

The seal of the City of Marco Island is centered in the background. It features a large yellow sun with orange and red rays, partially obscured by two green palm trees. Below the sun is a blue body of water with a white boat. A yellow banner at the bottom reads "MARCO ISLAND" and "City of" below it.

July 21, 2025
FY26 Operating Budget

Recap: April 30th workshop

Handwritten notes on a piece of paper:

GOAL #2	27.5	FY25
	2.4	FY26
	1.6	debt
GOAL #1	4.0	CIP
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Discussion of funding sources:

- LCEC 3% = \$1.5M
- ¼ mill = \$4.5M

Recap: May 19 Budget Policy Workshop

What can you get for \$1 Million

Public Works:

\$1M provides:	
2.3 miles of 2 lane road resurfacing	
or	
6 stormwater outfall replacements	
or	
3 bridge rehabs	
or	
1 mile of shared paths	

- Proposal to raise an additional ¼ mill dedicated to:

- Road resurfacing
- Stormwater/swales
- Medians
- Bridge Rehabilitation
- Parks Capital Projects

Other Revenue Options

- Storm Water Utility

403.0893 Stormwater funding; dedicated funds for stormwater management — In addition to any other funding mechanism legally available to local government to construct, operate, or maintain stormwater systems, a county or municipality may:

(1) Create one or more stormwater utilities and adopt stormwater utility fees sufficient to plan, construct, operate, and maintain stormwater management systems set out in the local program required pursuant to s. [403.0891\(3\)](#)

- Dedicated Capital Millage

- Can be earmarked for a specific purpose (i.e., road resurfacing or parks) or set aside in support of the overall Capital Improvement Plan
- Melbourne Example

Recap: June 16: Capital Budget Workshop

Revenue Estimates	General Fund
Add LCEC franchise fee at 3%	\$1,529,827 in new revenues
Increase in Ad Valorem Tax (.25 Mill from Rollback)	\$4,510,854 additional revenues
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\$10,551,265	

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Wages, retirement, health insurance, prop/liability insurance, Public Works maintenance, Parks maintenance, debt service, emergency reserves

Dedicated Capital Millage:	
Road Resurfacing (#1 priority area)	\$1,500,000
Swales and Stormwater Maintenance	\$1,300,000
Median Repairs	\$500,000
Bridge Rehab	\$500,000
Parks Capital	\$710,000
TOTAL DEDICATED CAPITAL MILLAGE	\$4,510,000

New Initiatives Proposed: Fire medication dispense, bunker gear dryer (total \$100k); Facilities proposed VCP electrical boxes and Mackle Park blinds (total \$70k)

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- General Fund

- New FY26 initiatives total: \$410,772
 - Strategic Planning Facilitator, eight new/updated software programs, EMS transport study, and one new employee in Public Works
 - See “Proposed Operating Initiative Items” worksheet
- Significant changes in operating budgets:
 - 11% increase in Fire budget (\$963,126): 1) wages, 2) overtime, 3) repairs of vehicles, 4) medical supplies and disposal
 - 19% increase in Public Works (\$668,222): 1) additional maintenance contracts, 2) project manager
- Reminder: Property taxes (millage) fund the General Fund only

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- Building Special Revenue Fund:
 - Three new operating initiatives: 1) two software programs; 2) one new employee to serve as ombudsman
 - Total cost for all initiatives: \$159,645
 - No other significant changes to Building department budget
- Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund: no new operating initiatives
 - Minor changes to operating budget include increased cost of chemicals (South Plant), vehicle maintenance, general maintenance of lift stations, electricity, additional IT support/licenses

Next Steps:



1. Now: Questions for department heads regarding operating budgets
2. Now: Council approve or disapprove proposed initiatives
3. July 21 5:30pm: Council to approve tentative millage (0.5 mill increase = 1.6680 millage)
4. August: residents will receive their TRIM notice from the property appraiser's office; City advertises property tax increase
5. September 2 and September 15: first and second reading of the budget and passage of the final millage rate
6. October 1: new fiscal year begins

THANK YOU!