

City of Marco Island Florida

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Marco Island, Florida
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, July 14, 2025

2:30 PM

Special-Called Workshop - Presentation of the ACFR

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 brought the Special-Called Workshop to order at 2:30 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
Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney
Tracy Frazzano, Police Chief
Dave Ennis, Police Captain
Chris Byrne, Fire Chief
Mat Marshall, Deputy Fire Chief
Sharon Dangles, Acting Finance Director
Daniel J. Smith, Community Affairs Director
Mary Holden, Senior Planner
Jeff Poteet, Water & Sewer General Manager
Joe Parrilli, Fleet & Facilities Manager
Angela Johenning, Purchasing & Risk Manager
Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician
Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist
Citizens and Visitors*

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Chair Brechnitz.

4. Business

[ID 25-4548](#) Presentation of the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report - Christopher Kessler, CPA, Principal, CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP)

Attachments: [FY 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#)

Chair Brechnitz welcomed the representatives present from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP - Christopher Kessler, CPA, Principal, Robert Williams, CPA, Director, and Grace Riddle, Senior Audit Associate.

Mr. Kessler, on behalf of the CliftonLarsonAllen LLP audit team, outlined the scope of the services performed in the execution of the Marco Island 2024 Fiscal Year audit, outlined and explained the key findings by the audit team, and offered specific observations and recommendations for the Council's consideration and action.

Mr. Kessler addressed numerous questions from members of the Council, many of which were posed to help the Council clarify the severity of the deficiencies noted, and the likely implications if the recommended improvements are not addressed in a timely manner.

Also discussed was the timeline under which the audit was completed, along with the time between when the preliminary audit findings were made known to City Staff leadership and when the Council first learned of the audit team's findings.

Other documents presented at the request of members of the Council included Chair Erik Brechnitz's July 10, 2025 Guest Commentary letter to the Coastal Breeze News, and Mr, Jay Glover of PFM Financial Advisors LLC's email opinion of July 11, 2025 on the effect of the findings of the CliftonLarsonAllen LLP audit on the City's credit rating and its near-term ability to access the capital markets.

[Editorial Note: Both documents may be found under the "Meeting Details" link for this Special-Called Workshop on the City's website at www.cityofmarcoisland.com > Menu > Agendas and Minutes > City Council . 7/14/25 2:30 P.M. > Meeting Details]

5. Public Comment

The following individuals offered comment and perspective for the Council's consideration:

- 1) Ms. Lynn Nathanson (Bluebonnet Ct.)*
- 2) Ms. Sheelah Yawitz (N. Collier Blvd.)*
- 3) Ms. Teri Sommerfeld (San Marco Rd.)*
- 4) Ms. Cindy Sheppelman (Treasure Ct.)*
- 5) Mr. Greg Folley (Cape Marco Dr.)*
- 6) Ms. Victoria Myers (Bluebonnet Ct.)*
- 7) Mr. John Martini (Nassau Ct.)*

6. Adjournment

Chair Brechnitz thanked the CliftonLarsonAllen LLP team for its report, and he adjourned the Special-Called Workshop at 4:52 P.M.

Erik Brechnitz, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Taylor, City Clerk

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