

# City of Marco Island Florida

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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, May 22, 2023**

**2:00 PM**

**Budget Policies Workshop**

**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*

*Acting City Clerk: Casey Lucius*

## 1. Call to Order

*Chair Folley called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.*

## 2. Roll Call

*Councilor Irwin was absent for Roll Call but arrived at 2:12 p.m.*

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilor Irwin

### Also Present

*Michael McNees, City Manager  
Casey Lucius, Assistant City Manager  
Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney  
Tracy Frazzano, Police Chief  
Chris Byrne, Fire Chief  
Guillermo Polanco, Finance Director  
Melissa Raynor, Budget Manager  
Daniel J. Smith, Community Affairs Director  
Miguel Carballo, Fleet & Facilities Manager  
Jeff Poteet, Water & Sewer General Manager  
Jose Duran, Information Technology Director  
Martin Luna, Audio/Video Technician  
Kelley Faulk, Recording Clerk*

## 3. Business - Budget Policies Workshop

### [ID 23-2913](#) City of Marco Island Budget Priorities - Budget Guidance & Assumptions

*City Manager Mike McNees stated that it will be a tough year due to costs increasing faster than revenues and the potential loss of the 1% sales tax. He compared next year's revenues to the hard-wired costs which will exceed the new discretionary revenue coming in. He asked that the Council be aware of this due to future Capital Projects that are outside of the ones Council has already saved for. He reminded them that if they have something that exceeds revenues this might lead to dipping into their ongoing fund balance and Capital or Operating Reserves.*

*Finance Director Guillermo Polanco presented the FY 2024 Budget Assumptions and Policies. He discussed how they are using State provided data to determine expected value of the coming year and that there is a difference between county-wide numbers and what we expect Marco Island will do. He stated that Marco Island usually fairs better than Collier county.*

*He discussed assessed value and millage rates in addition to what the trend is and expectations. He mentioned that the City has enough reserves, albeit they decreased due to Hurricanes Irma and Ian as well as using them for Fire Station 50 and the Bandshell. The City has an AAA bond rating, and a windfall from the 1% sales tax. The 1% sales tax allocation and remaining funds were discussed.*

*The City is expecting to potentially receive the remaining reimbursements for Hurricane Irma and they are working on obtaining reimbursements for Hurricane Ian and the COVID Emergency Fund.*

*Mr. Polanco mentioned that the Police Department 3% merit increase will need to be added to the figures.*

*Current and future project expenditures such as roads, street resurfacing, storm water projects, parking, equipment, water quality improvements and wages were discussed. Council suggested that these topics be covered at the Capital Budget Workshop.*

*Mr. Polanco confirmed that Marco Island has never had a grant rescinded and they are working to convert the 2020 Utility Bond issue from a taxable to a tax-exempt bond.*

#### **4. Public Comment**

*None.*

#### **5. Adjournment**

*There being no further business before the Budget Policies Workshop, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.*

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*Greg Folley, Council Chair*

*ATTEST:*

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*Casey Lucius, Acting City Clerk*

*PREPARED BY:*

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*Kelley Faulk, Recording Clerk*