

# Marco Island Finances and Accounting Topic List

## April 30, 2025

### Reserves

- How are reserves created and used?
- Basic accounting for reserves; restrictions (hard and soft)?
- What do reserves represent?

### Revenue

- How is revenue generated?
- What is revenue?
- What asset types constitute revenue (cash, receivables, hard asset donations)?

### Expenses

- What constitutes expenses?
- Cash paid out; estimates of future cash paid out?
- Accounting for the declining usefulness of assets – depreciation.
- What is amortization?

### Use of Estimates and Accruals

- What are accruals?
- What are key estimates affecting financial statements?
- Use of actuaries?
- What does “modified accrual basis” mean?

### Cash, liquid investments, other investments

- What do we have?
- Where do we have it?
- How is it restricted and why?
- How does it earn interest or dividend income?
- Risks to cash and investments: underinvestment, market fluctuations?

### Period Reporting of Results

- Quarterly; YTD; Full year?
- P&L (revenue and expense) vs Balance Sheet (assets, liabilities, reserves)?
- Comparisons to budget, to prior year same period?