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Marathon fire chief fired

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Marathon Fire Chief James Muro has been fired, effective May 4, less than two weeks after being placed on administrative leave following an after-hours crash involving a city vehicle.

Muro, who was hired in August 2024, was placed on leave without pay after being issued a traffic citation for careless driving and facing a criminal charge for leaving the scene of a crash without giving information, according to a statement issued by city officials on April 23.

City Council Vice Mayor Debra Struyf on Monday confirmed Muro's termination, saying he "violated his contract."

She said she was answering the question about the chief because her campaign for office centered on transparency.

"When someone makes a mistake, everyone has to be treated the same. I'm all about transparency," she said.

Mayor Lynn Del Gaizo said she could not get into the details of the firing, adding Muro is a great guy.

The city's regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The meeting also is streamed via Marathon TV.