

City of Marco Island Florida

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Marco Island, Florida
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, July 21, 2025

1:00 PM

Operating Budget Workshop

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 McNeas

Assistant City Manager: Casey Lucius

City Attorney: Alan L. Gabriel

City Clerk: Joan Taylor

1. Call to Order

Chair Brechnitz called the Workshop to order at 1:00 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
Joan Taylor, City Clerk
Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney
Tracy Frazzano, Police Chief
Chris Byrne, Fire Chief
Sharon Dangles, Acting Finance Director
Daniel J. Smith, Community Affairs Director
Justin Martin, Public Works Director
Jeff Poteet, Water & Sewer General Manager
Joe Parrilli, Fleet & Facilities Manager
Melissa Hinton, Budget Manager
Raul Perez, Chief Building Official (arrived at 1:06 P.M.)
Samantha Malloy, Parks, Culture & Recreation Manager
Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician
Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist
Citizens and Visitors

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Chair Brechnitz.

4. Business

[ID 25-4532](#) Operating Budget Workshop - Melissa Hinton, Budget Manager and Casey Lucius, Assistant City Manager

Attachments: [July 2025 Operating Budget Presentation FY26](#)
[FY26 Budget Summary](#)
[FY26 Snapshot & Graphs](#)
[FY26 Department Operating Initiative Cover Sheet](#)
[FY26 Millage Presentation - MI](#)
[FY26 General Fund Revenue & Expenses](#)
[FY26 Building Services Revenue & Expenses](#)
[FY26 Water Sewer Revenue & Expenses](#)

City Manager Mike McNees briefly noted the progress achieved by the Council during previous 2026 Fiscal Year Budget Development sessions in recognizing the City's needs and identifying its priorities. He introduced Assistant City Manager Casey Lucius to present the Operating Budget Workshop material.

Assistant City Manager Lucius summarized the outputs and decisions of the Council at its Workshops on April 30, May 19, and June 16, 2025, and she detailed the specific Operating Budget initiatives proposed for funding under the General Fund, the Building Special Revenue Fund, and the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Ms. Lucius also reminded the Council of the next steps and timetable to reach a final ad valorem millage rate to fund the City's operations for Fiscal Year 2026.

The Council engaged in extensive dialogue between Councilors and with City Staff in testing assumptions, exploring alternatives, and further refining the priorities identified in previous FY 2026 Workshops.

A number of key decisions and actions items were advanced:

- 1) a proposed "ceiling" millage rate of 1.6680 mils to fund City operations during FY2026 was established;
- 2) a detailed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan that complies with State of Florida requirements will be developed, reviewed, and approved by the Council;
- 3) an annual Level of Service (LOS) Traffic Study will be implemented to better assess and inform the Council's future actions;
- 4) a continued dialogue with Collier County regarding the City's neighboring communities within the Marco Island Water & Sewer Service Area future plans for septic to sewer conversion;
- 5) exploration and further discussion of revenue sources, alternative to property taxes.

5. Public Comment

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

- 1) Mr. Rick Woodworth (N. Barfield Dr.)
- 2) Mr. Brad Henson (Marco Island Resident)

6. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Chair Brechnitz adjourned the Workshop at 3:23 P.M.

Erik Brechnitz, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Taylor, City Clerk

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Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist