

City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, July 17, 2025

8:30 AM

Community Meeting Room

Waterways Advisory Committee

Chair: Elliott Mascoop

Vice-Chair: Daniel High

***Committee Members: Chris Lewandowski,
Ralph Rohena, Jim Snider,
Martin Winter, Rick Woodworth***

City Staff: Justin Martin, Tara Kosieracki

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mascoop called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

(2) ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Vice-Chair High, Member Lewandowski, Member Rohena, Member Snider, Member Woodworth and Chair Mascoop

Not Present: 1 - Member Winter

(Member Winter joined the meeting at 8:31 A.M. and left the meeting at 10:06 A.M.)

Also Present

*City Councilor Stephen Gray
City Councilor Deb Henry
City Councilor Bonita Schwan*

*CITY STAFF:
Public Works Director Justin Martin (arrived at 8:32 A.M.)
Audio/Visual Technician Martin Luna
Recording Specialist Jim Kornas*

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Mascoop.

(4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Mascoop proposed that Agenda Items 6C (K & K Super-Blend Fertilizer) and 13 (Correspondence from Richard Eckstein) be combined into one discussion during Old Business.

Member Rohena proposed that Agenda Items 6A (Prevention and Remediation) and 7C (Whiteboard Topics) could be combined into one discussion, but he withdrew his proposal after brief consultation with Chair Mascoop.

Member Rohena also noted that he would have comments to offer on Agenda Items 6C, 7B, and 13 when they come up for Committee discussion.

MOTION by Chair Mascoop, seconded by Vice-Chair High, that the Agenda be Approved as Amended. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Vice-Chair High, Member Lewandowski, Member Rohena, Member Snider, Member Winter, Member Woodworth and Chair Mascoop

(5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 25-4535](#) Approval of the Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2025

Attachments: [5 - WAC Minutes for 6.19.25-DRAFT](#)

Member Rohena questioned why Member Winter was identified as co-leading the Whiteboard Topics and Strategic Planning discussion noted under Agenda Item 12 (Proposed Agenda Topics for Next Meeting)

when he was not present for the June 19, 2025 Waterways Advisory Committee meeting.

[Editorial Note: no change to the June 19th Minutes were proposed by Member Rohena]

Member Woodworth questioned whether the Committee's recommendations on funding for the enforcement of the fertilizer ordinance were passed on to the Marco Island City Council (see comments regarding Agenda Item 5 of the June 19, 2025 Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes). Not receiving the assurance that those recommendations had been passed on, Member Woodworth requested that his objection be noted for the record in these Minutes.

[Editorial Note: no change to the June 19th Minutes were proposed by Member Woodworth]

MOTION by Chair Mascoop, seconded by Member Snider, that the Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2025, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Vice-Chair High, Member Lewandowski, Member Rohena, Member Snider, Member Winter, Member Woodworth and Chair Mascoop

(6) OLD BUSINESS

6A [ID 25-4550](#) Prevention and Remediation (Chair Mascoop)

Attachments: [6A - Prevention and Remediation](#)

Chair Mascoop proposed that actions to: 1) prevent future water quality degradation and; 2) remediate current water quality conditions, be considered comprehensively and together in advancing the City's success in improving its water quality.

Members of the Committee shared perspectives and information of relevance to Chair Mascoops' proposal, but no specific actions were identified and endorsed by the Committee to move this topic forward.

Public Comment

Mr. David Crain (Gayer Way) highlighted findings contained in the 2020 Environmental Research & Design, Inc study, as well as measures for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorous taken from water samples near Jane Hitler Park during 2024 and 2025. He offered his comment and perspective on those most recent readings from his experience as a former member and Chair of the Waterways Advisory Committee.

6B [ID 25-4536](#) Stormwater Utility District Information (Member Woodworth)

Attachments: [Memorandum Forming a Stormwater Utility-Naples Example 6-21-25](#)
[06202025 Naples Stormwater ORDINANCE 6-20-25 - doc 1](#)
[06202025 Stormwater Fund-Naples6-20-25 - doc 2](#)
[06202025 2024 City Naples Utility Rates - doc 3](#)
[06202025 FSA 2024 Report 6-20-25 - doc 4](#)
[06212025 Florida Department of Environmental Protection - doc 5](#)
[06222025 INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE PLAN - doc 6](#)
[06222025 FSA Data Range in Revenue from Different Rates - doc 7](#)
[06222025 Model of Funding Canal Interconnect and AWT - doc 8](#)
[06222025 Reclaimed Water-Naples - doc 9](#)
[Supplemental Schedules-Stormwater](#)

Committee Member Rick Woodworth began his review by highlighting elements of the City of Naples' Legal and Administrative framework supporting its Stormwater Utility. He shared details from that Utility's budget documents for the 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year, and he compared that municipality's service area, employee base, expense structure, funding sources, rates, and other operating characteristics with municipalities of all sizes within the state of Florida.

Given the data reviewed, Member Woodworth concluded that the discussion and consideration of the formation of a stormwater utility for the City of Marco Island remains a worthy pursuit.

Public Comment

Mr. David Crain (Gayer Way) pointed to findings included in the past reports from Turrell Hall & Associates, Environmental Research & Design Inc., and Jacobs Engineering that indicated that the tidal flow movement of water within and around Marco Island's waterways provides a substantial boost to the perceived and measured quality levels of Marco Island's waters.

6C [ID 25-4537](#) K & K Super-Blend Fertilizer Information (Chair Mascoop)

Attachments: [6C - K & K Fertilizer Information](#)

Committee Chair Mascoop summarized the highlights of his discussion with the creator and patent-owner of K&K Super-Blend, and he shared the creator's offer and proposal to sell the rights to his patent to the City of Marco Island.

Chair Mascoop also reviewed the offer submitted by the founder of Nature's Best Topsoil to establish a public-private partnership with the City of Marco Island to dredge the City's canals, aerate them with oxygenated seawater, and redeploy the dredged material as soil enrichment material for the City's public and park properties.

The Committee engaged in considerable dialogue between members and with Public Works Director Martin on the proper procedures to fairly and publicly ensure that: 1) vendors with similar or competing products and services are offered the opportunity to submit their proposals, and/or; 2) compliance with Florida law on the steps toward considering public-private partnership proposals is maintained.

No members of the public came forward to offer comment on this topic.

Chair Mascoop appreciated the input of the Committee and Public Works Director Martin in informing his future interactions and dialogue with both parties.

(7) NEW BUSINESS

7A [ID 25-4549](#) City Council Water Quality Workshop Discussion Items

Committee Chair Mascoop briefly outlined four topics of interest to the Waterways Advisory Committee that were discussed by the Marco Island City Council at its July 7, 2025 Water Quality Workshop. Those topics were:

- 1) Isle of Capri and Goodland septic-to-sewer conversion;*
- 2) regular water testing of the gulf waters around Marco Island;*
- 3) obtaining an estimate of the cost to update the South Water Treatment Plant to meet AWT (Advanced Water Treatment) standards, and;*
- 4) testing and analysis of the composition of the Island's canal beds (i.e. sediment)*

He offered his desired action regarding each item for the Committee's consideration.

Public Works Director Justin Martin noted that the Marco Island Water & Sewer Department was subsequently given direction by the Marco Island City Council regarding the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to retain a consulting firm specializing in wastewater treatment and nutrient removal to develop an estimate of the cost to upgrade the City's reclaimed water production facility to meet the levels of nutrient removal outlined in the Grizzle-Figg Statute (aka Advanced Water Treatment (AWT) standards).

City Councilor Deb Henry also advised the Committee that outreach and dialogue with representatives from Isles of Capri, Goodland, and Collier County had already been established on the topic of advancing Isles of Capri and Goodland from septic to sewer collection lines. No timetable for action was discussed.

No members of the community came forward to offer comment.

The Committee only briefly addressed item numbers 2) and 4) above before advancing to Agenda Item 7B in the interest of time.

7B [ID 25-4538](#) Depth Survey (Member Winter)

In Member Winter's absence (note: Member Winter left the meeting at 10:06 A.M.), Public Works Director Justin Martin advised the Committee that a discussion and likely cost of potentially conducting a bathymetric study of the City's canals was discussed by the Marco Island City Council at its July 7, 2025 Water Quality Workshop, and could be considered for funding in the City's 2026 Fiscal Year Operating Budget when the City Council next meets on the Budget on July 21, 2025.

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

MOTION by Vice-Chair High, seconded by Member Rohena, that a Waterways Advisory Committee recommendation to the Marco Island City Council to fund a bathymetric study of the Island canals in the amount of \$100,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2026, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Vice-Chair High, Member Lewandowski, Member Rohena, Member Snider, Member Woodworth and Chair Mascoop

Not Present: 1 - Member Winter

Chair Mascoop was asked to bring forth the Committee's recommendation on this item to the City Council at its 2026 Fiscal Year Operating Budget Meeting on July 21, 2025.

- 7C** [ID 25-4539](#) Whiteboard Topics and Strategic Planning (Member Winter and Member Lewandowski)

Due to insufficient meeting time remaining, this item was not discussed at this meeting.

(8) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

This item was not presented at this meeting.

(9) CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

This item was not presented at this meeting.

(10) PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public came forward to offer comment during this portion of the meeting.

(11) NEXT MEETING: CONFIRMATION & ATTENDANCE - 8/21/25 @ 8:30 A.M.

This item was not discussed at this meeting.

(12) PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

This item was not discussed at this meeting.

(13) OTHER COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

[ID 25-4561](#) Correspondence from Richard Eckstein

Attachments: [13 - Email from Richard Eckstein](#)

As noted under Agenda Item 4 (Approval of the Agenda), this item was discussed in conjunction with the Committee's discussion of Agenda Item 6C (K & K Super-Blend Fertilizer Information)

(14) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Mascoop adjourned the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist