

## City Manager's Report

September 22, 2025

- **C-Hawq Dredging Proposal:** The city's independent engineering firm (Humiston and Moore) has completed an initial review of the C-HAWQ proposal and subsequently issued a letter containing 102 questions for the proposer. A subsequent online meeting was convened with the proposer and the city's engineer to address those questions. The proposer has since submitted written responses, and these follow-up responses are presently under review by the city and Humiston and Moore. Should additional information be required, a second formal request will be issued. Upon completion of the current review, if no further information is necessary, the City's engineer will prepare an evaluation for submission to the city. In that event this evaluation would then be presented to the City Council for consideration at its first regular meeting in November.
- The City Manager attended the Collier County Legislative delegation meeting to present the city's request for \$1.92M toward the tide leveling/tidal flushing project. Confirmation was received after that meeting that Representative Benarroch would be sponsoring this request in the House of Representatives.
- The collective bargaining process continues with the International Association of Firefighters local, with Dr. Lucius in the lead along with Fire and Rescue Chief Chris Byrne. Expectations are that this negotiation is nearing its conclusion. At such time as agreement is reached the proposed contract will be brought to City Council for approval.
- In recent weeks the City Manager has spoken to the Noontime Rotary Club, the Annual Meeting of the Marco Island Area Board of Realtors, and the monthly "Lunch with Friends" gathering. Focus has been on the budget process, along with updates on significant activities throughout the city departments. He's pleased to report these were three happy groups with many questions, and to pass along particular appreciation that was expressed for City Council's actions with respect to e-bike activities.