

City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, May 18, 2026

1:00 PM

Revenue Workshop

Community Meeting Room

City Council

Chair: Darrin Palumbo

Vice-Chair: Rene Champagne

*City Council: Tamara Goehler,
Stephen Gray, Deb Henry,
Bonita Schwan*

Inerim City Manager: Casey Lucius

City Attorney: Alan L. Gabriel

City Clerk: Joan Taylor

1. Call to Order

Chair Palumbo called the Workshop to order at 1:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

Also Present

Casey Lucius, Interim City Manager
Joan Taylor, City Clerk
Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney
John Wallace, Police Captain
Dave Ennis, Police Captain
Chris Byrne, Fire Chief
Daniel Zunzunegui, Fire Marshall
Daniel J. Smith, Community Affairs Director
Justin Martin, Public Works Director
Jose Duran, Information Technology Director
Diana Snover, Human Resources Director
Jeff Poteet, Water & Sewer General Manager
Melissa Hinton, Budget Manager
Carol McDermott, Controller
Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician
Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist
Citizens and Visitors

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Vice-Chair Champagne.

4. Business

[ID 26-5390](#) Revenue Workshop - Melissa Hinton, Budget Manager

Attachments: [Revenue Presentation](#)
[Revenue - FY27 Executive](#)
[Code Enforcement - Fee Summary](#)
[Code Enforcement - Costs Per Case](#)
[Summary - Fire Prevention Fees](#)
[Summary - Fire Services Assessment Program](#)
[Summary - Resolution to Amend Growth Management Fee Schedule](#)
[Resolution - Growth Management Fee Amendment](#)
[Summary - Resolution to Amend Building Services Fee Schedule](#)
[Resolution - Building Services Fees](#)
[Public Works - FY27 Permit Review & Inspection Fees](#)

At Chair Palumbo's request, Interim City Manager Casey Lucius outlined the objective and plan for the

City Council's Revenue Workshop.

Ms. Lucius introduced City of Marco Island Budget Manager Melissa Hinton who then reviewed the key dates on the Fiscal Year 2027 budget development calendar, as well as the projected revenues for the General Fund, the Building Services Department, and the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund that are anticipated for FY2027.

Ms. Hinton concluded her review by identifying the additional expenditures expected for the General Fund that will exceed the projected General Fund revenue increase for FY2027.

Ms. Hinton and Ms. Lucius addressed a number of questions from members of the Council.

Following Ms. Hinton's presentation and review, Interim City Manager Lucius:

1) provided the Council with insights on two additional revenue opportunities (i.e. a Communications Services Tax and a Local Business Tax) that the Council expressed interest in considering at its March 16, 2026 City Council Meeting, and;

2) advised the Council of the current projected funding shortfall for the Police Pension Fund

The Council discussed both items in detail and thanked Ms. Lucius for bringing both items forward.

The remainder of the Workshop was devoted to reviewing proposed increases to:

1) the Code Enforcement Magistrate Hearing administrative fee;

2) the Fire Prevention and Protection Fee Schedule;

3) Growth Management and Building Services fees, and;

4) the Right-of-Way Permit Fee.

The Council endorsed having the City Staff prepare Resolutions for all of the proposed increases presented for future review and approval at an upcoming City Council Meeting.

City of Marco Island Fire Chief Chris Byrne also shared a proposal to consider the investigation of an alternative funding strategy for the City's Fire Rescue services that could: 1) position the City to continue to provide services in an era of uncertain future property tax revenues, and; 2) reduce the Fire Rescue Department's impact to the City's General Fund Budget.

The Councilors individually expressed support for the City Staff to include the expected expense of investigating this alternative in the Fire Rescue Department's FY2027 budget request for further review and discussion during the City's annual budget development process.

5. Public Comment

Mr. Chris Ricci (Tigertail Ct.) shared his support for proposals presented at the Workshop, and he encouraged the Council to: 1) build in an annual inflation factor into the fee schedules proposed, and; 2) endeavor to apply any future special assessments on a value-assessed basis rather than equally across all property classes and values on the Island.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Chair Palumbo adjourned the Workshop at 3:09 P.M.

Darrin Palumbo, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Taylor, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist