

# City of Marco Island Florida

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Monday, September 9, 2024**

**5:30 PM**

**Community Meeting Room**

### **City Council**

***Chair: Jared Grifoni  
Vice-Chair: Erik Brechnitz***

***City Council: Rich Blonna,  
Greg Folley, 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 Grifoni called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.*

## 2. Roll Call

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

(Note: Councilor Folley participated remotely via Zoom teleconference connection)

## Motion to Allow for Remote Participation by Councilor Folley

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

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

## 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  
Guillermo Polanco, Finance Director  
Daniel J. Smith, Community Affairs Director  
Justin Martin, Public Works Director (participated via Zoom teleconference connection)  
Jose Duran, Information Technology Director  
Jeff Poteet, Water & Sewer General Manager  
Angela Johenning, Purchasing & Risk Manager  
Mary Holden, Senior Planner  
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 Rabbi Mark Gross of the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island.*

## 4. Pledge of Allegiance

*Led by Chair Grifoni.*

## 5. Approval of the Agenda

*Councilor Blonna requested that Agenda Item 13f. (Recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to Install a Merchant Marine Flag in Veterans' Community Park) be the first item reviewed under Agenda Item 13 (Resolutions and City Council Items).*

**MOTION by Councilor Irwin, seconded by Councilor Blonna, that the Agenda be Approved as Amended. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

## **6. Public Hearing - Adoption of Tentative FY2024-2025 Millage Rate & Budget**

- a. [ID 24-3736](#) Resolution - Adopting the Tentative FY2025 Millage Rate - City of Marco Island - Guillermo Polanco, Director, Finance

*City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 24-48 into the record by title only.*

*City Finance Director Guillermo Polanco then announced that Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, governs the budget adoption process. The Truth in Millage ("TRIM") statute establishes a detailed timeline and approval process that requires two public hearings held in the month of September, and separate actions for establishing the tax levy, and for approving the annual budget.*

*To comply with the TRIM regulations, the 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 Second Hearing for the City of Marco Island's adoption of the tentative FY 2024 - 2025 millage rate and budget is scheduled for September 23, 2024 in the Marco Island Community Meeting Room at 5:30 P.M.*

*The proposed tentative millage rate is the rolled back rate of 1.2400 mils for City operations. Any change approved by City Council will be reflected in the resolution adopting the final millage rate.*

- 1. The name of the principal taxing authority is the City of Marco Island, Florida.*
- 2. The current year aggregate rolled-back rate is 1.3189 mils.*
- 3. The current year proposed aggregate millage rate is 1.3217 mils.*
- 4. The change over the aggregate rolled-back rate is an increase of .21 percent.*
- 5. The millage rate to be levied 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 their May 17, 2024 meeting, recommended a tax levy of 1.600 mil for district operations.*

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

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Brechnitz, seconded by Councilor Palumbo, that Resolution 24-48 - Adopting the Tentative FY 2025 City of Marco Island Millage Rate, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- b. [ID 24-3737](#) Resolution - Adopting the Tentative FY2025 Budget - City of Marco Island - Guillermo Polanco, Director, Finance

*City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 24-49 into the record by title only.*

*City Finance Director Guillermo Polanco noted that the Resolution before the Council would formally adopt the fiscal year 2025 budget, and is in compliance with the Section 200.065 Truth in Millage ("TRIM") statute.*

*Finance Director Polanco further noted that included in this Resolution is the approval of the Water & Sewer Fund, which does not propose increased rates for the 2025 fiscal year.*

*Following the initial Motion and Second to adopt the FY 2025 budget as presented, Vice-Chair Brechnitz advanced a Motion to amend the proposed FY 2025 budget.*

*Under the advice of City Attorney Alan Gabriel, Chair Jared Grifoni opened the floor to public comment, and, following the comments offered by members of the public, put the proposal to amend the FY 2025 budget to a vote of the Council prior to addressing the initial Motion and Second to adopt the FY 2025 budget as presented.*

*Public Comment*

*The following individuals voiced opposition to the inclusion of \$206,000.00 in the proposed FY 2025 budget to fund a three month, in-season Collier Boulevard beach corridor and on-island circular transit bus / trolley pilot program during FY 2025:*

- 1) Ms. Laurie Harris (N. Collier Blvd.)*
- 2) Mr. Randy Harris (N. Collier Blvd.)*
- 3) Ms. Sheila Yahwitz (N. Collier Blvd.)*
- 4) Ms. Lynn Nathanson (Bluebonnet Ct.)*
- 5) Mr. Steve Rahoczy (Seaview Ct.)*
- 6) Ms. Christine Dowell (Biscayne Way)*
- 7) Ms. Victoria Myers (Bluebonnet Ct.)*
- 8) Mr. Dan Marzano (Seaview Ct.)*
- 9) Mr. Howard Reed (Royal Marco Way)*

*The following individual, as a member of the Collier County Public Transit Advisory Committee, shared her Committee's perspective on engaging with local communities to identify solutions to reduce traffic density.*

*Ms. Benita Staadecker (Water Oaks Way, Naples)*

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Brechnitz, seconded by Councilor Folley, to Amend the Tentative FY 2025 City of Marco Island Budget by removing the \$206,000.00 Currently Allocated as a line item for a Collier Boulevard Beach Corridor and on-Island Public Transit Circulator Pilot Program . MOTION FAILED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

**Yes:** 3 - Vice-Chair Brechnitz, Councilor Folley and Councilor Rola

**No:** 4 - Councilor Blonna, Councilor Irwin, Councilor Palumbo and Chair Grifoni

**MOTION by Councilor Blonna, seconded by Councilor Palumbo, that Resolution 24-49 - Adopting the Tentative Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

**No:** 2 - Vice-Chair Brechnitz and Councilor Rola

- c.** [ID 24-3738](#) Resolution - Adopting the Tentative FY2025 Millage Rate - Hideaway Beach Special Taxing District - Guillermo Polanco, Director, Finance

*City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 24-50 into the record by title only.*

*City Finance Director Guillermo Polanco advised the Council that the tentative millage being considered for the Hideaway Beach Taxing District is 1.600 mils for District operations. Any change approved by the 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 1.5509 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 16, 2024 meeting, has recommended a tax levy of 1.6000 mils for district operations, an increase of 3.2% above the rolled back rate.*

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

**MOTION by Councilor Blonna, seconded by Vice-Chair Brechnitz, that Resolution 24-50 - Adopting the Tentative Fiscal Year 2025 Millage Rate for the Hideaway Beach Special Taxing District, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- d. [ID 24-3739](#) Resolution - Adopting the Tentative FY2025 Budget - Hideaway Beach Special Taxing District - Guillermo Polanco, Director, Finance

*City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 24-51 into the record by title only.*

*No questions were directed to City Finance Director Polanco by members of the Council, and no members of the public came forward to offer comment.*

*Vice-Chair Brechnitz noted that this tax levy is only applied to, and paid by, owners of property within the Hideaway Beach community.*

**MOTION by Councilor Blonna, seconded by Councilor Irwin, that Resolution 24-51 - Adopting the Tentative FY 2025 Budget for the Hideaway Beach Special Taxing District, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

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

- [ID 23-3157](#) Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2024

**MOTION by Councilor Irwin, seconded by Councilor Palumbo, that the City Council Meeting Minutes of August 19 2024, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

## **8. Approval of Consent Agenda**

*Councilor Rola requested that Agenda Item 8d. (Award of Contract to Thomas Marine Construction, Inc. for the Repair of the West Winterberry Drive Bridge) be removed from the Consent Agenda.*

*[Editorial Note: the Council's action on this item is now reflected under Agenda Item 14 (Items Removed From the Consent Agenda)]*

**MOTION by Councilor Blonna, seconded by Vice-Chair Brechnitz, that the Consent Agenda be Approved as Amended. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

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

**[Approval of the Consent Agenda Passed the Routine Items Listed Below]**

- a. [ID 24-3779](#) Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Change Order to C.A.P Government, Inc. for Purchase Order for Municipal Support Inspection Services in the Amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 (Original PO \$13,440) - Raul Perez, Chief Building Official, Building Services
- b. [ID 24-3818](#) Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Purchase Order Change Order to Bentley Electric Company of Naples FL., Inc. for Street Light Maintenance Services in the Amount of \$61,000 (Original PO \$45,555) - Justin Martin, P.E., Director, Public Works
- c. [ID 24-3819](#) Authorize the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Titan Concrete & Utilities, Inc., for the Stormwater Pipe Replacement at 275 S. Heathwood Drive in the Amount of \$96,300.00, using the City Public Infrastructure Construction Services Contract 2023-029 - Justin Martin, P.E., Director of Public Works

**9. Proclamations and Presentations**

- a. [ID 23-3321](#) Employee Service Awards: Fidencio Mireles - 10 Years

*City Manager Mike McNees recognized and called forward Mr. Fidencio Mireles of the City's Water & Sewer Department to receive his appreciation of service recognition certificate and pin as presented by City Council Chair Jared Grifoni. Mr. Mireles received a warm round of applause from all present.*

- b. [ID 24-3747](#) Proclamation - Hunger Action Month September 2024

*City Council Chair Jared Grifoni announced a Proclamation declaring September 2024 as Hunger Action Month and presented it to Ms. Evelyn Rosetti-Ryan, Executive Director, and representatives of the Our Daily Bread Food Pantry of Marco Island. Ms. Rosetti-Ryan shared a brief expression of appreciation, and she received a warm round of applause from all present.*

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

*Mr. Phil Kostelnik (Channel Ct.) offered a brief moment of silence in recognition of the forthcoming anniversary of the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center tragedy, and he shared his perspective on various immigration-related issues in the country.*

*Ms. Wanda Burson and Mr. Erik Condee of the Marco Island Christmas Island Style Committee reminded the Council of this volunteer organization's 37 year history on Marco Island, and they proposed a potential alternative for the City's annual rental of Holiday lighting along Collier Boulevard.*

Ms. Yvette Benarroch (Rose Ct.) thanked her volunteers and the voters of Marco Island for supporting her candidacy for the Florida House of Representatives District 81 seat during this year's Primary Election season.

Ms. Christine Dowell (Biscayne Way) expressed her belief that the City should increase its advanced notification of known water projects and water service interruptions for the benefit of residents whose medical conditions may require them to make alternative arrangements.

## 11. Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing

None.

## 12. Ordinances

### A. Public Hearings

[ID 24-3789](#) Ordinance - Second Reading - Revised Municipal Code of Ordinances - Jeff Katims, Consultant, Research Director, GFK

City Clerk Joan Taylor read Ordinance 24-15 into the record by title only.

Assistant City Manager Casey Lucius provided an explanation for the removal of the fines and fees schedules from the body of Ordinance 24-15, and she clarified the 2024 fiscal year expense impact of the project.

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

**MOTION by Councilor Blonna, seconded by Councilor Palumbo, that Ordinance 24-15 - Revised Municipal Code of Ordinances, be Approved on Second Reading. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

### B. First Readings

[ID 24-3822](#) Ordinance - First Reading - Rezone (REZN-24-000105) Petition Request to Rezone from C-1/C-1T Commercial to C-3 Commercial for Property Located at 531 South Collier Boulevard, Marco Island, FL 34145 - Mary P. Holden, Planning Manager, Community Affairs/Growth Management

City Clerk Joan Taylor read Ordinance 24-16 into the record by title only.

City of Marco Island Senior Planner Mary Holden outlined the details of the proposed rezoning petition, and she noted that no new density was being added as a result of this rezoning request.

[Note: Councilor Palumbo, citing his business partner relationship with the Applicant, filed State of Florida Form 8B and recused himself from voting on this rezoning request]

Public Comment

*Ms. Mary Moore (Java Ct.) spoke for herself and on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Eduardo Ravera (Java Ct.) and other nearby residential property owners expressing trust in the Applicant's promised actions to mitigate the effect of the development and business operations of this commercial property prior to, and after, the completion of its construction. She reinforced the nearby residential property owners' desire to be included in the planning of this rezoned commercial property's mitigation elements.*

*Attorney Noah Davies, on behalf of the Applicant, assured the Council that his client would continue to solicit the participation and input of nearby residential property owners in the planning of this commercial property's mitigation elements.*

**MOTION by Councilor Folley, seconded by Councilor Irwin, that Ordinance 24-16 - Rezone Petition Request (REZN-24-000105) to Rezone from C-1/C-1T Commercial to C-3 Commercial for the Property Located at 531 South Collier Boulevard, Marco Island, FL 34145, be Approved on First Reading. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

### **13. Resolutions & City Council Items**

- a. [ID 24-3815](#) Resolution - Adopting a Schedule of Fees, Deposits and Surety Amounts Pertaining to Registration of Lawn and Landscape Maintenance Professionals, Administration of Nuisance Abatement Actions, Applications for Cable Telecommunication Services Franchises, Establishment of Utility Accounts, Inspection of Grease Traps and Interceptors, Registration and Inspection of Grease Haulers, Applications for Alternative Water and Sewer Impact Fees, and Agreements for Developer Water and Sewer Contribution Credit - Jeff Katims, Consultant, Research Director, GFK

*City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 24-52 into the record by title only.*

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

**MOTION by Councilor Palumbo, seconded by Councilor Folley, that Resolution 24-52 - Adopting a Schedule of Fees, Deposits, and Surety Amounts Pertaining to Registration of Lawn and Landscape Maintenance Professionals, Administration of Nuisance Abatement Actions, Applications for Cable Telecommunication Services Franchises, Establishment of Utility Accounts, Inspection of Grease Traps and Interceptors, Registration and Inspection of Grease Haulers, Applications for Alternative Water and Sewer Impact Fees, and Agreements for Developer Water and Sewer Contribution Credit, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- b. [ID 24-3816](#) Resolution - Adopting an Updated Schedule of Civil Penalties & Fines for Enforcement of the City's Code of Ordinances Utilizing the Civil Violation Citation Procedure - Jeff Katims, Consultant, Research Director, GFK



*City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 24-53 into the record by title only.*

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

**MOTION by Councilor Palumbo, seconded by Councilor Irwin, that Resolution 24-53 - Adopting an Updated Schedule of Civil Penalties & Fines for Enforcement of the City's Code of Ordinances Utilizing the Civil Violation Citation Procedure, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- c. [ID 24-3817](#) Resolution - Adopting Updated Civil Penalties and Fines for Enforcement of the City's Code of Ordinances Utilizing the Notice of Violation Procedure - Jeff Katims, Consultant, Research Director, GFK

*City Clerk Joan Taylor read Resolution 24-54 into the record by title only.*

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

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Brechnitz, seconded by Councilor Palumbo, that Resolution 24-54 - Adopting Updated Civil Penalties and Fines for Enforcement of the City's Code of Ordinances Utilizing the Notice of Violation Procedure, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- d. [ID 24-3813](#) Award of Contract to Public Risk Insurance Agency (PRIA) in the Amount of \$1,424,444 for Property, Casualty, and Excess Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage - Angela Johenning, Purchasing & Risk Manager

*Purchasing and Risk Manager Angela Johenning briefly summarized the result of the City's June 2024 Request for Proposal (RFP) solicitation, as well the resulting year-over-year premium cost reduction for the City's property, casualty, and excess worker's compensation insurance coverage.*

*City Manager Mike McNees commended Ms. Johenning for her dedication and effort in achieving this significant premium reduction.*

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

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Brechnitz, seconded by Councilor Palumbo, that the Award of Contract to Public Risk Insurance Agency (PRIA) in the Amount of \$1,424,444 for Property, Casualty, and Excess Worker's Compensation Coverage, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- e. [ID 24-3821](#) Award of Contract to Infinite Construction, LLC for the Marco Island - San Marco Drainage Improvement of \$982,703.01 - Justin Martin, P.E., Director, Public Works

*City of Marco Island Public Works Director Justin Martin, via Zoom teleconference connection, presented and discussed his recommendation to award this contract to Infinite Construction, LLC. He also addressed several questions from members of the Council.*

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

**MOTION by Councilor Blonna, seconded by Councilor Irwin, that the Award of Contract to Infinite Construction, LLC for the Marco Island San Marco Drainage Improvement Project in the Amount of \$982,703.01, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- f. [ID 24-3814](#) Recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to Install a Merchant Marine Flag in Veterans' Community Park - Samantha Malloy, Manager of Parks, Culture & Recreation

*City of Marco Island Manager of Parks, Culture & Recreation Samantha Malloy, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) Chair Allyson Richards, jointly presented the PRAC's recommendation to install the proposed Merchant Marine flag in Veterans' Community Park among the armed forces service flags in the flag plaza, and to support the recognition of the Merchant Mariners in the City's annual Veterans Day and Memorial Day celebrations.*

*Public Comment*

*The following members of American Legion Post 404, Marco Island shared their perspectives on the proposed flag inclusion:*

*Mr. Lee Rubenstein, Post 404 Commander, (Rialto Way, Naples)*

*Mr. Bruce McDonald (Spinnaker Dr.)*

*Mr. Joe Varano (S. Heathwood Dr.)*

*Ms. Yvette Benarroch (Rose Ct.)*

*The following individual shared his perspective on the proposed flag inclusion:*

*Captain Ralph Rohena, (Begonia Ct.)*

**MOTION by Councilor Irwin, seconded by Councilor Blonna, to Amend the City Staff Recommendation and Direct the City Manager to Identify an Alternate Location and Research the Cost to Accommodate the Future Installation of a Merchant Marine Memorial in Veterans Community Park. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- g. [ID 24-3825](#) Rejection of Bids for the Tide Leveling - Canal Flushing Improvement Project (ITB 2024-020) - Justin Martin, P.E., Director, Public Works

*City of Marco Island Public Works Director Justin Martin, via Zoom teleconference connection, presented and explained his recommendation to formally reject the bids received on Canal Flushing Improvement Project ITB 2024-020.*

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

**MOTION by Councilor Folley, seconded by Councilor Palumbo, that Authorization to the City Manager to Reject the Bids for Tide Leveling / Canal Improvement Project ITB 2024-020 be Approved, and that the City Staff be Directed to Seek Additional State Legislative Appropriation Funding for this Project in FY 2025. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- h. [ID 24-3824](#) Discussion - Naming of City Park Located in the San Marco Planned Unit Development (NCH Property across from City Hall) - Daniel Smith, Director, Community Affairs/Growth Management

*City of Marco Island Community Affairs Director Daniel Smith outlined the terms of the Agreement between the City of Marco Island and the Planned Unit Development (PUD) owners regarding the development, maintenance, and naming of the subject City Park, and he addressed several questions from members of the Council.*

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

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Brechnitz, seconded by Councilor Blonna, that Authorization for the City Manager and City Staff to engage the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) in identifying and proposing a name for the 1.87 acre park located within the Planned Unit Development (PUD) located on the northwest corner of the intersection of San Marco Road and Bald Eagle Drive, be Approved, MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

- i. [ID 24-3802](#) City Manager's Performance Evaluation

*Members of the Council and City Manager Mike McNees discussed elements of the City Manager Performance Evaluation Tool as it is currently constructed, and they agreed that a review of alternative models for assessing, recording, and communicating the performance of the City Manager should be considered for FY 2025.*

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

*A Council Workshop to develop the City Manager's Goals for FY 2025 is scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2024 in the City of Marco Island Community Meeting Room, beginning at 1:00 P.M.*

#### **14. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

- 8d. [ID 24-3812](#) Award of Contract to Thomas Marine Construction, Inc. for Repair of the West Winterberry Drive Bridge in the Amount not to Exceed \$228,900.00 - Justin Martin, P.E., Director, Public Works

*Councilor Rola addressed several questions to City Public Works Director Justin Martin regarding the details of this proposed contract, and Director Martin provided clarifying responses.*

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

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Brechnitz, seconded by Councilor Rola, that the Award of Contract to Thomas Marine Construction, Inc. for the Repair of the West Winterberry Bridge in an Amount Not To Exceed \$228,900.00, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:**

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

## 15. Council Communications & Future Agenda

*Vice-Chair Brechnitz expressed his appreciation to all who conveyed their condolences on the death of his wife, Nancy.*

*Councilor Palumbo noted that the majority of business owners on the Island are also residents, and that the business community contributes to many local causes that benefit all residents and guests to the Island.*

*Councilor Irwin thanked the residents and guests who expressed their opinions and desires on several issues during the evening, and she encouraged all parties to collaborate in identifying and implementing solutions to address the concerns of the citizens of Marco Island.*

*Councilor Irwin also pointed to Marco Island's consistent ranking as one of the safest cities in Florida, and she thanked the City Staff leadership and its first responders for their dedication in maintaining this standard.*

*Councilor Blonna offered his apologies to Councilor Rola for comments that he made earlier in the meeting.*

*Councilor Folley noted that new Marco Island City Council representatives to the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Collier County Tourist Development Council (TDC) should be discussed and appointed soon. He also proposed a Future Agenda item regarding proposed Florida State Constitution Amendment 4 (see Future Agenda Items below).*

*Vice-Chair Brechnitz noted that a forthcoming debate regarding all of the proposed Amendments to the Florida State Constitution that are coming before the voters in November is being hosted by the Naples Reagan Club, and that he would share the details of that event with City Clerk Joan Taylor.*

### ID 23-3158 Future Agenda Items

*Councilor Folley requested that the appointment of new City Council representatives to the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Collier County Tourist Development Council (TDC) be added to the Council's Future Agenda.*

*Councilor Folley also requested that a discussion and potential City Council Resolution regarding Florida State Constitution Amendment 4 be added to the Council's Future Agenda.*

## 16. Council Reports

*None.*

## 17. City Manager's Report

*City Manager Mike McNees reported that:*

- 1) the City's canal water aeration pilot project has gone out to bid, with bids due back to the City on October 4;*
- 2) a unique vendor-initiated proposal regarding canal dredging is slated for review and discussion during an upcoming City Council agenda, and;*
- 3) early indications from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) suggest that a recommendation by that body to "de-list" Marco Island from the list of water bodies impaired for total*

*phosphorous may be advanced to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*

*Mr. McNees concluded by advising the Council that he will be attending the Council's September 23, 2024 meeting via Zoom remote teleconference connection.*

### **Motion To Extend The Meeting**

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Brechnitz, seconded by Chair Grifoni, to extend the City Council Meeting to conclude no later than 9:32 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY COUNCIL CONSENSUS.**

### **18. City Attorney's Report**

*City Attorney Alan Gabriel confirmed the Council's expectation regarding his attendance at the September 16, 2024 Workshop.*

### **19. Departmental Reports**

[ID 23-3159](#) Monthly Departmental Reports

*No Council or public comments were raised regarding the Monthly Department Reports.*

### **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 Grifoni adjourned the meeting at 9:30 P.M.*

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*Jared Grifoni, Council Chair*

ATTEST:

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*Joan Taylor, City Clerk*

PREPARED BY:

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*Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist*