



## City Manager – City Council Report January 20, 2026

**Team Wins:** Wins for the City Council, staff, our residents and the environment!

1. The City has discontinued the use of rodenticide at all City facilities. Residents may still see black boxes around City facilities, but these boxes have been emptied and repurposed for the Good Bites product at the request of the vendor.
2. The City has a new website that includes a newsletter feature. We have sent out five monthly newsletters. The January 2026 newsletter was sent to 8,433 residents and had a 63% open rate. Residents are encouraged to subscribe to get City emails. Sign up on the City website under “How Do I”.
3. We had an outstanding presentation by the City’s Bond Counsel. The City has engaged Bryant Miller Olive to assist us in pursuing an infrastructure bond through a ballot referendum.
4. Shout out to Audubon of the Western Everglades and gratitude for their partnership with the City and this ad in the Coastal Breeze to help protect wildlife on Marco Island.

**Watch out for  
Wildlife!**



**BURROWING OWL**

- State protected species
- Burrows can be up to 6 feet
- Drive slow, eyes on the road
- **33 foot buffer per City of Marco Island**
- 10 foot buffer per Florida Fish and Wildlife



**GOPHER TORTOISE**

- State protected species
- Burrows can be up to 40 feet
- Drive slow, eyes on the road
- **25 foot buffer year-round**

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**Team Upsets:** Upsets and losses are bound to happen. They will impact the City Council, staff, and residents. We will learn from these incidents and make necessary corrections to avoid risks and costs.

1. Construction at Barfield and Collier is underway and will continue through September. Many vehicles are trying to avoid lane closures and diverting to Fairlawn Court, which has been extremely disruptive to residents living on that street, as a result we have blocked the left turn onto Fairlawn. We ask visitors and residents to continue on Collier Blvd and make a left at Yellowbird or Bald Eagle. Please avoid using residential streets as a cut through.
2. Several residents have expressed concern about speeding e-bikes. MIPD will conduct a robust education campaign in January and February to remind bike riders of our new ordinance, while also reminding pedestrians to be mindful of their surroundings (remove ear buds, keep dogs on a short leash, don't be distracted by the phone, etc.).