

City of Marco Island Florida

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Marco Island, Florida
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, June 1, 2026

5:30 PM

Community Meeting Room

City Council

*Chair: Darrin Palumbo
Vice-Chair: Rene Champagne*

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

*City Manager: Casey Lucius
City Attorney: Alan L. Gabriel
City Clerk: Joan Taylor*

1. Call to Order

Chair Palumbo called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Following the Call to Order, Chair Palumbo reminded all present of the sacrifices by the men and women who served in the Armed Forces, and he recalled the recent May 24th Memorial Day activities on the Island to honor those who paid the ultimate price to assure the continued freedom that all Americans enjoy to come together to speak freely and respectfully in a public forum like this evening's meeting. He asked that all present be mindful of, and continue to abide by, the Marco Island City Council Rules of Decorum.

2. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, 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
Joe Belardo, Interim Police Chief
Chris Byrne, Fire Chief
Marcia Saulo, Finance Director
Daniel J. Smith, Community Affairs Director
Justin Martin, Public Works Director
Diana Snover, Human Resources Director
Jeff Poteet, Water & Sewer General Manager
Joe Parrilli, Fleet & Facilities Manager
Sonia Iszler, Water & Sewer Engineering & Operations Manager
Josh Ooyman, Planner II
Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician
Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist
Citizens and Visitors*

3. Invocation

Offered by Mr. Al Bismonte of the San Marco Catholic Church.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Chair Palumbo.

5. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Vice-Chair Champagne, that the Agenda be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

6. Approval of the Minutes

- a. [ID 26-5407](#) Approval of the City Manager Candidate Interview Workshop Minutes of May 11, 2026

Attachments: [City Manager Candidate Interview Workshop Minutes of May 11, 2026](#)

MOTION by Councilor Henry, seconded by Vice-Chair Champagne, that the City Council City Manager Candidate Workshop Minutes of May 11, 2026, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

- b. [ID 25-5008](#) Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2026

Attachments: [City Council Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2026](#)

MOTION by Councilor Dohm, seconded by Councilor Goehler, that the City Council Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2026, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

7. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilor Goehler requested that Item 7a (Authorize the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Apex Companies for the Plugging and Abandonment for Two Groundwater Wells RO-7 and RO-8 in the Amount of \$135,500.00) be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilor Gray requested that Item 7b (Authorize the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Apex Companies for the Rehabilitation and Liner Installation of Groundwater Well RO-16 in the Amount of \$145,000.00) be removed from the Consent Agenda.

[Editorial Note: the Council's actions on these two Items is reflected in these Minutes under Agenda Item 16 (Items Removed from the Consent Agenda)].

MOTION by Councilor Henry, seconded by Councilor Schwan, that the Consent Agenda be Approved as Amended. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

[Approval of the Consent Agenda Passed All Routine Items Listed Below]

- c. [ID 26-5433](#) Authorize the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to United Rentals for the Purchase of a New Track Loader for the Public Works Department in the Amount of \$73,508.75 - Justin Martin, P.E., Director, Public Works

Attachments: [United Rentals Quote](#)

[Kelly Tractor CAT Quote](#)

[Dobbs Equipment Quote](#)

- d. [ID 26-5394](#) Authorize the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Communications International, for Full Radio Encryption Across Department Operations, in the amount of \$66,341.20 using Collier County Contract # 15-6409. -Joe Belardo, Interim Police Chief

Attachments: [Communications International Renewal Contract Thru 04.2027](#)
[Communications Int Quotation](#)

- e. [ID 26-5435](#) Approval of a Purchase Order Increase to Allied Universal Corporation for Sodium Hypochlorite Supply for Water Treatment Facilities in the amount of \$141,650 - Jeffrey E. Poteet, General Manager, Water & Sewer

Attachments: [Allied Universal Corporation Contract](#)

- f. [ID 26-5448](#) Resolution - Updating Building Services Fee Schedule in Accordance with the City's Code of Ordinances - Daniel J. Smith, AICP, Director - Community Affairs/Building Services

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 26-26](#)

8. Proclamations and Presentations

- a. [ID 25-5009](#) Employee Service Awards:
Hector Bode Rosell - 5 Years
Frances Crowley - 5 Years

Due to the inability of both Five Year Service Award recipients to be present at the meeting, the scheduled Employee Service Awards were not presented.

City Manager Casey Lucius used the opportunity to briefly introduce Ms. Marcia Saulo, the City's new Finance Director, and to note the addition of Mr. Chase Calloway, the City's new Finance Manager, to the City of Marco Island's Finance Team.

Ms. Lucius also asked Marco Island's new Interim Police Chief Joe Belardo to stand and be recognized by all members of the community.

- b. [ID 26-5406](#) Presentation - LCEC Equity Distribution - \$87,841.17 - Tricia Dorn, LCEC Key Account Executive

Ms. Tricia Dorn, Lee County Electric Cooperative (LCEC) Key Account Executive, presented a check in the amount of \$87,841.17 as LCEC's most recent co-op equity distribution to the City of Marco Island.

9. Citizens' Comments on Items Not Scheduled for Public Hearing and Items Other Than Those Appearing on the Agenda

Mr. Chris Scaglione (Marion County, FL) introduced himself as an applicant for the position of City of Marco Island Chief of Police.

Mr. Jason Bailey (Dogwood Dr.) introduced himself as a candidate who will campaign to seek election to the position of Marco Island City Councilor in the November, 2026 election.

Mr. Elliott Mascoop (6th Ave.) expressed his concern with the forthcoming introduction of a third marijuana dispensary on Marco Island, and its expected proximity to the children in his neighborhood.

Mr. Mario Curiale (Eubanks Ct.) noted the Council's intention to place a \$23 million general obligation bond referendum on the August, 2026 ballot, and he expressed his concern that insufficient detail has been made public regarding what will be funded should this referendum be approved by the voters.

10. City Manager's Report

[ID 25-5010](#) City Manager's Report

Attachments: [City Manager's Report](#)

City Manager Casey Lucius advised the Council of revised dates for the CliftonLarsonAllen FY2025 Financial Audit Reviews of: 1) July 9, 2026 with the City of Marco Island Audit Advisory Committee, and; 2) July 13, 2026 with the City of Marco Island City Council.

11. City Attorney's Report

None.

12. Departmental Reports

[ID 25-5011](#) Monthly Departmental Reports

Attachments: [City Clerk's Office](#)

[Internal Services](#)

[Public Works](#)

[Water & Sewer](#)

[Police](#)

Councilor Schwan thanked City Manager Lucius and the City Staff for its recent projects to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety on the Island.

Councilor Henry expressed her appreciation to Water & Sewer General Manager Jeff Poteet for his proactive communications to the Council on the Water & Sewer Department items on the evening's Consent Agenda. Chair Palumbo echoed her comments and he noted similar proactive communications from other City Department leaders.

Councilor Gray raised a question regarding the measurement and control of the ambient noise level expected during the City's canal aeration pilot program. City of Marco Island Public Works Director Justin Martin provided an overview of the City's plan to measure and manage the compressor noise associated with that project.

13. Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing

- a. [ID 26-5397](#) Resolution - Variance Petition (VP-26-000020) Request Regarding Distance Requirements for the Sale and Consumption of Alcohol Beverages for Property Located at 989 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145 - Joshua G. Ooyman, Planner II, Community Affairs/Growth Management

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 26-25](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Application](#)
[Site Plan](#)
[Civil Plans](#)
[Correspondence 4/22/26](#)
[Letter of Opposition - Wilsbach 4/1/26](#)
[Jewish Congregation of MI Letter - 4/17/26](#)
[Notice of Publication](#)

Marco Island City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 26-25 into the record by title only.

City Attorney Alan Gabriel swore in all parties who indicated an intention to provide witness or testimony, and each Council member conveyed a verbal ex parte disclosure relative to the Applicant's Appeal.

City of Marco Island Growth Management Department Planner Josh Ooyman outlined the elements of the Variance Petition, and he communicated the Marco Island Planning Board's recommendation regarding the Applicant's Appeal.

