

# City of Marco Island Florida

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, January 5, 2026

5:30 PM

Community Meeting Room

### City Council

*Chair: Darrin Palumbo  
Vice-Chair: Rene Champagne*

*City Council: Erik Brechnitz, Tamara Goehler,  
Stephen Gray, Deb Henry,  
Bonita Schwan*

*Interim City Manager: Casey Lucius  
Assistant City Attorney: David Tolces  
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 - Councilor Brechnitz, Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

**Also Present**

*Casey Lucius, Interim City Manager  
Joan Taylor, City Clerk  
David Tolces, Assistant City Attorney  
Tracy Frazzano, Police Chief  
Chris Byrne, Fire Chief  
Carol McDermott, Finance Director  
Daniel J. Smith, Community Affairs Director  
Justin Martin, Public Works Director  
Diana Stover, Human Resources Director  
Jeff Poteet, Water & Sewer General Manager  
Joe Parrilli, Fleet & Facilities Manager  
Samantha Malloy, Parks, Culture & Recreation Manager  
Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician  
Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist  
Citizens and Visitors*

**3. Invocation**

*Offered by the Reverend Ed Brandt of the United Church of Marco Island.*

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

ID 25-4888 Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Camila Cortazar of Marco Island Charter Middle School

*Miss Cortazar led the meeting's attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**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 - Councilor Brechnitz, Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Gray, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

**6. Approval of the Minutes**

a. ID 25-4945 Approval of the Capital Workshop Minutes of December 1, 2025

**Attachments:** [December 1, 2025 Capital Workshop Minutes](#)

**MOTION by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Vice-Chair Champagne, that the City Council Capital Workshop Minutes of December 1, 2025, be Approved. MOTION**

**CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

b. [ID 25-4882](#) Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2025

**Attachments:** [December 8, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting](#)

**MOTION by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Councilor Brechnitz, that the City Council Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2025, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

## **7. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**MOTION by Councilor Brechnitz, seconded by Vice-Chair Champagne, that the Consent Agenda be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

### **[Approval of the Consent Agenda Passed All Routine Items Listed Below]**

a. [ID 25-4958](#) Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Purchase Order to Earth Tech Enterprises, Inc. for the 2026 Tigertail Lagoon/Sand Dollar Island Ecosystem Restoration Project Operational Maintenance Related to Escarpment Remediation in the Amount of \$156,000. Approved by the Hideaway Tax District Board - Justin Martin P.E., Director, Public Works

**Attachments:** [EarthTech Proposal \\$156,000](#)

[Hideaway Voting Record - 11/20/25](#)

[Hideaway Meeting Minutes for 11.20.25](#)

b. [ID 25-5045](#) Authorize the City Manager to issue a Purchase Order to Infinite Construction, LLC., for the Crosswalk Improvement project (ITB # 2026-002) for \$156,160.34, - Justin Martin, P.E., Director of Public Works

**Attachments:** [Bid Submittal - Infinite Construction](#)

[Bid Tabulation](#)

c. [ID 26-5068](#) Resolution - Amending Resolution 20-06 To Provide For Additional Responsibilities For The City Of Marco Island Audit Advisory Committee; Providing For The Committee's Purpose, Membership, Duties, Responsibilities, And Meetings - Joan Taylor, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [RESOLUTION 26-01](#)

d. [ID 25-5048](#) Authorize the Interim City Manager to Accept a Department of

Environmental Protection Grant for the Biologically Active Filter Improvements at the Source Water Facility in the Amount of \$750,000 - Jeffrey E. Poteet

Attachments: [Agreement](#)

## 8. Proclamations and Presentations

a. [ID 25-4889](#) Employee Service Awards - Diana Snover, HR Director

*City of Marco Island Human Resources Director Diana Stover recognized and called forward City of Marco Island Police Officer Melanie Lopez to receive her Five-Year Service Recognition Certificate and pin as presented by City Council Chairman Darrin Palumbo.*

b. [ID 25-4981](#) Employee of the Fourth Quarter

*City of Marco Island Public Works Department Maintenance Technician John Lafakis was recognized as the City of Marco Island's "Employee of the Quarter" for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025.*

c. [ID 25-5052](#) Presentation - City of Marco Island Pest Control and Rodent Exclusion Services Summary - City Facilities and Parks- Joseph Parrilli, Fleet & Facilities Manager

Attachments: [Pest Control Presentation](#)

[Nature Defense Pest Control](#)

[Pest Control Location & Service Summary](#)

*City of Marco Island Fleet & Facilities Manager Joe Parrilli outlined the City's current rodent control method used at seven (7) City sites on the Island, and he noted the City's test of two alternative methods at Mackle Park during Fiscal Years 2024, and 2025.*

*Based on the results achieved, the desire to reduce the use of toxic rodenticide, and the comparative cost between toxic rodenticides and non-toxic, birth-controlling alternatives, Mr. Parrilli proposed that the Council endorse the City's recommendation to remove all Massey rodenticide boxes from the (7) City facilities, continue deploying the non-toxic, birth-control alternative (Good Bites) at Mackle Park and expand using Good Bites birth control alternative at the remaining six (6) City sites during February, 2026 for the remainder of the 2026 Fiscal Year. He also proposed that a review of the results and his department's proposed next steps be reviewed with the Council prior to the development of the City's Fiscal Year 2027 rodent control budget.*

### Public Comment

*Mr. Jim Scarpa (Edgewater Ct.), member of the City of Marco Island Beach & Coastal Advisory Committee, shared several statistics with the Council regarding the recent impact of toxic rodenticide on other animals on Marco Island.*

*Council Chair Darrin Palumbo received Council consensus supporting Mr. Parrilli's proposal to proceed as recommended for the balance of the 2026 Fiscal Year.*

*The Council also briefly discussed the City's efforts to control the non-native iguana population on the Island. Interim City Manager Casey Lucius noted the information on the City's website that provides the public with contact information for the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) which*

*maintains a database of licensed trappers and non-native species control resources.*

d. [ID 25-5030](#) Presentation - Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee - Committee Member Darin Spindler

**Attachments:** [Presentation - Owl Park](#)

*City of Marco Island Parks & Recreation Committee (PRAC) member Darin Spindler presented the Committee's two phase proposal to create a burrowing owl habitation park on a parcel of City-owned property near Mackle Park.*

*No members of the public came forward to offer comment.*

*Following Mr. Spindler's review of the PRAC proposal with the Council, Chair Palumbo received Council consensus to endorse Mr. Spindler and the PRAC's request to: 1) approach the Marco Island Community Parks Foundation for initial funding support, and; 2) to pursue additional grants and private community funding via targeted fundraising efforts to complete the burrowing owl habitation park effort.*

*Chair Palumbo also proposed that Mr. Spindler and the PRAC consider approaching the Collier County Tourist Development Council for potential funding support.*

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

*Mr. Thomas Polston (Seaview Ct.), as Commissioner of the Marco Island Senior Softball League, raised concern with the lack of post-renovation attention and maintenance of the baseball field and surrounding grounds at Winterberry Park by the City Staff and its new landscape contractor since the completion of the work by the Home Depot Foundation late in 2025.*

*Mr. Robert Aylwin (Andros Ave.) requested Council and City Staff assistance in addressing daily employee parking in his swales from a nearby home-based business.*

*Mr. Paul Trapp (5th St., Ft. Myers) of Seal Em Out LLC offered to answer questions from members of the Council regarding the Wisdom Good Bites non-toxic alternative that was discussed under Agenda Item 8c.*

## **10. City Manager's Report**

[ID 25-4970](#) City Manager's Report

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

*Interim City Manager Casey Lucius briefly referenced her written report, and she encouraged the Council to consult and take note of the thoroughness and detail of the Departmental Reports (Agenda Item 12).*

## **11. City Attorney's Report**

*No City Attorney Report was provided by Assistant City Attorney David Tolces at this meeting.*

## **12. Departmental Reports**

[ID 25-4883](#) Monthly Departmental Reports

Attachments: [City Clerk's Office](#)  
[Internal Services](#)  
[Public Works](#)  
[Water & Sewer](#)  
[Police](#)

*Councilor Henry congratulated the Marco Island Water & Sewer Department on the receipt of its grants.*

*Councilor Henry encouraged the community to access the information available from the City regarding the timetable for the deployment of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) water meters across the Island.*

*Councilor Henry also recognized the installation of a crosswalk on South Heathwood Drive and Andalusia Terrrace (by the Public Library) by the Public Works team.*

*Councilor Schwan noted the 121 bicycle and e-bike rider engagements by members of the Police Department during November, 2025 to: 1) distribute safety equipment and information, and; 2) encourage safe, considerate bicycle and e-bike use. She thanked the Marco Island Police team for its efforts.*

*Chair Palumbo encouraged all members of the Council to arrange for a tour of the Police Department's facilities to see, first-hand, the conditions and limitations under which the Department has been operating.*

*Chair Palumbo also displayed the Police Department's November Activity Crime Report, and highlighted the significant reduction in most crime statistics on a year-over-year and a year-to-date basis. He complimented Chief Frazzano and her team on their performance.*

*Councilor Goehler confirmed with Police Chief Frazzano the status of an active e-bike incident.*

### **13. Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing**

*No quasi-judicial items were brought before the Council at this meeting.*

### **14. Ordinances**

#### **A. Public Hearings**

*None.*

#### **B. First Readings**

[ID 25-5049](#)

Ordinance - First Reading - Amending Chapter 50, "Traffic And Vehicles; Article II "Stopping, Standing And Parking"; Section 50-37, "Prohibited Parking" Of The City Of Marco Island Code Of Ordinances To Provide For Regulations Related To Limited Permitted Swale Parking In Designated Areas Within The City Of Marco Island - Councilor Deb Henry, Chief Tracy Frazzano, Police

Attachments: [Ordinance 26-01 - First Reading](#)

*City Clerk Joan Taylor read Ordinance 26-01 into the record by title only.*

*Councilor Henry briefly introduced and reminded the Council of her request to have this modification to Section 50-37 of the City of Marco Island Code of Ordinances considered, and she addressed a number of questions raised by members of the Council.*

*The following members of the public came forward to offer their perspectives on the proposed Ordinance modification:*

- 1) Ms. Victoria Myers (Bluebonnet Ct.)
- 2) Mr. Michael Josephs (Wintergreen Ct.)
- 3) Ms. Teri Sommerfeld (San Marco Rd.)

**MOTION** by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Councilor Henry, that Ordinance 26-01 - Amending Chapter 50, "Traffic and Vehicles"; Article II "Stopping, Standing and Parking"; Section 50-37, "Prohibited Parking" of the City of Marco Island Code of Ordinances to provide for regulations related to limited permitted swale parking in designated areas within the City of Marco Island, be Approved on First Reading.  
**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

**Yes:** 4 - Vice-Chair Champagne, Councilor Henry, Councilor Schwan and Chair Palumbo

**No:** 3 - Councilor Brechnitz, Councilor Goehler and Councilor Gray

*(THE MEETING WENT INTO RECESS AT 7:00 P.M. IT IS NOTED FOR THE RECORD THAT ALL COUNCILORS WERE PRESENT WHEN THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:06 P.M.)*

## **15. Resolutions & City Council Items**

a. [ID 25-5055](#) Engagement Letter and Critical Events Schedule from Bryant Miller Olive, P.A. for General Obligation Bond Referenda, Casey Lucius, Interim City Manager

**Attachments:** [Engagement Letter \(Marco Island Referendum\)](#)  
[Critical Events Schedule](#)  
[Bryant Miller and Olive Contract](#)

*Interim City Manager Casey Lucius introduced Messrs. Chris Roe and Duane Draper of Bryant Miller Olive, and Mr. Jay Glover of PFM Financial Advisors LLC, all of whom participated via Zoom teleconference connection, in reviewing and discussing the considerations and timelines in the City potentially seeking voter approval to issue one or more municipal bonds to finance the City's capital projects in the future. The gentlemen addressed a number of questions from members of the Council.*

*No members of the public came forward to offer comment.*

**MOTION** by Councilor Gray, seconded by Councilor Schwan, that authorization of the Interim City Manager to enter into an agreement with Bryant Miller Olive for services outlined in the December 19, 2025 "Special Counsel Services Related to General Obligation Bond Referenda and Bond Validation" letter, be Approved.

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

**b.** [ID 25-5066](#) Authorize the Approval of a Change Order for \$65,750 Alternate Repair for Emergency Water Leak Repairs at Fire Station 51 - Joseph Parrilli, Fleet & Facilities Manager

**Attachments:** [Fire Station 51 Repair](#)  
[Contract Change Order 23-030](#)  
[Library Contract](#)

*City of Marco Island Fleet & Facilities Manager Joe Parrilli updated the Council on the City's investigation of the subject proposed repair at Fire Station 51 which was originally approved by the Council in the amount of \$86,900.00 at its December 8, 2025 meeting (Agenda Item 7e).*

*As a result of the Fleet & Facilities Department investigation into potential contractor and/or insurance company recourse, Mr. Parrilli requested Council approval for an additional \$65,750.00 change order amount to fully complete and restore the facility's operating conditions at Fire Station 51.*

*No members of the public came forward to offer comment.*

**MOTION by Councilor Goehler, seconded by Councilor Henry, that authorization of the Interim City Manager to approve a Change Order in the amount of \$65,750.00 for emergency water leak repairs at Fire Station 51, be Approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

**c.** [ID 25-5053](#) City Manager Search - Diana Snover, Human Resources Director

**Attachments:** [Memo](#)  
[City Manager Salary Comps](#)  
[Invitation to Bid - City of Naples](#)

*City of Marco Island Human Resources Director Diana Snover reviewed her proposed recruitment options for the Council's consideration, and she addressed a number of questions from members of the Council.*

*Public Comment*

*Ms. Teri Sommerfeld (San Marco Rd.) shared her recollection of past City Manager searches by previous City Councils, and she expressed her support for initially pursuing an internal recruitment process before engaging the services of an executive search firm.*

**MOTION by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Councilor Gray, that authorization of the City Staff to complete: 1) a City Manager job description; 2) a proposed City Manager salary range, and; 3) a search timeline for an internally-managed City Manager candidate search, for further City Council review and approval, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

d. [ID 25-5047](#) Authorize the Interim City Manager to Formally Withdrawal and Closeout the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project 4337-112-R (Source Water Facility) - Jeffrey E. Poteet, General Manager, Water & Sewer

Attachments: [Diesel Pumps Grant Final](#)

*City of Marco Island Water & Sewer General Manager Jeff Poteet reviewed the history of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project 4337-112-R, and he outlined the reasons for requesting approval to formally withdraw the grant request.*

*No members of the public came forward to offer comment.*

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Champagne, seconded by Councilor Henry, that authorization of the Interim City Manager to formally withdraw and closeout FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project 4337-112-R, be Approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

e. [ID 25-5046](#) Membership status of Mr. John Martini, on Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee - Councilor Bonita Schwan, City Council

Attachments: [Ordinance 99-11](#)

*Councilor Schwan introduced the topic stating this item was a continuation of Council's discussion regarding comments made by Mr. John Martini during the Council's December 8, 2025 meeting (specifically Agenda Item 15f).*

*Councilor Schwan reminded Council that they have the authority to remove Advisory Board members under Ordinance 99-11; and that expectations of Advisory Board members' conduct are outlined in several sources: 1) the City of Marco Island Handbook for Boards & Committees; 2) the City Council Rules of Decorum; 3) orientation materials for newly-appointed Committee & Board members. Councilor Schwan provided several examples of Mr. Martini's concerning language and comments.*

*Councilor Schwan requested Council support to rescind Mr. Martini's appointment to the City of Marco Island Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.*

*All members of the Council provided their perspective on Councilor Schwan's proposal. At Chair Palumbo's request, City Assistant Attorney David Tolces provided insight regarding the conduct of meetings and the freedom of public expression in a limited public forum (e.g. a City Council Meeting).*

**MOTION by Councilor Schwan that a reading of the City Council Rules of Decorum be conducted at the start of every City Council Meeting. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.**

*Mr. Martini was provided an opportunity by Chair Palumbo to comment on the matter before the Council.*

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

- 1) Ms. Lisa Foster (S. Seas Ct.)
- 2) Ms. Teri Sommerfeld (San Marco Rd.)
- 3) Ms. Sheelah Yawitz (N. Collier Blvd.)

*Following the discussion, inputs, and observations offered by all parties, no member of the Council advanced a Motion to rescind Mr. Martini's appointment to the City of Marco Island Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.*

*Chair Palumbo committed to more proactive use of his gavel during Council meetings to promote productive and respectful dialogue among all meeting participants.*

### ***Motion to Extend the Meeting***

**MOTION by Councilor Brechnitz, seconded by Vice-Chair Champagne, to extend the City Council Meeting to conclude not later than 9:45 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

### ***16. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda***

*No items were removed from the Consent Agenda at this meeting.*

### ***17. Council Communications & Future Agenda***

*Councilor Henry confirmed with Chair Palumbo the actions that she and other Councilors were asked to undertake individually regarding the Federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM's) 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program as discussed during Council Communications (Agenda Item 17) at the Council's December 8, 2025 meeting.*

*Councilor Henry reminded all members of the public that public comment and input is welcomed during, or in advance of, the Council's January 12, 2025 Workshop.*

*Councilor Goehler asked Interim City Manager Casey Lucius to follow-up on the concerns expressed by the Commissioner of the Marco Island Senior Softball League earlier in the meeting (see Agenda Item 9 (Citizens' Comments)) regarding the maintenance of the baseball field at Winterberry Park.*

*Councilor Goehler shared her recent near-miss incident with an e-bike rider near City Hall and similar incidences that were conveyed to her by other residents of the Island. Assistant City Attorney David Tolces noted the City's limited ability to regulate e-bike usage in light of the State of Florida's statutes regarding their use, and Chair Palumbo proposed that individual Councilors and citizens petition their state representatives for action on this issue.*

*Councilor Gray observed that more careful management of trash could help reduce the rodent population on the Island.*

*Councilor Gray supported Councilor Goehler's request that an assessment of the maintenance efforts at Winterberry Park be reviewed and addressed as necessary.*

*Councilor Gray alerted the Council to the fact that drone operators can pilot their craft in and around public areas and the beaches without significant constraint.*

*Vice-Chair Champagne advised the Council that the completion of the Vietnam Veterans' Bronze Memorial for placement at Veterans Community Park is falling behind schedule and is unlikely to be installed before May, 2026. The formal unveiling and dedication ceremony will now likely be held on November 11, 2026 (Veterans Day). Vice-Chair Champagne urged his colleague Councilors and members of the public to petition their representatives in Washington, D.C. to exempt the Memorial from its current 19% country of origin tariff.*

*Councilor Schwan proposed that a Council review of the contract with Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman, P.L. (the City's legal counsel) be placed on the Council's Future Agenda. Chair Palumbo*

received Council consensus to direct the City Staff to place this item on the Council's Future Agenda.

Chair Palumbo displayed a Google Maps overhead property photo of 1695 Ludlow Rd. and he asked all members of the Council to view the proceedings of the most recent Planning Board Meeting regarding this and approximately 40 other properties like it that are subject to unique treatment for permit fees and approvals that were in effect prior to Marco Island becoming a City.

Interim City Manager Casey Lucius and Assistant City Attorney David Tolces confirmed that the Council desires: 1) the City Staff to review the appropriate Ordinance(s) with the Planning Board and bring forward a recommended modification for the Council's consideration, and; 2) to place a Future Agenda item on the Council's schedule to consider reimbursement of the variance application fee to the property owner of 1695 Ludlow Rd.

Chair Palumbo noted the generosity of Marco Island's residents and visitors who contributed to a collection box in support of St. Jude's Childrens' Hospital this Holiday season.

#### ID 25-4890 Future Agenda Items

##### Attachments: [Future Agenda](#)

The Council requested that a review of the results of the non-toxic, birth-controlling alternative to toxic rodenticide use at the City's seven (7) facility locations be added to the Council's Future Agenda.

Councilor Schwan requested that a review of the City's contract with Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman., P.L. be placed on the Council's Future Agenda.

Chair Palumbo requested that a review of the permit application fee paid by the property owner at 1695 Ludlow Rd. be placed on the Council's Future Agenda.

#### **Motion to Extend the Meeting**

**MOTION by Councilor Gray, seconded by Councilor Henry, to extend the City Council Meeting to conclude no later than 9:55 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

#### **18. Council Reports**

None.

#### **Motion to Extend the Meeting**

**MOTION by Councilor Gray, seconded by Vice-Chair Champagne, to extend the City Council Meeting to conclude no later than 9:59 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

#### **19. Citizens' Comments**

Ms. Victoria Myers (Bluebonnet Ct.) proposed that the characterization of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) dismissal of a citizen-led petition challenging the classification of the Marco Island Wastewater Treatment Plant's operating permit might not be described as a "Team Win" by

*all members of the Marco Island community as noted in the Interim City Manager's Report (Agenda Item 10).*

*Ms. Myers displayed information regarding the allowable uses for deployed wastewater that are permitted under an agricultural use permit issued by DEP, and she questioned whether Marco Island qualifies as an agricultural community under this permit.*

*Mr. Elliott Mascoop (6th Ave.), thanked the Council for its work on behalf of the citizens of Marco Island. Mr. Mascoop also: 1) noted his many near-miss incidents with e-bike operators on the Island; 2) expressed his concern, as a horticulturist and the Chair of the Marco Island Waterways Advisory Committee, with the impact to the City's waterways of vehicles parking on the swales, and; 3) his intention to raise the issue of rodent bait boxes being present in, and poisoning, the City's canals with his colleagues on the Waterways Advisory Committee.*

*Mr. Mascoop also shared his concern with the procedure used by the Marco Island Police in taking noise decibel readings from the street, rather than from within an owner's home, when responding to an excessive residential property noise complaint.*

## **20. Adjournment**

*There being no further business before the Council, Chair Palumbo adjourned the meeting at 9:53 P.M.*

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*Darrin Palumbo, Council Chair*

ATTEST:

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*Joan Taylor, City Clerk*

PREPARED BY:

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*Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist*