

City of Marco Island Florida

*51 Bald Eagle Drive
Marco Island, Florida
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, August 28, 2023

4:30 PM

Special-Called Meeting - Declaration of Emergency

Community Meeting Room

City Council

Chair: Greg Folley

Vice-Chair: Jared Grifoni

*City Council: Rich Blonna,
Erik Brechnitz, Becky Irwin,
Darrin Palumbo, Joe Rola*

City Manager: Mike McNees

Assistant City Manager: Casey Lucius

City Attorney: Alan L. Gabriel

City Clerk: Joan Taylor

1. Call to Order

Chair Folley called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Councilor Blonna, Vice-Chair Grifoni, Councilor Irwin, Councilor Palumbo, Councilor Rola and Chair Folley

Not Present: 1 - Councilor Brechnitz

(Note: Vice-Chair Grifoni participated remotely via telephone and was present at Roll Call; Councilor Brechnitz joined in via telephone at 4:33 P.M.)

Also Present

*Michael McNees, City Manager
Casey Lucius, Assistant City Manager
Joan Taylor, City Clerk
Tracy Frazzano, Police Chief
Chris Byrne, Fire Chief
Guillermo Polanco, Finance Director
Julie Pohutsky, Police Officer
Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician
Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist
Citizens and Visitors*

Motion To Allow for Remote Participation by Vice-Chair Grifoni

MOTION by Councilor Irwin, seconded by Councilor Blonna, to allow Vice-Chair Grifoni to participate in, and vote on, all matters coming before the Council at this meeting. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 5 - Councilor Blonna, Councilor Irwin, Councilor Palumbo, Councilor Rola and Chair Folley

Motion to Allow for Remote Participation by Councilor Brechnitz

MOTION by Councilor Rola, seconded by Councilor Blonna, to allow Councilor Brechnitz to participate in, and vote on, all matters coming before the Council at this Meeting. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Councilor Blonna, Vice-Chair Grifoni, Councilor Irwin, Councilor Palumbo, Councilor Rola and Chair Folley

3. Business - Declaration of Emergency

[ID 23-3032](#) Proclamation - Declaration of Emergency

City Manager Mike McNees briefly outlined the circumstances for this Special-Called Meeting of the Marco Island City Council, and he called forward Fire Chief Chris Byrne to provide an update on the status of developing Tropical Storm Idalia, and its projected impacts to Marco Island and the Southwest Florida coast as it advances toward hurricane status. Fire Chief Byrne responded to questions from members of the Council regarding the City's preparations and readiness, and he shared several recommendations and insights for the consideration of members of the public.

City Manager McNees followed Chief Byrne's presentation by outlining several key aspects of the collaboration between the City and the County in coordinating its preparatory effort, and he updated the Council on the status of expected City, County, and School Board operations as the storm proceeds northward in the Gulf of Mexico.

MOTION by Councilor Brechnitz, seconded by Councilor Rola, that a State of Emergency within the jurisdictional boundaries of Marco Island be declared, and that the City Manager be authorized to take appropriate emergency measures as outlined in Chapter 10 of the City Code, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Councilor Blonna, Councilor Brechnitz, Vice-Chair Grifoni, Councilor Irwin, Councilor Palumbo, Councilor Rola and Chair Folley

4. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Chair Folley adjourned the meeting at 4:40 P.M.

Greg Folley, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Taylor, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist