

City of Marco Island Florida

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Marco Island, Florida
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, December 2, 2024

1:00 PM

Special-Called Meeting

Community Meeting Room

City Council

Chair: TBD

Vice-Chair: Erik Brechnitz

***City Council: Stephen Gray,
Tamara Goehler, Deb Henry,
Darrin Palumbo, Bonita Schwan***

City Manager: Mike McNeas

Assistant City Manager: Casey Lucius

City Attorney: David Tolces

City Clerk: Joan Taylor

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Brechnitz called the Special-Called Meeting to order at 1:13 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Vice-Chair Brechnitz, Councilor Gray, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Henry, Councilor Palumbo and Councilor Schwan

Also Present

*Michael McNees, City Manager
Casey Lucius, Assistant City Manager
Joan Taylor, City Clerk
David Tolces, City Attorney
Tracy Frazzano, Police Chief
Chris Byrne, Fire Chief
Daniel J. Smith, Community Affairs Director
Jose Duran, Information Technology Director
Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician
Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist
Citizens and Visitors*

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

Yes: 6 - Vice-Chair Brechnitz, Councilor Gray, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Henry, Councilor Palumbo and Councilor Schwan

4. Business - Selection of Three (3) Finalists to Fill City Council Vacancy

[ID 24-3978](#) Selection of Three (3) Finalists for the City Council Appointment - Joan Taylor, City Clerk

Vice-Chair Brechnitz opened the meeting by briefly highlighting the residency requirement for candidates who have submitted their applications, and he asked Assistant City Attorney David Tolces to review the obligations of the Council under the State of Florida's Sunshine Law.

Vice-Chair Brechnitz then outlined the genesis of the process that he proposed to refine the self-nominating candidate pool of twenty-four (24) candidates to fill the Council's seventh seat, and he commented on the depth and quality of the candidates who nominated themselves for the Council's consideration.

Under the process as proposed, as few as one (1) and as many as six (6) self-nominating candidates could potentially advance to personal, one-on-one interviews with each City Councilor member.

Confirmation of Process

Vice-Chair Brechnitz opened the floor and received questions, comments, and input from members of the Council on his proposed process.

MOTION by Councilor Gray, seconded by Councilor Goehler, that the proposed City Council process for identifying up to six (6) City Council interview candidates be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Vice-Chair Brechnitz, Councilor Gray, Councilor Goehler, Councilor Henry, Councilor Palumbo and Councilor Schwan

Process Procedure and Result

The Council, with the assistance of City Clerk Joan Taylor, engaged in three rounds of balloting to identify a pool of City Council candidates to advance to one-on-one interviews with each member of the City Council.

Round One

Each Councilor was provided a paper ballot with a list of twenty-four (24) self-nominating candidates. Each Councilor was allowed to choose as many candidates as desired. Those candidates receiving at least three (3) votes advanced to the Second Round of balloting.

[Editorial Note: The Meeting went into recess at 1:37 P.M to allow the City Clerk to tabulate the results of Round One. It is noted for the record that all Councilors were present when the Meeting reconvened at 1:57 P.M.]

Round Two

Seven (7) candidates received at least three votes during Round One and were listed on a new paper ballot for each Councilor's consideration. Each Councilor was allowed to choose her/his top four (4) candidates from this list. Those candidates receiving at least three (3) votes advanced to the Third Round of balloting.

Round Three

All seven (7) candidates received at least three votes during Round Two, and all were listed on a new ballot for Round Three. Vice-Chair Brechnitz then offered the members of the Council an opportunity to comment on, or offer her/his recommendation for, one or more of the listed seven (7) candidates. No Councilors commented. Each Councilor was then asked to mark the one, most-preferred candidate that she/he would like to see advance to a round of personal, one-on-one interviews.

Four (4) final candidates were identified (alphabetical, by last name):

- 1) Mr. Daniel Bryant*
- 2) Mr. David Leaser*
- 3) Ms. Teri Sommerfeld*
- 4) Mr. Martin Winter*

All candidate interviews with members of the City Council are to be completed on or before 5:00 PM (Eastern), December 20, 2024.

The selection and appointment of the seventh Marco Island Councilor is scheduled to be conducted at the January 6, 2025 regular meeting of the Marco Island City Council .

5. Citizens' Comments

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Council, Vice-Chair Brechnitz adjourned the Special-Called Meeting at 2:20 P.M.

Erik Brechnitz, Council Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Taylor, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist