

City of Marco Island Florida

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Marco Island, Florida
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, July 7, 2025

1:00 PM

Water Quality Workshop

Community Meeting Room

City Council

Chair: Erik Brechnitz

Vice-Chair: Stephen Gray

*City Council: Rene Champagne,
Tamara Goehler, Deb Henry,
Darrin Palumbo, Bonita Schwan*

City Manager: Mike McNees

Assistant City Manager: Casey Lucius

City Attorney: Alan L. Gabriel

City Clerk: Joan Taylor

1. Call to Order

Chair Brechnitz called the Water Quality Workshop to order at 1:03 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Councilor Champagne, Councilor Goehler, Vice-Chair Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Palumbo, Councilor Schwan and Chair Brechnitz

Also Present

*Michael McNees, City Manager
Casey Lucius, Assistant City Manager
Joan Taylor, City Clerk
Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney
Tracy Frazzano, Police Chief
Chris Byrne, Fire Chief
Justin Martin, Public Works Director
Jeff Poteet, Water & Sewer General Manager
Keith Richter, Community Service Officer Supervisor
Ray Leshinger, Code Compliance & Reserve Police Officer
Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician
Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist
Citizens and Visitors*

3. Business

[ID 25-4519](#) Water Quality Workshop - Michael McNees, City Manager

Attachments: [Agenda Water Quality Workshop](#)

City Manager Mike McNees outlined the intent of the Workshop, noting that the information gathered begins from the point at which the City of Marco Island was notified of its waterways being "impaired" by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

Mr. McNees further noted that: 1) the presentation material for review with the Council at this Workshop represents what previous City Councils were presented to inform their decisions, and; 2) the City Staff is not advocating for, or against, any specific point of view.

Marco Island Public Works Director Justin Martin next led the Council through a chronological review of the activities, reports, findings, and actions undertaken by the City at the direction of the City Council in addressing the Island's "impaired" status as determined by FDEP.

Director Martin addressed a number of questions from members of the Council during the course of his presentation.

At the conclusion of Director Martin's review, Chair Brechnitz called for a brief recess beginning at 2:33 P.M. All members of the Council were back in attendance when the Workshop reconvened at 2:44 P.M.

Marco Island Police Chief Tracy Frazzano next presented a review of the department's Code Enforcement education and enforcement actions since 2022/2023 related to the following Marco Island Code of Ordinances:

Sec. 8-74 - Certification application, contents

*Sec. 18-64 - Fertilizer regulations
Sec. 18-212 - Illicit discharges*

Chief Frazzano also addressed a number of questions from members of the Council during the course of her presentation.

4. Public Comment

The following members of the public came forward to provide comment and perspective for the Council's consideration:

- 1) Mr. Elliott Mascoop (6th Ave.)*
- 2) Mr. David Crain (Gayer Way)*
- 3) Mr. Rick Woodworth (N. Barfield Dr.)*
- 4) Ms. Victoria Myers (Bluebonnet Ct.)*
- 5) Dr. William Trotter (N. Collier Blvd.)*
- 6) Ms. Anita Sargese (Manor Terr.)*

Following Public Comment and additional discussion by the Council, direction was given to the City Staff to identify and hire an independent engineering firm to estimate the anticipated cost of implementing Advanced Water Treatment (AWT) wastewater technology at the Marco Island Water & Sewer Utility.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Chair Brechnitz adjourned the Workshop at 3:34 P.M.

Erik Brechnitz, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Taylor, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist