

City of Marco Island Florida

*51 Bald Eagle Drive
Marco Island, Florida
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, May 20, 2024

2:00 PM

Budget Policies Workshop

Community Meeting Room

City Council

Chair: Jared Grifoni

Vice-Chair: Erik Brechnitz

*City Council: Rich Blonna,
Greg Folley, Becky Irwin,
Darrin Palumbo, Joe Rola*

City Manager: Mike McNees

Assistant City Manager: Casey Lucius

City Attorney: Alan L. Gabriel

City Clerk: Joan Taylor

1. Call to Order

Chair Grifoni called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Councilor Blonna, Councilor Folley, Councilor Irwin, Councilor Palumbo, Councilor Rola and Chair Grifoni

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Brechnitz

(Note: Councilor Irwin participated remotely via Zoom teleconference connection)

Also Present

Michael McNees, City Manager

Casey Lucius, Assistant City Manager

Joan Taylor, City Clerk

Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney

Tracy Frazzano, Police Chief

Chris Byrne, Fire Chief

Guillermo Polanco, Finance Director (via Zoom teleconference connection)

Daniel J. Smith, Community Affairs Director

Justin Martin, Public Works Director (arrived at 2:03 P.M.)

Jose Duran, Information Technology Director

Jeff Poteet, Water & Sewer General Manager

Miguel Carballo, Fleet & Facilities Manager

Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician

Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist

Citizens and Visitors

Motion to Allow for Remote Participation by Councilor Irwin

MOTION by Councilor Palumbo, seconded by Councilor Blonna, to allow Councilor Irwin to participate in, and vote on, all allowable matters coming before the Council at this Workshop. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 5 - Councilor Blonna, Councilor Folley, Councilor Palumbo, Councilor Rola and Chair Grifoni

3. Business - Budget Policies Workshop

- a. [ID 24-3639](#) Budget Presentation - Casey Lucius, Ph.D., Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Casey Lucius reviewed the results of a five-year look-back analysis of the City's General Fund revenue sources, expense trends, and emergency and unassigned reserves, with a goal of providing the Council with insights under which to inform its forthcoming 2025 Fiscal Year budget process for the City of Marco Island.

- b. [ID 24-3623](#) Budget Policies and Assumptions - Guillermo Polanco, Finance Director, CPA, MBA

City Finance Director Guillermo Polanco followed Assistant City Manager Lucius's analysis with a review of the recently-released 2024 State Ad Valorem Conference Report, outlining the estimated Fiscal Year 2025

ad valorem tax revenue apportionment that the City is expected to receive from the State to help fund its operations, services, and reserves in the upcoming fiscal year.

Finance Director's Budget Guidance & Assumptions Report further highlighted significant revenue and expense impacts that the City can expect during Fiscal Year 2025, and he provided a deep analysis and historical perspective on the City's key budget policies, accounts, and current funding statuses to assist the Council in preparing to address the City's future operating and capital improvement needs.

The Council directed the City Manager and Staff to review current City payments to Collier County's General Fund for services that may be duplicative to the City's budgeted efforts, and to evaluate its current property insurance deductibles to assess their appropriateness relative to the associated risks of loss to the City.

4. Public Comments

Mr. David Caldwell (Marco Villas Dr.) spoke on behalf of a number of residents of the San Marco Villas Condominium complex who wished to share their questions and concerns regarding currently-comprehended improvements to the City's Racquet Center located at 1275 San Marco Road.

[Editorial Note: A Neighborhood Information Meeting (NIM) to discuss the City's plans for the Marco Island Racquet Center is scheduled for Friday, May 31, 2024 at 12:00 P.M. in the Community Room, 51 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island]

5. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Chair Grifoni adjourned the Workshop at 3:19 P.M.

Jared Grifoni, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Taylor, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist