

# City of Marco Island Florida

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Marco Island, Florida  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Monday, September 8, 2025**

**5:30 PM**

**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 meeting to order at 5:30 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 McNeese, 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  
Melissa Hinton, Budget Manager  
Daniel J. Smith, Community Affairs Director  
Justin Martin, Public Works Director  
Jose Duran, Information Technology Director  
Jeff Poteet, Water & Sewer General Manager  
Sonia Iszler, Water & Sewer Engineering & Operations 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 Thomas McCulley of the New Life Community Church.

## 4. Pledge of Allegiance

[ID 25-4334](#) Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Charleen Kraemer of the Marco Island Charter Middle School

Miss Charleen Kraemer led the meeting's attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 5. Approval of the Agenda

**MOTION by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Councilor Palumbo, that the Agenda be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

## 6. Public Hearing - Adoption of the Tentative FY2025-2026 Millage Rate & Budget

- a. [ID 25-4511](#) Resolution - Adopting the Tentative FY2026 Millage Rate - City of Marco Island - Melissa Hinton, Budget Manager, Finance Department

**Attachments:** [Resolution 25-41](#)  
[FY26 Exhibit A](#)  
[DR-420 MI @1.2400 mils](#)

City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 25-41 into the record by title only.

Assistant City Manager Casey Lucius briefly introduced and provided context on the four Agenda items (6a through 6d) coming before the Council. Ms. Lucius then announced the following regarding the adoption of the tentative FY2026 millage rate for the City of Marco Island:

City Council is requested to consider the attached resolution setting the tentative millage rate for the 2026 City Budget. This resolution conforms with the discussions at your August 25, 2025 City Council meeting.

To comply with the TRIM regulations, City Council is required to take separate actions in a specified order. At each of the public hearings, the public may speak and ask questions before Council adopts any measures. Council must then adopt a millage rate before it adopts a budget. The millage rate and budget must be adopted by separate votes at the advertised hearing. The final millage rate adopted at the second hearing cannot exceed the tentatively adopted millage rate.

The proposed tentative millage rate is 1.2400 mils for City operations. The City staff is recommending an amendment to the Resolution to approve a millage rate of 1.267 mils to generate approximately \$500,000 in additional revenue which would be used to fund the Winterberry beach boardwalk replacement.

At the hearing, prior to adoption of the millage levy resolution, the following must be announced:

1. the name of the principal taxing authority is the City of Marco Island, Florida
2. the current year aggregate rolled-back rate is 1.2449 mils
3. the current year proposed aggregate millage rate is 1.3228 mils
4. the change over the aggregate rolled-back rate is an increase of 6.2 percent
5. the millage rate to be levied, if the Resolution is adopted, is 1.2400 mils for City of Marco Island
6. the City has a dependent special district, and the Board of Supervisors of the Hideaway Beach Special Taxing District, at its May 20, 2025 meeting, recommended a tax levy of 1.600 mils for district operations.

The fiscal year 2026 budget is presented in balance with the operating millage rate of 1.2400 mils. That will support the budget as discussed by the City Council. The proposed budget continues the process of eliminating the requirement to borrow money to pay for renewal, replacement, and improvement of currently owned assets by accumulating funding to build reserves for a prescribed list of projects. No debt service millage is needed since the Veteran's Park voted debt service has been repaid as scheduled

The recommendation is to conduct the public hearings required by TRIM regulations and approve the Resolution adopting the tentative tax levy millage rate. The rate to be considered at the second public hearing can be lower, but not higher than the rate approved at this first hearing. The budget is based upon an operating millage rate of 1.2400. However, the staff is recommending that you consider approving a tentative millage rate of 1.2670. The operating millage rate can be reduced in the Motion below, but not increased from the proposed rate of 1.2670 mils.

Following Assistant City Manager Lucius's announcement, the Council engaged in considerable dialogue regarding the funding of the Winterberry beach boardwalk replacement.

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

Councilor Schwan proposed an amendment to Resolution 25-41 to provide for funding the replacement of the Winterberry beach boardwalk.

**MOTION by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Councilor Champagne, that an amendment to the tentative FY2026 millage rate for the City of Marco Island from 1.2400 mills to 1.2670 mills to fund the Winterberry beach boardwalk replacement, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

**Yes:** 5 - Councilor Champagne, Councilor Henry, Councilor Palumbo, Councilor Schwan and Chair Brechnitz

**No:** 2 - Councilor Goehler and Vice-Chair Gray

The Council then addressed Resolution 25-41.

**MOTION by Councilor Palumbo, seconded by Councilor Schwan, that Resolution 25-41 - adopting the amended tentative FY2026 millage for the City of Marco Island, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

**Yes:** 5 - Councilor Champagne, Councilor Henry, Councilor Palumbo, Councilor Schwan and Chair Brechnitz

**No:** 2 - Councilor Goehler and Vice-Chair Gray

- b. [ID 25-4512](#) Resolution - Adopting the Tentative FY2026 Budget - City of Marco Island - Melissa Hinton, Budget Manager, Finance Department

**Attachments:** [Resolution 25-42](#)  
[FY26 Exhibit A](#)  
[FY26 Spending Cap](#)  
[FY26 Budget Summary](#)  
[FY26 General Fund](#)  
[FY26 Special Revenue Fund](#)  
[FY26 Enterprise Fund](#)  
[FY26 SAD Funds](#)  
[FY26 Internal Service Fund](#)  
[FY26 Hideaway Beach Tax District](#)  
[FY26 Fire Pension Fund](#)  
[FY26 Police Pension Fund](#)  
[FY26 Department Capital Cover Sheet](#)  
[FY26 Capital Improvement Plan](#)  
[FY26 Public Works Funding Sources](#)  
[FY26 Capital Equipment Replacement Plan](#)  
[FY26 Consolidated Debt Summary](#)

City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 25-42 into the record by title only.

Assistant City Manager Casey Lucius announced the following:

*This is the second of the required resolutions in the budget adoption process, providing for tentative approval of the City budget. The budget is presented as a separate document for consideration by City Council.*

*Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, governs the budget adoption process. The Truth in Millage ("TRIM") statute establishes a detailed timeline and approval process that includes the requirement for two public hearings held in the month of September and separate actions for approval of the annual budgets. To comply with the TRIM regulations, City Council is required to take separate actions in a specified order. First, at the public hearing, the public may speak and ask questions before the Council adopts any measures. Then before Council adopts a budget, it must first have an adopted millage rate, which you just approved.*

*The fiscal year FY 2026 budget is presented in balance. The operating budget as submitted as is at 1.2400 and will amended to 1.2670.*

*The recommendation is to conduct the public hearings required by TRIM regulations and approve the Resolution tentatively adopting the City budget.*

*Assistant City Manager Lucius noted that the proposed FY2026 budget is under the City's spending cap by \$658,00. She reviewed that the Council agreed to allocate approximately \$500,000 under the earlier 1.2670 millage rate approval, to the Winterberry beach boardwalk replacement. The remaining balance in the City's FY2026 General Government budget is approximately \$158,000, and has been placed in a contingency fund.*

*Dr. Lucius requested the Council's consideration in designating approximately \$150,000 of that unallocated contingency balance to fund the full cost (salary, benefits, taxes, etc.) of a (new hire) Project Manager for the Public Works Department. The funding for this additional initiative, remains under the City's spending cap for FY2026.*

*Chair Brechnitz confirmed that approval of the FY2026 budget with the re-designation of \$150,000 from the approximate \$158,000 contingency balance would not require a separate approval by the Council.*

*The Council engaged in considerable discussion regarding Ms. Lucius' recommendation.*

*Council confirmed with Community Affairs Director Daniel Smith that a City Level of Service (transportation) Study will also be funded in FY2026.*

*City Manager Mike McNees also provided comparative data on the City's resources for the Council's consideration.*

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

- 1) Ms. Barbara Edwards (S. Garfield Dr.)*
- 2) Mr. John Martini (Nassau Ct.)*

**MOTION by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Councilor Henry, that Resolution 25-42 - adopting the tentative FY2026 Budget for the City of Marco Island, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- c.** [ID 25-4513](#) Resolution - Adopting the Tentative FY2026 Millage Rate - Hideaway Beach Special Taxing District - Melissa Hinton, Budget Manager, Finance

## Department

**Attachments:** [Resolution 25-43](#)  
[DR-420 - Hideaway Beach](#)  
[Hideaway Beach Property Tax Map](#)  
[Hideaway Minutes for 5-20-25 - Draft 2](#)

City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 25-43 into the record by title only.

Assistant City Manager Casey Lucius announced that:

*The recommendation this evening is to adopt the tentative FY2026 millage rate for the Hideaway Beach Special Taxing District. This millage is paid by property owners, alone within the District boundaries as shown on the attached map. The Hideaway Beach Board of Supervisors proposes to raise their millage above the rolled back rate to fund their FY2026 budget.*

*Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, applies as does the TRIM regulations.*

*The tentative millage rate being considered is 1.6000 mil for District operations. Any change approved by City Council will be reflected on second reading.*

*Required public hearing announcements will be made prior to consideration of the Resolution and not repeated.*

*1. the name of the taxing authority is Hideaway Beach District*

*2. the current year rolled-back rate is 1.4919 mils*

*3. the Hideaway Beach District is a dependent special district of the City, and the Board of the Hideaway Beach Special Taxing District, at its May 20, 2025 meeting, has recommended a tax levy of 1.6000 mils for district operations, an increase of 6.7% above the rolled back rate.*

*The fiscal year 2026 budget is in balance with a tax levy of 1.6000 mil for District operations. No debt service millage is needed since the district's voted debt service has been repaid as scheduled.*

*Our recommendation is to conduct the public hearing required by TRIM regulations, which requires public comment, and approve the ordinance accepting the tentative tax levy millage rate.*

*(Note: No members of the public came forward to offer comment).*

**MOTION by Councilor Palumbo, seconded by Vice-Chair Gray, that Resolution 25-43 - adopting the tentative FY2026 millage rate for the Hideaway Beach Special Taxing District, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- d. [ID 25-4514](#) Resolution - Adopting the Tentative FY2026 Budget - Hideaway Beach Special Taxing District - Melissa Hinton, Budget Manager, Finance Department

**Attachments:** [Resolution 25-44](#)

City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 25-44 into the record by title only.

Assistant City Manager Casey Lucius noted that this Resolution will give tentative approval of the Hideaway Beach Special Taxing District Budget predicated on a fiscal year 2026 millage of 1.6000.

At the public hearing, the public may speak and ask questions before the Council adopts any measures. Then, before Council adopts a budget, it must first have adopted a millage rate.

The fiscal year 2026 budget is presented in balance.

The recommendation is to conduct the hearing required by TRIM regulations and approve the resolution tentatively adopting the budget. The tax levy for the Hideaway Beach Special Taxing District is consistent with voter referendum approval of the District and is required to finance the District's beach properties.

The budget for the Hideaway Beach Special Taxing District is included in the City's budget.

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Gray, seconded by Councilor Palumbo, that Resolution 25-44 - adopting the tentative FY2026 budget for the Hideaway Beach Special Taxing District, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

## **7. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. [ID 25-4649](#) Approval of the Special-Called Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2025

**Attachments:** [Special-Called Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2025](#)

Vice-Chair Gray noted the absence of a voting record for Agenda Item 4 on his copy of the Minutes.

Recording Specialist Jim Kornas verbally confirmed the individual Councilor votes cast on that Motion, and he committed to ensure the accuracy of the Council's vote in the publication of the approved Minutes from this Special-Called Meeting.

**MOTION by Councilor Palumbo, seconded by Vice-Chair Gray, that the Special-Called Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2025, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

- b. [ID 25-4189](#) Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2025

**Attachments:** [City Council Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2025](#)

**MOTION by Councilor Henry, seconded by Vice-Chair Gray, that the City Council Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2025, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

- c. [ID 25-4660](#) Approval of the Special-Called Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2025

**Attachments:** [Special-Called Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2025](#)

**MOTION by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Councilor Palumbo, that the Special-Called Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2025, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

## 8. Approval of Consent Agenda

*Vice-Chair Gray requested that Agenda Items 8b (Authorize Purchase Order Change for Progressive Auto), 8c (Authorize Purchase Order to Titan Concrete & Utilities), and 8d (Authorize Purchase Order Change for Contract Budgeting Services) be removed from the Consent Agenda.*

*[Editorial Note: the record of the Council's decisions on these items is now reflected in these Minutes under Agenda Item 17 (Items Removed from the Consent Agenda)]*

**MOTION by Councilor Palumbo, seconded by Vice-Chair Gray, that the Consent Agenda be Approved as Amended.**

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

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

### [Approval of the Consent Agenda Passed the Routine Item Listed Below]

- a. [ID 25-4619](#) Resolution - Approving of the Appointment of Daniel Kastholm to the Audit Advisory Committee by Councilor Rene Champagne - Joan Taylor, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Resolution 25-39](#)  
[Daniel Kastholm Application](#)

## 9. Proclamations and Presentations

- a. [ID 25-4190](#) Employee Service Awards;  
Samantha Malloy - 15 Years  
Patrick Hayman - 15 Years  
Paul Bollenback - 10 Years

*City Manager Mike McNees recognized and called forward Ms. Samantha Malloy to receive her appreciation of service recognition certificate and pin as presented by City Council Chair Erik Brechnitz.*

*Messrs. Paul Bollenback and Patrick Hayman will be re-scheduled to receive their service recognition awards at a later date.*

- b. [ID 25-4622](#) Proclamation - Constitution Week, Recognizing the Daughters of the American Revolution, September 17-23, 2025 - Joan Taylor, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Proclamation](#)

*City Clerk Joan Taylor read the Proclamation declaring September 17 - 23, 2025 as "Constitution Week" on Marco Island.*

City of Marco Island City Council Chair Erik Brechnitz presented the Proclamation to Ms. Valinda Bilbrey, Regent of the Marco Island Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and her colleague to a warm round of applause from all present.

- c. [ID 25-4577](#) Presentation - Update by Ronald L. Book, P.A., Lobbyist for the City of Marco Island

City of Marco Island Legislative Consultant Mr. Ronald L. Book, accompanied by his associate Rana Brown, provided an assessment of the State of Florida's upcoming legislative session, outlining the opportunities for legislative funding action for the benefit of the citizens and City of Marco Island.

(THE MEETING WENT INTO RECESS AT 8:09 P.M. IT IS NOTED FOR THE RECORD THAT ALL COUNCILORS WERE PRESENT WHEN THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:17 P.M.)

- d. [ID 25-4686](#) Presentation - Water and Sewer Capacity Analysis Report - Jeffrey E. Poteet, General Manager, Water & Sewer Department

**Attachments:** [Meeting Marco Island Future Water Demands - 2024 Capacity Analysis](#)  
[2024 Marco Island Capacity Analysis Report](#)

City of Marco Island Water & Sewer General Manager Jeff Poteet briefly introduced the 2024 Water & Sewer Capacity Analysis Report, and called upon Mr. Joe Elarde, of technical professional services firm Jacobs Solutions, Inc., to review the results of his firm's analysis.

*Public Comment*

Ms. Christine Dowell (Biscayne Way) offered a number of observations regarding the increased potable water draw from the City's water utility over the past several years, and she shared several comments regarding the sources and quality of Marco Island's source waters.

General Manager Poteet concluded the presentation by commenting on the City's approach to addressing "forever chemicals" (aka PFAS, or per- and polyflouralalkyl substances) in the City's source waters.

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

Ms. Victoria Myers (Bluebonnet Ct.) offered support for the City's planned Level of Service Study that she observed at the most recent City of Marco Island Planning Board meeting, and she raised concern with recent Florida Senate Bill SB180 and its impact on local government "home rule" sovereignty.

Mr. John Martini (Nassau Ct.) provided contact numbers for the Florida DOGE team.

Mr. Greg Folley (Cape Marco Dr.) commented on the importance of addressing waste in all levels of city government, and he expressed his expectations of City employee conduct.

Mr. Jason Bailey (Dogwood Dr.), as Chair of the Marco Island Planning Board requested more direct communication from the City Council on actionable priorities for the Planning Board.

Mr. Ralph Rohena (Begonia Ct.) shared an update on his efforts to raise City and Council awareness of a potential technology that he believes can help address the condition of the City's canals and waterways.

### 11. City Manager's Report

City Manager McNeese updated the Council on the status of his discussions with Collier County leadership on renegotiating the terms and conditions of the City's Impact Fee Agreement with Collier County.

### 12. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Alan Gabriel provided no report at this meeting.

### 13. Departmental Reports

[ID 25-4192](#) Monthly Departmental Reports

**Attachments:** [City Clerk](#)  
[Public Works](#)  
[Water & Sewer](#)  
[Police](#)

Vice-Chair Gray posed a question to City Public Works Director Justin Martin on the use and durability of thermoplastic (vs. painted) pathway markings.

Councilor Palumbo requested insight from City Manager McNeese on the scope and cost of an annual Level of Service Study for the City of Marco Island.

Chair Brechnitz queried City Public Works Director Justin Martin on the status of the N. Collier Boulevard / N. Barfield Drive intersection project.

### 14. Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing

None.

### 15. Ordinances

#### A. Public Hearings

[ID 25-4677](#) Ordinance - Second Reading - Change to Section 30-62 - Amendment Procedures, Sub-Section(f)(s), Public Notice Procedures, Replacing Certified Mail as a Requirement for Public Notice to First Class Mail in the Land Development Code (LDC) - Daniel J. Smith, AICP, Director, Community Affairs/Growth Management Department

**Attachments:** [Ordinance 25-08](#)  
[Notice of Publication](#)

City Clerk Joan Taylor read Ordinance 25-08 into the record by title only.

Marco Island Community Affairs Director Daniel Smith briefly reviewed the Council's direction on this item at its First Reading of this Ordinance, and he stood ready to respond to

questions.

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

**MOTION by Councilor Palumbo, seconded by Vice-Chair Gray, that Ordinance 25-08 - change to Section 30-62 - Amendment Procedures, Subsection (F)(S), Public Notice Procedures, replacing certified mail as a requirement for public notices to first class mail in the Land Development Code (LDC), be Approved on Second Reading. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

### B. First Readings

None.

## 16. Resolutions & City Council Items

- a. [ID 25-4651](#) Renew October 1, 2025 Insurance Policies in the Amount of \$1,639,479 for Property, Casualty, Excess Workers' Compensation, Crime, Pollution, and Accident policies, as well as Firefighter Cancer Benefit Coverage ("Property & Casualty") - Casey Lucius, Ph.D., Assistant City Manager

**Attachments:** [Marco Island Insurance Forms](#)  
[City of Marco Island Summary 8-28-25](#)

Assistant City Manager Casey Lucius, accompanied by Mr. Ben Few IV of Ben Few & Company, Inc. Risk Managers, outlined the results of the Council's direction to solicit proposals for property, casualty, and excess workers' compensation insurance coverage for the City of Marco Island for Fiscal Year 2026.

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

**MOTION by Councilor Palumbo, seconded by Vice-Chair Gray, that direction to the City Manager to renew the City of Marco Island's insurance policies effective October 1, 2025 in the amount \$1,639,479.00 for property, casualty, excess workers' compensation, crime, pollution and accident policies, as well as firefighter cancer benefit coverage ("property & casualty"), be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- b. [ID 25-4676](#) Resolution - Approving the Reappointment of Directors Serving on the Marco Island Community Parks Foundation, Inc. - Joan Taylor, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Resolution 25-40](#)  
[Articles of Incorporation](#)

City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 25-40 into the record by title only.

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

**MOTION by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Vice-Chair Gray, that Resolution 25-40 - authorizing the reappointment of Directors serving on the Marco Island**

**Community Parks Foundation, Inc. Board, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- c. [ID 25-4654](#) Resolution - Approving of the Appointment of Greg Folley to Serve on the Board of Directors of the City of Marco Island Community Parks Foundation, Nominated by City Council Chairman Erik Brechnitz- Joan Taylor, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Resolution 25-38](#)

[Articles of Incorporation - Marco Island Community Parks Foundation](#)

[Greg Folley Application](#)

*City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 25-38 into the record by title only.*

*The Council reviewed and discussed the structure and the role of this 501(c)(3) entity in relation to the City of Marco Island, and City Attorney Alan Gabriel provided guidance on the ability of the Foundation to identify and select potential Directors as well as: 1) documenting Director position requirements, and; 2) publicly advertising and soliciting Director candidates.*

*A Motion was advanced for the Council's consideration and vote.*

**MOTION by Councilor Schwan, seconded by Councilor Henry, that action on Resolution 25-38 be deferred pending the documentation of qualifications, and the public solicitation and review of candidates to serve on the Marco Island Community Parks Foundation Board, be Approved. MOTION FAILED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

**Yes:** 3 - Councilor Champagne, Councilor Henry and Councilor Schwan

**No:** 4 - Councilor Goehler, Vice-Chair Gray, Councilor Palumbo and Chair Brechnitz

*One member of the public (Mr. Anthony Oliverio (Olds Ct.)) offered his recommendation for the Council's consideration, and the Council briefly discussed Mr. Folley's proposed appointment.*

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Gray, seconded by Councilor Goehler, that Resolution 25-38 - authorizing the appointment of Mr. Greg Folley to serve on the Board of Directors of the Marco Island Community Parks Foundation, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

**Yes:** 5 - Councilor Champagne, Councilor Goehler, Vice-Chair Gray, Councilor Palumbo and Chair Brechnitz

**No:** 2 - Councilor Henry and Councilor Schwan

***Motion to Extend the Meeting***

**MOTION by Councilor Palumbo, seconded by Councilor Champagne, to extend the City Council Meeting to conclude no later than 10:15 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

- d. [ID 25-4679](#) Award of Contract to Black & Veatch to Conduct an Advanced Wastewater

Treatment (AWT) Conversion Evaluation of the City's Reclaimed Water Production Facility in the Amount of \$182,959.00 - Jeffrey E. Poteet, General Manager, Water & Sewer Department

**Attachments:** [Marco Island RWPF AWT Evaluation Proposal](#)  
[Professional Service Library](#)  
[Contract 2020-020 Black & Veatch Corporation](#)  
[2020-020 Renewal Confirmation Fully Executed 0001](#)

*City of Marco Island Water & Sewer General Manager Jeff Poteet outlined the reason for the proposed evaluation of the City's reclaimed water treatment facility, and he introduced Mr. Mark Martin, P.E., Senior Project Manager with Black and Veatch, to provide an overview of the project plan and the anticipated outputs of the study.*

*The following citizens came forward to offer comment and perspective for the Council's consideration:*

- 1) Ms. Teri Sommerfeld (San Marco Rd.)
- 2) Ms. Victoria Myers (Bluebonnet Ct.)

**MOTION by Councilor Goehler, seconded by Vice-Chair Gray, that the award of a contract to Black and Veatch to conduct an Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) conversion evaluation of the City's reclaimed water production facility in the amount of \$182,959.00, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

- Yes:** 4 - Councilor Champagne, Councilor Goehler, Vice-Chair Gray and Chair Brechnitz
- No:** 3 - Councilor Henry, Councilor Palumbo and Councilor Schwan

- e. [ID 25-4659](#) Discussion - Local Bill to the Florida House of Representatives - Charter Amendment Regarding City of Marco Island City Council Vacancies- Joan Taylor, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Draft - Marco Island Bill](#)  
[Draft - Economic Impact Statement Marco Island Special Election for Vacancy](#)

*City Manager Mike McNees outlined the background for this discussion of the City's volunteer committees, and he encouraged the Council to communicate its direction on the number, structure, and process for supporting the City's volunteer committees.*

*The following volunteer committee members provided perspective for the Council's consideration:*

- 1) Ms. Victoria Myers (Bluebonnet Ct.) - Beautification Advisory Committee
- 2) Ms. Elena McFann (Eubanks Ct.) - Audit Advisory Committee
- 3) Mr. Ralph Rohena (Begonia Ct.) - Waterways Advisory Committee

*The Council recognized the work and talented individuals serving on the Committees. Council also communicated its intent to provide guidance/feedback and empower the Committees to set their scope of work.*

*Presentations to the Council by the Audit Advisory Committee on its proposed broadened scope and direction, and an update of initiatives by the Planning Board have been added to the Council's Future Agenda.*

**Motion to Extend the Meeting**

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Gray, seconded by Councilor Schwan, to extend the City Council meeting to conclude no later than 10:45 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

**17. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

- 8b.** [ID 25-4655](#) Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Purchase Order Change for Progressive Auto in the Amount of \$25,700 which will Increase the Total to \$78,824 - Casey Lucius, Ph.D., Assistant City Manager

*Vice-Chair Gray requested insight on the reason for the purchase order change, and Chair Brechnitz inquired about future City vehicle expenses under the City's FY2026 agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc.*

*Assistant City Manager Casey Lucius provided responses to Chair Brechnitz and Councilor Gray's inquiries.*

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

**MOTION by Councilor Palumbo, seconded by Councilor Henry, that authorization to the City Manager to approve a purchase order change with Progressive Auto in the amount of \$25,700.00, which will increase the total to \$78,824.00, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- 8c.** [ID 25-4646](#) Authorize the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Titan Concrete & Utilities, Inc., for the Stormwater Pipe Replacement at 382 Century Drive in the Amount of \$106,475.93, using the City Public Infrastructure Construction Services Contract 2023-029 - Justin Martin, P.E., Director of Public Works

**Attachments:** [Titan Concrete & Utilities Estimate 25003](#)  
[Titan Concrete & Utilities Contract #2023-029 Fully Executed](#)

*Vice-Chair Gray communicated his rationale for requesting that this item be removed from the Consent Agenda.*

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

**MOTION by Councilor Palumbo, seconded by Councilor Schwan, authorizing the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Titan Concrete & Utilities, Inc., for Stormwater Pipe Replacement at 382 Century Drive in the amount of \$106,475.93, using City Public infrastructure contraction Services Contract 2023-029, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- 8d. [ID 25-4681](#) Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Purchase Order Change for Contract Budgeting Services in the Amount of \$30,000 which will Increase the Total to \$50,000 - Casey Lucius, Ph.D., Assistant City Manager

*Vice-Chair Gray requested confirmation of his understanding of the reason for this purchase order change.*

*Assistant City Manager Casey Lucius confirmed Vice-Chair Gray's understanding.*

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

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Gray, seconded by Councilor Champagne, that authorization of the City Manager to approve a purchase order change for contract budgeting services in the amount of \$30,000.00, which will increase the total to \$50,000.00, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

## 18. Council Communications & Future Agenda

*Councilor Champagne briefly discussed his concern that the current City of Marco Island Spending Cap calculation and available spending allocation levels do not adequately address the City's true, near-term capital and infrastructure needs. He displayed a chart of "Critical Funding & Infrastructure Needs (FY2026 - FY2030)" that highlighted estimated future capital expenditures required to address the infrastructure needs of the City over the next five years.*

*Councilor Champagne noted the time that it would likely take to quantify and prepare a public referendum and engage in securing potential debt funding to address these infrastructure needs, and he proposed that the Council consider an interim, more quickly obtained revenue source (e.g. LCEC Franchise Fee) to begin addressing the City's highest priority infrastructure needs prior to securing long-term debt financing.*

*Chair Brechnitz directed City Manager McNeese to schedule a Special-Meeting of the City Council as soon as possible after the Second Hearing approval of the current FY2026 City millage rate and budget to address the City's infrastructure and funding needs.*

*Councilor Palumbo, in the interest of time, briefly noted several topics that he will bring forward during future Council Communications. He also complimented his colleague Councilors on their engagement together at the evening's meeting.*

*Councilor Palumbo suggested to Councilor Henry that she better communicate her desire for the Council to review allowing non-motorized "beach buggy" vehicles on the beach. Councilor Henry confirmed her outreach to the Marco Island Civic Association (M.I.C.A.) to correct an article featured in its recent MICA Wave magazine.*

*Councilor Schwan thanked and offered her support to Councilor Champagne on his desire to quickly address the City's highest priority infrastructure needs with new, interim funding sources.*

*Vice-Chair Gray noted the difference in treatment of a property tax versus a franchise fee in terms of personal deductibility with the IRS. He reminded the Council of the expected revenue to be generated by the forthcoming Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) implementation which the Council approved on June 2, 2025.*

*Vice-Chair Gray agreed with the need for the Council to come together quickly to address the infrastructure needs of the City.*

Vice-Chair Gray also communicated his continued intention to bring forward a proposal to amend the City's Noise Ordinance, as well as proposals to address dangerous instruments in the City's public buildings and recreational areas.

Vice-Chair Gray concluded by commending Marco Island Police Chief Tracy Frazzano on her department's efforts to protect sea turtles.

[ID 25-4191](#) Future Agenda Items

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

The Council requested that the Audit Advisory Committee's proposed broadened scope of responsibilities be placed on the Council's Future Agenda.

The Council requested a Future Agenda item from the Planning Board that provides an update of their initiatives, including their recommendation of the Ordinance for the City's annual Level of Service assessment.

Chair Brechnitz requested that City Manager McNeas schedule a Special-Meeting of the City Council as soon as possible after the Second Hearing approval of the current FY2026 City millage rate and budget to address the City's five year and forward infrastructure and funding needs.

**19. Council Reports**

None.

**20. Citizens' Comments**

No members of the public came forward to address the Council during this portion of the Agenda.

**21. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Council, Chair Brechnitz adjourned the meeting at 10:35 P.M.

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Erik Brechnitz, Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Joan Taylor, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

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