

City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, November 1, 2021

12:00 PM

City Council Worksop

Community Meeting Room

City Council

*Chair: Jared Grifoni
Vice-Chair: Greg Folley*

*City Council: Claire Babrowski,
Rich Blonna, Erik Brechnitz,
Becky Irwin, Joe Rola*

*City Manager: Mike McNees
City Attorney: Alan L. Gabriel
City Clerk: Laura Litzan*

1. Call to Order

Chair Grifoni called the workshop to order at 12:01 P.M.

2. Roll Call

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

Also Present

Mr. Robert Meyers, Esq., Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.

CITY STAFF

*Michael McNees, City Manager
Casey Lucius, Assistant City Manager
Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney
Jose Duran, Information Technology Director
Lina Upham, Purchasing & Risk Manager
Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician
Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist*

3. Business

[ID 21-1876](#) Ethics Training for Elected Officials

Attorney Robert Meyers facilitated the Council's Ethics Training Workshop by presenting informational material, discussing specific situations, and addressing Councilor questions in accord with the State's mandated ethics training requirements. Topic areas addressed included:

The Florida Constitution and its Articles on ethics, financial disclosure and campaign finance reporting;

The Sunshine Law and the details of its application to Boards and Commissions of State agencies, governing authorities and municipal bodies;

Public Records Law: the public right of access to records of state or local governmental entities, and the rules and standards for governmental agency response;

Voting Conflicts as defined by State statute, and the responsibility of elected and appointed officials who participate in decision-making activities;

Misuse of Position to secure special privileges or benefits;

Gifts: the rules and responsibilities surrounding items or services of value that may be offered to elected or appointed officials;

Doing Business With Agency, Conflicting Employment & Contractual Relationships: the limitations and prohibitions written into State statutes regarding these conflicts and their impact on the public trust, and;

Financial Disclosure Reporting which is required to be filed with the State annually.

Mr. Meyers concluded the Workshop by devoting time to explain the role and responsibility of the Florida Ethics Commission, its member composition, and its powers of enforcement on behalf of the State.

The members of the Council conveyed their appreciation to City Attorney Alan Gabriel and to his colleague Attorney Robert Meyers for the comprehensive and informative approach to this important subject.

4. Public Comment

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

5. Adjournment

The Council's Ethics Workshop adjourned at 3:29 P.M.

Erik Brechnitz, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Laura Litzan, City Clerk

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