Attorney Fred Kramer of Kramer Kellerhouse Chartered, on behalf of Donna DiPromessa, LLC, the owner of the property at 989 Winterberry Drive, shared specifics regarding his client's understandings and agreements with the leadership of the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island. He offered an amendment to Resolution 26-25 to more correctly recognize the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island in that Resolution.

The following members of the public provided insight and perspective for the Council's consideration:

- 1) Mr. Keith Alter (S. Collier Blvd.)
- 2) Mr. Jason Bailey (Dogwood Dr.)
- 3) Mr. John Martini (Nassau Ct.)
- 4) Ms. Lynn Nathanson (Bluebonnet Ct.)

MOTION by Councilor Henry, seconded by Councilor Schwan, that Resolution 26-25 - Variance Petition Request (VP-26-000020) regarding the distance requirements for the sale and consumption of alcohol beverages for the property at 989 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:

Yes: 4 - Councilor Dohm, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

No: 3 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Goehler and Councilor Gray

14. Ordinances

None.

15. Resolutions & City Council Items

- a. [ID 26-5423](#) Discussion with Council Action - Recommended Next Steps for Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) Implementation and Funding Strategy - Jeffrey E. Poteet, General Manager, Water & Sewer

Attachments: [Marco Island RWPT AWT Evaluation \(Final Report\)](#)

[ORDINANCE 26-02](#)

City of Marco Island Water & Sewer General Manager Jeff Poteet, in follow-up to the Council's May 4, 2026 Second Reading Approval of Ordinance 26-02 (Upgrading the Marco Island Wastewater Treatment Plant to Achieve Advanced Wastewater Treatment ("AWT") Standards), came forward to seek Council approval for three (3) proposed "next steps" in implementing AWT. He addressed a number of questions from members of the Council.

Public Comment

Mr. Elliott Mascoop (6th Ave.) shared his perspective on the cost to the residents and visitors to Marco Island if AWT is not implemented.

MOTION by Councilor Gray, seconded by Councilor Goehler, that the Four-Stage Bardenpho + S2EBPR (aka Alternative #1) water treatment approach for advancement into the preliminary design, permitting, and regulatory coordination for improvement to the Marco Island reclaimed water production facility, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

City of Marco Island Water & Sewer General Manager Jeff Poteet next requested the utilization of approximately up to \$1,500,000.00 from the Water & Sewer Enterprise Unrestricted Reserves to initially fund the execution of the project while pursuing alternative, future external funding opportunities.

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

MOTION by Councilor Goehler, seconded by Councilor Schwan, that authorization of the City Staff to utilize available water and sewer reserves for initial project funding while pursuing grants, legislative appropriations, and SRF financing and other external funding opportunities to reduce project cost, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

City of Marco Island Water and Sewer General Manager concluded by requesting approval to initiate a "Request for Qualifications" (RFQ) process for design - build services for the AWT project.

The following members of the public came forward to offer comment:

- 1) Mr. Rick Woodworth (N. Barfield Dr.)
- 2) Ms. Christine Dowell (Biscayne Way)
- 3) Mr. Mario Curiale (Eubanks Ct.)

MOTION by Councilor Goehler, seconded by Councilor Henry, that authorization of the City Staff to proceed with a "Request for Qualifications" (RFQ) solicitation for the procurement of design-build services for the AWT project and to return to the City Council with future recommendations regarding project cost, financing, and implementation, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

(THE MEETING WENT INTO RECESS AT 7:12 P.M. IT IS NOTED FOR THE RECORD THAT ALL COUNCILORS WERE PRESENT WHEN THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:18 P.M.)

- b. [ID 26-5439](#) Reconsideration of Previously Approved Reappropriation of General Fund Reserves and Award of Contract to Capital Contractors LLC. for Winterberry Beach Access Boardwalk Repairs in the Amount of \$849,400.00 - Joe Parrilli, Director, Fleet & Facilities

Attachments: [Capital Contractors - Winterberry Boardwalk](#)
[Capital Contractors Estimate - Winterberry Beach Access Replacement](#)
[Capital Contractors Estimate - Winterberry Beach Access Mo-Matt Install](#)

City of Marco Island Fleet & Facilities Manager Joe Parrilli came forward to address questions regarding the information presented regarding the Winterberry Beach Access Boardwalk and the Council's decisions regarding its future status at its May 4, 2026 meeting (see the Minutes for Agenda Item 16a of the May 4, 2026 City Council Meeting).

The Council discussed the benefits and costs of "replacement" versus "repair", potential available external funding opportunities, and alternative ways to reduce the cost of improving the current condition of the boardwalk.

The following members of the public came forward to offer comment:

- 1) Mr. Mario Curiale (Eubanks Ct.)
- 2) Ms. Christine Dowell (Biscayne Way)
- 3) Mr. Duane Thomas (Rockhill Ct.)
- 4) Ms. Teri Sommerfeld (San Marco Rd.)
- 5) Mr. Rick Woodworth (N. Barfield Dr.)
- 6) Mr. Michael Josephs (Wintergreen Ct.)

MOTION by Councilor Goehler, seconded by Councilor Dohm, that authorization of the City Manager to solicited bids to repair the Winterberry Beach Access Boardwalk, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Councilor Dohm, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

No: 1 - Vice-Chair Champagne

- c. [ID 26-5440](#) Proposed New Revenue Option, Casey Lucius, Ph.D., City Manager

Attachments: [Revenue Option for Consideration](#)

City Manager Casey Lucius briefly recounted the Council's direction from her previous alternative revenue reviews on March 16 and May 18, 2026, and she presented a new potential alternative for the Council's consideration and direction.

The Council discussed the alternative presented, and the following members of the public came forward to offer perspective for the Council's consideration:

- 1) Mr. Dennis Bartolucci (Caxambas Ct.)
- 2) Ms. Teri Sommerfeld (San Marco Rd.)
- 3) Mr. Anthony Oliverio (Olds Ct.)
- 4) Mr. Mario Curiale (Eubanks Ct.)

MOTION by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Councilor Henry, that authorization of the City Manager to engage a qualified, licensed property appraisal firm in appraising the value of the properties at 711 & 731 South Collier Boulevard, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

No: 1 - Councilor Gray

- d. [ID 26-5441](#) Discussion with Council Action - Noise Control Ordinance - Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney

Attachments: [Noise Ordinance Proposed Amendment](#)
[Article IV Current Noise Control Code of Ordinance](#)
[Noise Ordinance - Councilor Gray](#)

City Attorney Alan Gabriel briefly highlighted his proposed amendments to the draft ordinance included with the evening's Agenda, and Councilor Gray added insights from his investigation into the history of the City's noise ordinance going back to its initial incarnation in 1997. Councilor Gray requested that the Council provide specific direction to the City Attorney so that an amended noise ordinance can return for First and Second Readings for formal adoption by the Council.

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

- 1) Mr. Robert Vetrano (Tahiti Rd.)
- 2) Mr. Elliott Mascoop (6th Ave.)
- 3) Mr. John Aguis (S. Heathwood Dr.)
- 4) Ms. Christine Dowell (Biscayne Way)
- 5) Ms. Teri Sommerfeld (San Marco Rd.)

Chair Palumbo solicited input from Interim Police Chief Joe Belardo and members of the Council regarding potential amendments to the ordinance.

The Council concurred that Interim Police Chief Belardo's Police and Code Enforcement Department revised enforcement procedures for responding to and measuring noise, holding property occupants and property owners accountable, as well as revealing the names and addresses of complainants, could advance the degree of trust that members of the community have in the City's response to potential noise violations in residential neighborhoods under the existing noise ordinance.

- e. [ID 26-5442](#) Discussion with Council Action - Marco Island Advisory Committees - Casey Lucius, Ph.D., City Manager

Attachments: [Memo to Council Re: Committees](#)
[Handbook for Boards Committees](#)
[21-04 Ord Boards and Committees](#)
[23-30 Resolution BCRAC](#)
[23-31 Resolution BAC](#)
[23-32 Resolution PRAC](#)
[23-33 Resolution WAC](#)
[26-01 Resolution Audit](#)

Given the hour of the evening and the importance of providing adequate time to allow for Council discussion and consideration, Chair Palumbo requested a Motion to Continue Agenda Items 15e and 15f to a future meeting of the Marco Island City Council.

MOTION by Councilor Dohm, seconded by Councilor Goehler, that Agenda Item 15e (Discussion with Council Action - Marco Island Advisory Committees) and 15f (Approval of City Manager Employment Agreement) be Continued to a future meeting of the Marco Island City Council. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:

Yes: 4 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, Councilor Goehler and Chair Palumbo

No: 3 - Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry and Councilor Schwan

- f. [ID 26-5444](#) Approval of the City Manager Employment Agreement - Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney

Attachments: [City Manager Employment Agreement](#)
[City Manager Comparisons 2026](#)

(As noted in the Motion for Agenda Item 15e, this Agenda Item (15f) was Continued to a future meeting of the Marco Island City Council).

Motion to Extend the Meeting

MOTION by Councilor Gray, seconded by Vice-Chair Champagne, to extend the City Council Meeting to conclude no later than 10:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

16. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- 7a. [ID 26-5431](#) Authorize the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Apex Companies for the Plugging and Abandonment for Two Groundwater Wells, RO-7 and RO-8 in the amount of \$135,500.00 - Jeffrey E. Poteet, General Manager, Water & Sewer Department.

Attachments: [Apex RO-7 & RO-8 PA Proposal](#)

Councilor Goehler requested insight from City of Marco Island Water and Sewer General Manager Jeff Poteet on the City's process for determining when groundwater wells need to be rehabilitated and/or

abandoned. General Manager Poteet addressed Councilor Goehler's questions, as well as follow-up questions raised by Councilor Gray.

Public Comment

Mr. Dennis Bartolucci (Caxambas Ct.) shared his perspective on the importance of maintaining an adequate supply of fresh water sources for the City.

MOTION by Councilor Gray, seconded by Councilor Goehler, that authorization of the City Manager to issue a Purchase Order to Apex Companies for the plugging and abandonment of two (2) groundwater wells, RO-7 and RO-8, in the amount of \$135,500.00. be approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

- 7b.** [ID 26-5432](#) Authorize the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Apex Companies for the Rehabilitation and Liner Installation of Groundwater Well RO-16 in the amount of \$145,000.00 - Jeffrey E. Poteet, General Manager, Water & Sewer Department.

Attachments: [Apex RO-16 Liner Install Proposal](#)

Councilor Gray's questions regarding this Consent Agenda item were addressed during City of Marco Island Water and Sewer General Manager Jeff Poteet's responses on Consent Agenda Item 7a. Councilor Gray advanced the Motion to approve this item.

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

MOTION by Councilor Gray, seconded by Councilor Goehler, that authorization of the City Manager to issue a Purchase Order to Apex Companies for the rehabilitation and liner installation of Groundwater Well RO-16 in the amount of \$145,000.00, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

Motion to Extend the Meeting

Between Councilor Henry's and Councilor Goehler's remarks during Council Communications (Agenda Item 17 below), Chair Palumbo requested a Motion to extend the meeting until 10:10 P.M.

MOTION by Councilor Gray, seconded by Councilor Henry to extend the City Council Meeting to conclude no later than 10:10 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

17. Council Communications & Future Agenda

In anticipation of the Council's Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget Workshop, Councilor Schwan sought Council consensus to direct the City Manager to report back on costs and requirements associated with having the Collier County Sheriff's Office perform law enforcement services on Marco Island in lieu of services currently provided by the Marco Island Police Department.

Councilor Schwan made this request in anticipation of the potential impact to the City's ability to fund its full range of services to the community should state property tax reform be approved by the voters in November.

Chair Palumbo received a majority (4 For, 3 Against) "show of hands" supporting Councilor Schwan's request.

Councilor Schwan also sought Council consensus to request that the City Staff prepare a review for the June 15, 2026 City Council Meeting on: 1) the pickleball membership "wait list" for the Marco Island Racquet Center, and; 2) the benefits of potentially employing a new Internet app to improve the management and scheduling of play at that facility.

Chair Palumbo received a majority (6 For, 1 Against) "show of hands" supporting Councilor Schwan's request.

Councilor Schwan concluded her Council Communications remarks by highlighting a new public website encouraging continued pedestrian and bicycle/e-bike safety (walkbikerunsafelymarcoisland.org).

Councilor Henry proposed that the Council consider the potential revenue opportunity in erecting a billboard and selling billboard advertising space on the Water & Sewer Department's property located near the intersection of Collier Boulevard (Hwy 951) and US 41 (Tamiami Trail E).

Chair Palumbo's requested "show of hands" (2 For, 5 Against) did not indicate Council support to direct the City Staff to investigate this proposal.

Councilor Henry proposed authoring a future White Paper exploring the potential implications of establishing a public kayak launch at Veterans Community Park.

Chair Palumbo's requested "show of hands" (2 For, 5 Against) did not indicated Council support for placing this White Paper on a Future Agenda at this time.

Councilor Henry advised all present of a forthcoming community "window painting event" in honor of the country's upcoming 250th Anniversary.

Councilor Henry highlighted the 4th Annual Little Pink Houses of Hope Retreat Week underway on Marco Island for the families of breast cancer patients. She recognized the generosity of local donors and the Marco Island Police and Fire Rescue Departments for their support of the week's activities, and she encouraged all Islanders to be welcoming of the visitors and hosts who can be identified by their pink flags and pink t-shirts.

Councilor Goehler welcomed newly-appointed Interim Police Chief Joe Belardo, and she thanked retiring Police Chief Tracy Frazzano for her service to the City and the citizens of Marco Island.

Councilor Goehler invited her colleague Councilors to attend and voice their support for Collier County School Board funding of School Resource Officers at Marco Island's schools during the 2027 school year at the School Board's upcoming meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

Vice-Chair Champagne advised all present of the scheduled arrival of the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial bronze sculptures to Veterans Community Park on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. He invited all members of the community to observe the installation from a safe distance during the ensuing days, and he noted the anticipated completion of the Memorial prior to the country's 250th Independence Day celebration on July 4, 2026.

Councilor Gray noted the absence of a Resolution for the Marco Island Community Parks Foundation

under the Continued Agenda Item 15e (Discussion with Council Action - Marco Island Advisory Committees). He requested confirmation that the Board Members of that Foundation enjoy the same level of liability protection that the City affords to members of other City Committees, and he requested that protocols for approaching the Foundation to fund future park initiatives be clearly communicated.

Chair Palumbo offered his apologies to the citizens who attended the evening's meeting in anticipation of being heard on Agenda Items 15e (Discussion with Council Action - Marco Island Advisory Committees) and 15f (Approval of the City Manager Employment Agreement).

Chair Palumbo reminded the Council of Marco Island's newly designated reassignment under Florida Congressional District 22. He displayed a photo of current District 22 Representative Lois Frankel, and he encouraged his colleague Councilors to introduce themselves to her as he intends to do.

Chair Palumbo advised the Council of his outreach to the Collier County Mosquito Control District regarding recent citizen complaints of mosquito issues. He encouraged all citizens to utilize the Control District's website to report locations of particular mosquito infestation and concern.

Chair Palumbo commended Florida Senator Rick Scott and his office for recently making Senator Scott's personal cellphone number available to the Council and City Staff of Marco Island.

Chair Palumbo concluded by conveying his personal check in the amount of \$600.00 to the City Staff to be added, as promised, to the Marco Island Beach & Coastal Advisory Committee's 2026 Fiscal Year budget.

[ID 25-5012](#) Future Agenda Items

Attachments: [Councilor Schwan - Council Communications](#)
[Future Agenda](#)

No new items were added to the Future Agenda at this meeting.

18. Council Reports

None.

19. Citizens' Comments

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

20. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Chair Palumbo adjourned the meeting at 10:04 P.M.

Darrin Palumbo, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Taylor, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist