

City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, July 23, 2026

8:30 AM

Community Meeting Room

Waterways Advisory Committee

Chair: Chris Lewandowski

Vice-Chair: Elliott Mascoop

*Committee Members: Daniel High,
George Lancaster, Ralph Rohena,
Rick Woodworth, Martin Winter*

City Staff:

*Justin Martin, Director of Public Works
Crysten Casey, Administrative Project Coordinator*

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lewandowski called the meeting to order at 8:30.

(2) ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Member High, Member Lancaster, Vice-Chair Mascoop, Member Winter, Member Woodworth and Chair Lewandowski

Not Present: 1 - Member Rohena

Also Present:

City Council:

Councilor Steven Gray.

Councilor Deb Henry.

City Staff:

Justin Martin, P.E., Director of Public Works.

Mike Lalbachan, Project Manager.

Crysten Casey, Administrative Project Coordinator.

Martin Luna, Audio Visual Technician.

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Lewandowski.

(4) Committee Member Introduction

[ID 26-5634](#) New & Returning Board Member Introduction

Chair Lewandowski led the Committee in a warm welcome of it's newest Member George Lancaster.

He also welcomed the return of former Vice-Chair, Martin Winter.

(5) Election for Vice-Chair Seat

[ID 26-5635](#) Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Lewandowski called for nominations to the position of Vice-Chair of the Waterways Advisory Committee.

Motion by Member Woodworth nominating Member Mascoop for Vice-Chair of the Waterways Advisory Committee.

Yes: 5 - Member High, Member Lancaster, Vice-Chair Mascoop, Member Woodworth and Chair Lewandowski

No: 1 - Member Winter

Not Present: 1 - Member Rohena

(6) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by Member High, seconded by Member Woodworth, that the Agenda be Approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 5 - Member High, Member Lancaster, Member Winter, Member Woodworth and Chair Lewandowski

No: 1 - Vice-Chair Mascoop

Not Present: 1 - Member Rohena

(7) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 26-5602](#) Waterway's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 21st, 2026.

MOTION by Vice Chair Mascoop, seconded by Member High, that the Minutes be Approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Member High, Member Lancaster, Vice-Chair Mascoop, Member Winter, Member Woodworth and Chair Lewandowski

Not Present: 1 - Member Rohena

(8) OLD BUSINESS

None.

(9) NEW BUSINESS

[ID 26-5636](#) Proposed Fertilizer Changes- (Member Mascoop)

Vice-President Mascoop led a discussion in regards to the black-out dates on Marco Island's Fertilizer Ordinance. He proposed changes be made to these dates and encouraged the public to minimize fertilizing their yards during the winter season when grass is dormant.

The Committee requested Mascoop to come back with a red-lined document during his next presentation.

MOTION made by Member Woodworth,SECONDED by Vice-Chair Mascoop; that Vice -Chair will draft up a red-line document for the current Fertilizer Ordinance and bring revised document back to WAC for further discussion & review.

Yes: 6 - Member High, Member Lancaster, Vice-Chair Mascoop, Member Winter, Member Woodworth and Chair Lewandowski

Not Present: 1 - Member Rohena

(10) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Public Works Director, Justin Martin introduced new city staff member Mike Lalbachan to the Committee.

Justin also updated the Committee on the status of the "No-Wake" signs at the entrance to Tigertail Lagoon. The permit for those signs has expired and will need to be renewed.

(11) CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilor Steven Gray offered comments on the fertilizer topic and emphasized the importance of educating the public.

Councilor Deb Henry expressed her support for Member Winter's whitepaper on canal access. She noted that a similar proposal was brought before City Council earlier this year and was voted down, but she encouraged the Committee and their efforts.

(12) PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger Hall – Commented on the use of reclaimed water and its effects on water quality in Marco Island's canals.

Victoria Myers – Provided comments on both Marco Island's fertilizer and landscape ordinances. She noted that the Beautification Committee was interested in the whitepaper draft presented by Member Woodworth at the May meeting.

Lisa Foster – Offered multiple comments on the agenda, including the fertilizer topic presented by Vice President Mascoop and the whitepaper presented by Member Winter. She also commented on Member Rohena's dredging topic, which is currently scheduled for the August agenda.

(13) NEXT MEETING: CONFIRMATION & ATTENDANCE

[ID 26-5600](#) Confirmation & Attendance

The next meeting is scheduled for August 20th, 2026.

Chair Lewandowski asked members if anyone was unable to attend in person.

No formal vote was taken.

(14) PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

The following topics were raised for the next meeting.

- 1. MIPD Update*
- 2. Dredging Alternatives- (Member Rohena)*
- 3. No-Wake Signs at Tigertail Lagoon*
- 4. Fertilizer Ordinance Reform- (Vice-Chair Mascoop)*
- 5. Canal Access for Paddleboards & Kayaks- (Member Winter)*
- 6. Construction & Inspection of Seawalls- (Member Winter)*
- 7. Biometric Survey of Marco Island Waters*
- 8. Landscape & Turf Reform- (Member Woodworth)*

Due to the large number of suggested topics, some agenda items will be moved to the September/October agendas.

(15) OTHER COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

[ID 26-5413](#) Canal Access for Paddleboards and Kayaks - (Martin Winter)

Member Winter presented the WAC with a whitepaper to improve canal access for small, man-powered vessels such as kayaks and paddleboards. He proposed establishing a safe launch location at one of the City's public parks. He also mentioned that there are individuals interested in donating the materials and supplies for the project, meaning this new feature could potentially be a net-zero cost for the City.

(16) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Lewandowski adjourned the meeting at 10:02 AM.

Crysten Casey, Administrative Project Coordinator.