agreement relate solely to the time period for which the EMPLOYEE was duly employed by EMPLOYER. Any future actions caused or undertaken by employer, principle elected officials and employees are not subject to this separation agreement.

4. Consideration. In consideration for EMPLOYEE's knowing waiver and release of all claims against EMPLOYER, EMPLOYER agrees to provide EMPLOYEE with the benefits described in Paragraph 1 above. The parties agree and acknowledge that the payment as delineated above constitutes good, valuable and sufficient consideration for EMPLOYEE'S full waiver and release of all claims and his fulfilling all other promises as set forth herein.

5. Time to Consider Signing Agreement. EMPLOYEE acknowledges that he has been given a reasonable period of time of not less than twenty-one (21) days within which to decide whether to sign this Agreement. EMPLOYEE understands and agrees that any changes or amendments to this Agreement, whether material or not, will not re-start the twenty-one (21) day period. EMPLOYEE understands and agrees that he can use all or any part of the twenty-one (21) day period to decide whether to sign this Agreement. EMPLOYEE further acknowledges that he has, in fact, taken a reasonable period of time to consider this Agreement.

6. Seven (7) Day Period to Revoke. EMPLOYEE understands that he can revoke this Agreement within seven (7) calendar days after he signs it. (The seven day revocation period is counted by calendar days. If the seventh day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the seventh day will be the next business day.) Any revocation within this period must be in writing and must be received by EMPLOYER'S City Manager by 5:00 p.m. on the seventh (7th) day following EMPLOYEE'S execution of this Agreement. EMPLOYEE understands and agrees that, in the event that he revokes this Agreement, this Agreement will become null and void, and the EMPLOYER will owe nothing pursuant to this Agreement.

7. Miscellaneous. The following additional terms and conditions shall be a part of this Agreement:

a. All benefits to EMPLOYEE not specifically mentioned will be honored in accordance with EMPLOYER'S policies and procedures.

b. Mutual Non-disparagement Clause.

After the date of execution of this Agreement, EMPLOYEE agrees that he shall not, directly or indirectly, take or attempt to take any of the following actions: disparage, defame or make derogatory or negative statements to any person or entity regarding EMPLOYER.

After the date of execution of this Agreement, EMPLOYER agrees that its principals, elected officials and employees, shall not, directly or indirectly, take or attempt to take any of the following actions: disparage, defame or make derogatory or negative statements to any person or entity regarding EMPLOYEE.

c. Subject to any applicable public records law, EMPLOYER and EMPLOYEE shall keep confidential all of the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

8. Effective Date. This Agreement will become effective upon the execution of this Agreement by EMPLOYEE and the expiration of the seven (7) day revocation period. After the seven day revocation period has expired, and if EMPLOYEE has not revoked this Agreement, the EMPLOYER will execute this Agreement.

9. Governing Law and Severability. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. If any provision of this Agreement is declared illegal or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction and if it cannot be modified to be enforceable, such provision shall immediately become null and void, leaving the remainder of this Agreement in full force and effect. The language of this Agreement shall be construed as a whole, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly construed for or against either party.

10. Entire Agreement. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties and shall supersede any and all prior agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, between the parties, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. EMPLOYEE acknowledges that he has not relied on any representations, promises, or agreements of any kind made to him in connection with his decision to sign this Agreement except for those set forth in this Agreement.

11. Amendment. This Agreement may not be amended except by written agreement signed by all parties.

12. Headings. Section headings are used herein for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the meaning of any provisions of this Agreement.

13. Acknowledgment. EMPLOYEE acknowledges that he has carefully read and understands this Agreement and agrees that the EMPLOYER has not made any representations other than those contained herein. EMPLOYEE also acknowledges that he enters into this Agreement voluntarily, without any pressure or coercion and with full knowledge of its significance, and this Agreement constitutes a full and absolute settlement and bar as to any and all claims he had, has, or may have against EMPLOYER. Lastly, EMPLOYEE acknowledges that he has been advised in writing to consult with an attorney prior to executing this Agreement.

THE PARTIES HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND FULLY CONSIDERED THIS AGREEMENT AND ARE MUTUALLY DESIROUS OF ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT. THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT ARE THE PRODUCT OF COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE. HAVING ELECTED TO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT TO FULFILL THE PROMISES SET FORTH HEREIN AND TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS SET FORTH ABOVE, EMPLOYEE FREELY AND KNOWINGLY, AND AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION, ENTERS INTO THIS AGREEMENT INTENDING TO RELEASE, WAIVE, AND SETTLE ALL CLAIMS HE HAS OR MIGHT NOW HAVE AGAINST EMPLOYER, CITY OF MARATHON, FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto knowingly and voluntarily executed this Agreement as of the date set forth below.

EMPLOYEE

By: George Barrett

Date: March 11, 2026

EMPLOYER

By: Lynny Delacruz

Date: 3/11/2026

Approved as to form and legality for the use and benefit of the City of Marathon only:

St. J. Will

City Attorney

Garrett Payroll Estimate	
Biweekly Pay	20 Weeks
\$8,124.96	\$81,249.60
Sick Hours	Pay Out
560	\$ 56,874.72
Vacation Hours	Pay Out
200	\$ 20,312.40
Days	Pay out
30 Day Notice	\$ 24,374.88
Total	\$182,811.60

401a	\$ 18,281.16
457	\$ 18,281.16

Grand Total w/Retirement	\$219,373.92
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