

# City of Marco Island Florida

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

**8:30 AM**

**Community Meeting Room**

## **Waterways Advisory Committee**

***Chair: Elliott Mascoop***

***Vice-Chair: Daniel High***

***Committee Members: Chris Lewandowski,  
Ralph Rohena, Jim Snider,  
Martin Winter***

***City Staff: Justin Martin, Tara Kosieracki***

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Mascoop called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M*

**(2) ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Member Lewandowski, Member Rohena, Member Snider, Member Winter and Chair Mascoop

**Absent:** 1 - Vice-Chair High

***Also Present:***

*Deb Henry, City Councilor*

***CITY STAFF:***

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

*Josh Ferris, Police Officer*

*Tracy Fazzano, Police Chief*

*Tara Kosieracki, Project Coordinator*

*Martin Luna, Visual/Broadcast Technician*

*Crysten Casey, Administrative Project Coordinator*

**(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Led by Chair Mascoop.*

**(4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*The Waterways Advisory Committee briefly discussed moving the Marco Island Police Department (8A) before the first item of business. Member Rohena commented on (7A) and the committee's scope of responsibility.*

**MOTION by Member Winter, seconded by Member Snider, that the Agenda be Approved as Amended. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

**Yes:** 5 - Member Lewandowski, Member Rohena, Member Snider, Member Winter and Chair Mascoop

**(5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION by Member Snider, seconded by Member Rohena, that Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2025 be Approved as Presented. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

**Yes:** 5 - Member Lewandowski, Member Rohena, Member Snider, Member Winter and Chair Mascoop

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS****8A      [ID 26-5075](#)      Marco Island Police Department Marine Unit**

*Marco Island Police Marine Officer Josh Ferris provided city staff with a link to the state-maintained derelict vessel map for post-meeting upload. (See meeting details) He also briefed the Committee on recent updates to anchorage and derelict vessel laws that took effect in January 2026.*

*Officer Ferris shared progress on the Seabed 2030 mapping project around Marco Island, noting that Robert's Bay has already been completed. He presented a map illustrating the current status and emphasized the importance of community participation, mentioning that local boaters have shown strong interest.*

## **(6) OLD BUSINESS**

### **ID 26-5070     Dredging Alternatives (Member Rohena)**

*Member Rohena proposed surgical dredging after sampling areas that require attention and expressed concern about the potential impact of large-scale dredging on the overall ecosystem. The Committee raised concerns about filling deep areas and its effect on natural marine wildlife. They also questioned sediment displacement as a natural consequence of dredging and noted that smaller-scale dredging could be more practical—physically, financially, and logistically. The Committee recommended revisiting this topic at the next meeting. Member Winter suggested preparing an executive summary and presenting the issue to the City Council.*

## **(7) NEW BUSINESS**

### **7A     ID 26-5071     Rodent Traps (Chair Mascoop)**

*Chair Mascoop commented on the issue of rodent traps ending up in the canals. Chair Mascoop noted that the Marco Island Beach and Coastal Committee and City Council are collaborating on a similar concern and suggested that the City Council encourage residents to use alternatives to poison—preferably eco-friendly and non-toxic options. The Committee recommended sending a memo to both the City Council and the Beach and Coastal Committee outlining their observations on this matter.*

### **7B     ID 26-5072     Canal access for residents who do not own canal-front property or live along the canal (landlocked residents) (Chair Mascoop)**

*The Committee discussed the pros and cons of increasing public access to the canals for Marco Island residents, specifically by adding access points for smaller, non-motorized watercraft such as kayaks and paddleboards.*

### **7C     ID 26-5074     Waterways Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives for 2026**

*Member Lewandowski provided a brief summary of the goals agreed upon in a prior meeting, which included navigation, water quality, marine construction, education, and communication with other bodies. The Committee ensued conversation regarding workshops. The Committee then discussed establishing a mandate focused on four key areas: water quality, public education, navigation, and the maintenance and care of the island's seawalls.*

## **(8) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

*Justin Martin, P.E., Director of Public Works updated on the resignation of Committee Member Woodworth. He also confirmed the re-election of the Chair and Vice-Chair will take place for the Waterways Association Committee in February.*

### **8B     ID 26-5090     Black & Veatch RWPF Advanced Water Treatment Evaluation Progress Report**

*The Committee discussed the report and reviewed attachment.*

**(9) CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

*None.*

**(10) PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Resident Nicholas Marich raised concerns about the city permitting parking over swales on the island. The primary issue highlighted was potential damage to the structural integrity of the swales and the associated risk of impaired water flow and drainage.*

*Resident Dennis Bartolucci inquired about the recycled water used on the island, specifically regarding nitrogen and phosphorus levels. He also asked whether the committee had prepared a report summarizing its accomplishments for the year 2025*

**(11) NEXT MEETING: CONFIRMATION & ATTENDANCE - 2/19/26 @ 8:30 A.M.**

*The Committee members reached consensus on Thursday, February 19th at 8:30 A.M. for its next meeting. The Committee members confirmed their availability in person.*

**(12) PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**

*The following topics were raised for the Meeting scheduled on February 19, 2026:*

- 1. Election of Officers*
- 2. Dredging alternatives (Member Rohena)*
- 3. Canal access points (Member Winter)*
- 4. Waterways Committee Advisory Goals*
- 5. Black & Veatch Report (Old Business)*

*March 19, 2026:*

*Florida Friendly Landscaping (Chair Mascoop)*  
*Historical Data (Member Snider)*

**(13) OTHER COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

*Chair Mascoop introduced a few "Florida friendly" native plants that could be used as alternatives to landscaping near the waterways and seawalls.*

*Director Martin provided a reminder that the Waterways Advisory Committee will present its quarterly update to the City Council on February 2, 2026. He noted that Vice-Chair High plans to introduce an item regarding the Tigertail/Sand Dollar Island Restoration permit modification and the associated offshore borrow area, and indicated that additional presenters beyond the Chair may participate in the update.*

**(14) ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Mascoop adjourned the meeting at 10:29 A.M.*

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*Crysten Casey, Administrative Project Coordinator*

NOTE: TWO OR MORE CITY COUNCILORS OR OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT

