

City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, June 15, 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.

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, City Manager
Joan Taylor, City Clerk
Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney
Joe Belardo, Interim Police Chief
Chris Byrne, Fire Chief
Daniel J. Smith, Community Affairs Director
Justin Martin, Public Works Director
Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician
Christian Davies, Public Information Officer
Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist
Citizens and Visitors

3. Invocation

Offered by the Reverend Jessica Harris Babcock of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Councilor Dohm.

5. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Vice-Chair Champagne, seconded by Councilor Schwan, 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 25-5013](#) Approval of the Revenue Workshop Minutes of May 18, 2026

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

MOTION by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Councilor Henry, that the Revenue Workshop 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

- b. [ID 25-5017](#) Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2026

Attachments: [City Council Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2026](#)

Councilor Dohm noted that, until the November 3, 2026 General Election, Marco Island continues to be represented by Mr. Byron Donalds, Congressional Representative for Florida District 19.

[Editorial Note: Ms. Lois Frankel of Florida Congressional District 22 was incorrectly identified as Marco Island's current representative during Council Communications (Agenda Item 17) at the June 1, 2026 City Council Meeting]

Marco Island's inclusion within newly-defined Florida District 22 will take effect upon the election of a new District 22 Congressional District Representative in November.

Councilor Dohm advised all present of an opportunity to meet one of the District 22 candidates at a Marco Island "Chamber After Five" event on Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

Chair Palumbo requested no change to the Minutes of the June 1, 2026 City Council Meeting.

MOTION by Councilor Henry, seconded by Councilor Goehler, that the City Council Meeting Minutes of June 1, 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 Agenda Item 7B (Resolution - Approving Reappointment to the Waterways Advisory Committee by Vice-Chair Champagne) be removed from the Consent Agenda.

[Editorial Note: the Council's action on this item 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]

- a. [ID 26-5470](#) Letter to Collier County Public School Board Regarding Reimbursement Rate for School Resource Officers, Casey Lucius, Ph.D., City Manager
Attachments: [Letter to CCPS](#)
- c. [ID 26-5475](#) Resolution - Approving Appointment to the Waterways Advisory Committee by Councilor Dohm - Joan Taylor, City Clerk
Attachments: [RESOLUTION 26-28](#)
[Advisory Board Application](#)
- d. [ID 26-5476](#) Approve a Change Order Increasing the FY 2026 Annual Street Resurfacing Contract (#2026 - 005) with OHLA USA Inc. by \$180,000 - Justin Martin, P.E., Public Works Director - Justin Martin, P.E., Public Works Director

Attachments: [Contract Change Order #1](#)

8. Proclamations and Presentations

- a. [ID 26-5455](#) Proclamation - Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Chair Palumbo invited military veteran and City Manager Ms. Casey Lucius to gather with the Council before the dais as he read the Proclamation celebrating the forthcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America on July 4, 2026. He presented the Proclamation jointly to Ms. Lucius and military veteran and Councilor Rene Champagne to a round of applause from all present.

Following the presentation, a several minute video featuring individual observations and testimonials from the members of the City Council on the significance of the country's 250th Anniversary year was played for the benefit of all present.

- b. [ID 26-5434](#) Presentation - 2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season Preparedness - Chris Byrne, Fire Chief

Attachments: [Hurricane Presentation](#)

City of Marco Island Fire Rescue Chief Chris Byrne reviewed the City's 2026 Hurricane Preparedness recommendations for all residents and visitors to the Island during this Hurricane Season, and he invited all members of the public to attend the City's special Town Hall meeting featuring WINK Weather Meteorologist Rob Duns on Monday, June 22, 2026 beginning at 12:00 noon.

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

Ms. Jane Hansen (Shenandoah Ct.) expressed her concern with generalizations regarding the motivation of the Island's residents recently expressed by certain members of the Council.

Ms. Christine Dowell (Biscayne Way) requested Council review of City employee adherence to the City's policy on the use of City-owned vehicles.

Mr. Marv Needles (Butterfly Ct.) reiterated a concern that he raised during Public Comment (Agenda Item 9) at the Council's January 20, 2026 meeting regarding the ability for owners of multi-storefront commercial properties that were zoned and approved prior to the City's founding to now lease or sell to new owners as a result of the City's current parking space requirements for commercial properties. He requested that the Council and the City Staff address this situation.

Ms. Victoria Myers (Bluebonnet Ct.) questioned whether City Council Chair Palumbo should have recused himself from voting on the Council's Quasi-Judicial Hearing on Variance Petition VP-26-000020 at the June 1, 2026 City Council Meeting due to a potential family member conflict of interest. Chair Palumbo corrected the erroneous understanding regarding his family member's relationship with the firm representing the Variance Petition Applicant.

Mr. John Martini (Nassau Ct.) encouraged the City Staff to consistently apply the attendance requirements for appointees to City of Marco Island Advisory Committees and Boards.

Mr. Elliott Mascoop (6th Ave.) expressed concern with the current pedestrian and vehicle safety conditions at the mini-roundabout at the intersection of Yellowbird Street and 6th Avenue. He requested additional

police department traffic enforcement attention at this location.

10. City Manager's Report

[ID 25-5018](#) City Manager's Report

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

Councilor Schwan noted the Florida Channel's recent feature of Marco Island as a "Florida Trail Town" (City Manager Report "Wins" Item 4), and she highlighted the Fiscal Year 2027 increases in property, liability and employee healthcare insurance premiums referenced in the City Manager's Report.

Councilor Goehler thanked City Manager Lucius and her staff for the draft letter to the Collier County Public School Board (CCPS) requesting additional School Board financial participation in funding School Resource Officers for Marco Island schools during the 2026/2027 School Year. [Editorial Note: see Consent Agenda Item 7a].

Councilor Goehler noted her comments on this topic at the most recent Collier County Public School Board meeting, and she indicated her intention to address the CCPS again in the near future.

Councilor Goehler also expressed her intention to personally solicit Collier County Board of Commissioners' support for additional Tourist Development Council (TDC) funding for Marco Island tourism-related projects, and she encouraged her colleague Councilors to do the same.

City Manager Lucius announced that the City recently received a \$2.1 million reimbursement from FEMA for City claims made in 2018 following the damages sustained from Hurricane Irma's Marco Island landfall on September 10, 2017.

11. City Attorney's Report

[ID 25-5019](#) City Attorney's Report

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

City Attorney Alan Gabriel referenced his written report and the current status of the case "Ricardo Ostos Salazar, et. al. v. City of Marco Island". Councilor Gray and Chair Palumbo requested clarification on the situation of the incident from City Attorney Gabriel and Interim Police Chief Belardo. Chair Palumbo also confirmed the existence of the City's personnel policy regarding the use of City-owned vehicles.

City Attorney Gabriel also reminded the Council of his recent memo and recommendations regarding the individual Councilor and City Staff comment on the forthcoming City of Marco Island bond referendum coming before the voters this Fall.

Public Comment

Ms. Christine Dowell (Bicayne Way) requested that the Council review the facts regarding the Salazar et. al. case to ensure: 1) compliance with City policies, and; 2) that documentation be made available for potential citizen review.

12. Departmental Reports

[ID 25-5020](#) Monthly Departmental Reports

Attachments: [Finance](#)
[Community Affairs](#)
[Fire-Rescue](#)

Councilor Gray requested clarification from City of Marco Island Community Affairs Director Daniel Smith regarding forthcoming July 1, 2026 changes in state law regarding the monetary threshold and allowable types of property improvement projects that may be undertaken without a permit.

Community Affairs Director Smith outlined the elements of the permit exemption, and he indicated the City's intention to have an Exemption Request Application available for the public prior to the July 1st date.

Chair Palumbo requested insight from Community Affairs Director Smith on the concerns raised by Mr. Marv Needles during Public Comment (Agenda Item 9) earlier in the meeting.

Community Affairs Director Smith noted that the issue was reviewed by the Planning Board at two (2) meetings since Mr. Needles' original request in late January. The issue was Continued by the Planning Board pending the receipt of additional information from the Petitioner's attorney,

13. Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing

None.

14. Ordinances

None.

15. Resolutions & City Council Items

- a. [ID 26-5478](#) Discussion with Council Action - Marco Island Racquet Center Capital and Operations Update - Dolores Siegel, Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Chairperson Samantha Malloy, Parks, Culture & Recreation Manager, Casey J. Lucius, PhD, City Manager

Attachments: [Marco Island Pickleball Proposal](#)

City of Marco Island Parks & Recreation Chair Dolores Siegel outlined the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee's recommendation and request that the City Council approve a total expenditure of \$36,200.00 to erect ten (10) foot fencing and sound-deadening material between the group of eight (8) existing pickleball courts at the Marco Island Racquet Center.

City Manager Casey Lucius reminded the Council of the City Staff's existing project to improve the noise isolation of the Racquet Center perimeter fence boundaries on three sides of the facility, along with enhanced after-hours security access controls for the facility as approved by the Council at its April 20, 2026 (Agenda Items 15b & 15c), and May 4, 2026 (Agenda Item 8c) meetings.

Ms. Lucius also briefly outlined the results of her investigation into the "PodPlay" pickleball scheduling and facility access control system that she observed in use at the Pelican Bay Pickelball Facility.

City of Marco Island Community Affairs Director Daniel Smith shared an update with the Council on the status of the Marco Island Racquet Center's membership and waiting list numbers since the Council's approval of increased Racquet Center fees at its March 16, 2026 meeting (Agenda Item 7c).

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

- 1) Ms. Jane Hansen (Shenandoah Ct.)
- 2) Ms. Beth Baltis (Geranium Ct.)
- 3) Ms. Carla Cadwell (Marco Villas Dr.)
- 4) Mr. David Cadwell (Marco Villas Dr.)
- 5) Ms. Lisa Foster (S. Seas Ct.)
- 6) Mr. John Martini (Nassau Ct.)

MOTION by Chair Palumbo, seconded by Vice-Chair Champagne, that authorization of the City Manager to procure and install ten (10) foot fencing and sound insulation material between the pickleball courts at the Marco Island Racquet Center in an amount not to exceed \$36,200.00, 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

At Councilor Schwan's request, Chair Palumbo solicited a Council "show of hands" (7 For, 0 Against) requesting that City Manager Casey Lucius schedule a review of the PodPlay pickleball scheduling and facility access control system at a Future Meeting of the City Council.

- b. [ID 26-5469](#) Approval of the Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation Proposed 9/11 Memorial Statue - Chris Byrne, Fire Chief

Attachments: [9-11 Memorial Site.pdf](#)
[9-11 Memorial Render](#)
[Memorial Illuminated](#)
[MOU 9-11 Memorial At Fire Station 50](#)

City of Marco Island Fire Rescue Chief Chris Byrne reviewed the key elements of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Marco Island and the Marco Island Fire-Rescue Foundation, Inc. to erect, at the Foundation's expense, a memorial to the World Trade Center victims and emergency responders of 9/11/2001.

Ms. Dianna Dohm, President of the Marco Island Fire-Rescue Foundation, Inc. indicated the status of the Foundation's fundraising efforts to date.

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

MOTION by Councilor Henry, seconded by Councilor Schwan, that authorization of the City Manager to enter into a June, 2026 Memorandum of Understanding with the Marco Island Fire-Rescue Foundation, Inc. on a proposed 9/11 Memorial on City property outside of the entrance to City of Marco Island Fire Station 50, 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 7:28 P.M. IT IS NOTED FOR THE RECORD THAT ALL COUNCILORS WERE PRESENT WHEN THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:35 P.M.)

- c. [ID 26-5473](#) 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](#)
[20-01 Resolution Community Parks Foundation \(original\)](#)

*Marco Island City Manager Casey Lucius outlined her recent conversations with individual Council members, summarizing her observations into a recommendation regarding the current meeting frequency and outputs of the City's six (6) non-statutorily-directed Committees**. She proposed changes to the annual number of meetings and other process improvements to enhance the ability of the City Committees to better understand and serve the needs of the City Council.*

*** the six Committees proposed for inclusion under this proposal are:*

- 1) *The Audit Advisory Committee*
- 2) *The Beach & Coastal Advisory Committee*
- 3) *The Beautification Advisory Committee*
- 4) *The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee*
- 5) *The Waterways Advisory Committee*
- 6) *The Marco Island Community Parks Foundation [501(c)3]*

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

- 1) *Mr. John Quinlan (Rockhill Ct), member of the Beach & Coastal Resources Advisory Committee*
- 2) *Mr. Ralph Rohena (Begonia Ct.), member of the Waterways Advisory Committee*
- 3) *Ms. Linda Scherzinger (Plantation Ct.), Vice-Chair of the Beautification Advisory Committee*
- 4) *Mr. Elliott Mascoop (6th Ave.), member of the Waterways Advisory Committee*
- 5) *Mr. Rick Woodworth (N. Barfield Dr.), member of the Waterways Advisory Committee*
- 6) *Ms. Teri Sommerfeld (San Marco Rd.), member of the Audit Advisory Committee*
- 7) *Mr. Martin Winter (Perrine Ct.), member of the Waterways Advisory Committee*
- 8) *Ms. Dolores Siegel (Gumbo Limbo Ln.), Chair of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee*

A Motion was advanced by Councilor Schwan, and Chair Palumbo received a unanimous (7 For, 0 Against) "show of hands" from members of the Council supporting a contiguous three (3) month summer break from meetings (e.g., May-June-July, June-July-August, or July-August-September) as determined by majority vote of each Committee's members.

MOTION by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Councilor Dohm, that authorization of the City Manager to implement a revised Marco Island Committee annual meeting frequency of nine (9) regular Committee meetings, and up to two (2) workshops, along with individual Committee flexibility to determine a contiguous three (3) month summer "vacation" from meetings between May and September each year for the following six (6) Committees: 1) the Audit Advisory Committee; 2) the Beach & Coastal Advisory Committee; 3) the Beautification Advisory

Committee; 4) the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee; 5) the Waterways Advisory Committee, and; 6) the Marco Island Community Parks Foundation, 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

Following the Council's vote on the annual frequency of meetings for the identified six (6) Committees, Chair Palumbo requested that each City Councilor email City Manager Lucius with her/his proposed priority projects/topics for each of the affected Committees.

Ms. Lucius was asked to bring the collective list of proposed Committee projects/topics for Council review and prioritization at a future meeting of the City Council.

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

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

City Attorney Alan Gabriel outlined the key provisions of the proposed City Manager Employment Agreement.

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

MOTION by Councilor Henry, seconded by Councilor Schwan, that the City Manager Employment Agreement be Approved as Presented. 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

16. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- 7b. [ID 26-5474](#) Resolution - Approving Reappointment to the Waterways Advisory Committee by Vice-Chairman Champagne - Joan Taylor, City Clerk

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 26-27](#)

City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 26-27 into the record by title only.

Vice-Chair Champagne briefly outlined his initial appointment considerations and his review of Mr. Winters' absences from the Waterways Advisory Committee. He confirmed his desire to reappoint Mr. Winters to the Waterways Advisory Committee.

Public Comment

Mr. Ralph Rohena (Begonia Ct.), member of the Waterways Advisory Committee, offered perspective for the Council's consideration.

MOTION by Vice-Chair Champagne, seconded by Councilor Dohm, that the reappointment of Mr. Martin Winter to the Waterways Advisory Committee be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:

Yes: 5 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Dohm, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

No: 2 - Councilor Goehler and Councilor Gray

Motion To Extend The Meeting

MOTION by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Councilor Dohm, to extend the City Council Meeting to conclude no later than 9:45 A.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

Councilor Dohm congratulated Councilor Henry on her recent recognition by the Marco Island Noontime Rotary as "Rotarian of the Year".

Councilor Dohm raised for Council discussion the prospect of scheduling future meetings of the City Council to begin in the morning rather than at 5:30 P.M. as currently scheduled. The Council requested that the City Staff investigate the feasibility of this proposal and return with a recommendation at a future meeting of the City Council.

Councilor Schwan inquired of City Attorney Gabriel whether the citizen concern raised and addressed by Chair Palumbo during Public Comment (Agenda Item 9) regarding his participation in the Council's vote on quasi-judicial Variance Petition VP-26-000020 at the Council's June 1, 2026 meeting required further action. City Attorney Gabriel indicated that no further action was required.

Councilor Schwan requested that City Clerk Joan Taylor review the most recent twelve month attendance record of the members of the Audit Advisory Committee to determine if all current members have complied with the City's attendance requirement. Ms. Taylor indicated her intention to review the records and provide a response at a future date.

Councilor Henry reminded all present to be mindful of pedestrian safety and the increased daytime presence of children now that the most recent school year has concluded.

Councilor Henry noted that more than twenty community teams have signed up to participate in the forthcoming "window painting event" that she highlighted during Council Communications at the Council's June 1st meeting. She encouraged other teams to consider registering to participate in the community's celebration of our nation's 250th Anniversary.

Councilor Henry announced that over 900 families recently benefited from the weekly Our Daily Bread Food Pantry food distribution program. She encouraged members of the community to donate generously to continue to support the work of the Pantry over the summer months.

Councilor Henry concluded by thanking all of the participants and sponsors who made the recent June 13 "Beach Cleanup" activity a success. Councilor Henry noted that the next scheduled "Beach Cleanup" event is planned for August.

Councilor Gray sought insight from City Attorney Gabriel on the City's ability to regulate the medical marijuana dispensaries on the Island.

Councilor Gray proposed that the "flow" of the City Council Meetings could be improved by: 1) having defined criteria for the placement of items on the Consent Agenda, and; 2) placing decisional items for the Council's consideration earlier in the Agenda.

Councilor Gray expressed his belief that the ongoing measurement of the percentage of residential

properties that are "homesteaded" on the Island could provide an indication into the overall health of the Marco Island community.

Later during Council Communications, Councilor Gray noted his anticipation of the joint Marco Island City Council - Collier County Board of Commissioners Meeting planned for August, and his desire to more fully understand the degree to which Marco Island directly benefits from the annual tourist, sales tax, and other revenue sources that accrue to the County from activities on Marco Island.

Vice-Chair Champagne noted the impending arrival of the bronze statues for the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial at Veterans' Community Park in time for the country's 250th Anniversary and Fourth of July celebration. He shared details of the installation project, and he encouraged all members of the public to come view the effort from a safe distance during the Memorial's installation.

Chair Palumbo inquired about potential signage and/or additional traffic management control that could be installed on the approaches to the Yellowbird Street / 6th Avenue mini-roundabout. Councilor Henry suggested delaying action on this item until an assessment of the improved traffic patterns expected when the North Barfield Drive / North Collier Boulevard intersection reopens.

Chair Palumbo solicited the opinion of City Attorney Gabriel on a Planning Board request to allow for remote (Zoom) call-ins by individuals on items coming before it. Noting the quasi-judicial nature of the Planning Board's business, City Attorney Gabriel did not recommend pursuing this request. Chair Palumbo indicated his intention to respond to the Planning Board's inquiry.

Chair Palumbo inquired of City Manager Lucius the status of the Council's interrogatory to the Collier County Sheriff on, potentially, returning to a policing model that places Marco Island under the Collier County's jurisdiction. City Manager Lucius responded with the status of that request.

Noting recent indications of negative community response to the proposed interrogatory with the Collier County Sheriff, Chair Palumbo recommended that the Councilors who supported undertaking this inquiry with a "show of hands" at the June 1, 2026 City Council Meeting withdraw their support for this inquiry.

Following Council discussion and input from the City Attorney, Chair Palumbo asked for a "show of hands" to direct the City Staff to terminate its solicitation of cost and implementation information from the Collier County Sheriff for providing Collier County policing services on Marco Island. The Council "show of hands" indicated a 2 For, 5 Against response to Chair Palumbo's proposal.

[ID 25-5021](#) Future Agenda Items

Attachments: [Future Agenda](#)

The City Staff was requested to bring forward a review of the PodPlay pickleball schedule and facility access control system to a future meeting of the Marco Island City Council (see Agenda Item 15a).

City Manager Lucius was requested to consolidate and bring forward the proposed list of priority projects/topics for the Marco Island Advisory Committees as submitted by members of the Council for review and prioritization at a future meeting of the Marco Island City Council (see Agenda Item 15c).

The Council requested that the City Staff investigate and return with a recommendation on the feasibility of moving to a morning starting time for future regular meetings of the Marco Island City Council.

Motions To Extend The Meeting

Two Motions were advanced during Council Communications 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 by Vice-Chair Champagne, seconded by Councilor Henry, to extend the City Council meeting to conclude no later than 10:10 P.M.

BOTH MOTIONS CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS COUNCIL VOICE VOTE:

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

18. Council Reports

- a. [ID 26-5479](#) Discussion - Beach Report Update - Councilor Bonita Schwan

Attachments: [Councilor Schwan - Beach Reports](#)

Councilor Schwan presented the data collected by the Marco Island Police Department (MIPD) from its Nightly Beach Reports for the period of May 1 - May 31, 2026.

Reminding the Council that the purpose of the MIPD nightly patrols is to enforce the existing 2013 Marco Island Sea Turtle Protection Ordinance, Councilor Schwan reviewed the data collected on the summary spreadsheet with the Council.

Councilor Schwan observed that, apart from instances of condominium lighting violations, no Notices of Violation (NOVs) were issued by MIPD, nor documentation identifying the names of the violators warned, for the other violation categories noted on the May 1 - May 31 Nightly Beach Reports.

Councilor Schwan's observations precipitated a discussion among members of the Council regarding code enforcement procedures and documentation to more fully inform Council policy decisions in the future.

City Manager Casey Lucius assured the Council that she and Interim Police Chief Joe Belardo have been in communication on this issue, and that revised MIPD procedures to address this concern are being implemented.

- b. [ID 26-5477](#) Discussion- Legal Services for the City - Councilor Deb Henry

Attachments: [Amendment \(Oct 4, 2022\)](#)
[Fully Executed Contract \(2015\)](#)
[Weiss Serota RFP response](#)

MOTION by Councilor Gray, seconded by Councilor Schwan, that the Council's discussion of legal services for the City be Continued to the Next Meeting.

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

- c. [ID 26-5471](#) County Boards and Organizations Quarterly Update - Councilors Henry, Gray, Schwan and Chair Palumbo

Councilor Schwan (Council Representative to the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)) and Chair Palumbo (Council Representative to the Collier County Tourist Development Council (TDC)) indicated no new information to report to the Council.

Councilor Gray requested information and update on the 2023 Loop Trail Alternative Feasibility Study by the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Councilors Schwan and Dohm provided a brief update for the Councilor Gray's benefit.

Councilor Henry provided a brief update on the key outputs from her first meeting as the Council Representative to the Collier County Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC).

Motion To Extend The Meeting

MOTION by Councilor Gray, seconded by Councilor Dohm, to extend the City Council Meeting to conclude no later than 10:17 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

19. Citizens' Comments

Ms. Christine Dowell (Biscayne Way) raised concern with the recent planting of trees under street lights and power lines along Leland Way. She requested that relocation of those trees be undertaken without further taxpayer expense.

20. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Chair Palumbo adjourned the meeting at 10:17 P.M.

Darrin Palumbo, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Taylor, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist