

City of Marco Island Florida

*51 Bald Eagle Drive
Marco Island, Florida
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, April 29, 2019

5:30 PM

WATER QUALITY WORKSHOP

Community Meeting Room

City Council

Chair: Erik Brechnitz

Vice-Chair: Victor Rios

*City Council: Jared Grifoni, Larry Honig, Howard Reed,
Charlette Roman and Sam Young*

Interim City Manager: David Harden

City Attorney: Alan L. Gabriel

City Clerk: Laura Litzan

1. Call to Order

Chair Brechnitz called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Councilor Reed, Councilor Honig, Chair Brechnitz, Councilor Young, Councilor Roman, Councilor Grifoni and Vice-Chair Rios

Also Present

David Harden, Interim City Manager
Laura Litzan, City Clerk
Guillermo Polanco, Finance Director
Tim Pinter, Director of Public Works
Jeff Poteet, General Manager of Water and Sewer
Daniel Smith, Community Affairs Director
Jason Tommasetti, Stormwater Engineer
Tonia Selmeski, Environmental Planner
Lisa Smith, Recording Specialist
Citizens and Visitors

3. Business

- a. [ID 19-242](#) Presentation - Don Rainey, UF/IFAS Proposal for Marco Island

Mr. Rainey gave a presentation regarding how the University of Florida can assist Marco Island in identifying the sources, transport mechanisms and management strategies for excess nitrogen and phosphorus in Marco Island's inland and coastal waters and answered Council's questions and concerns.

- b. [ID 19-241](#) Discussion - Review of Staff Utilization for Water Quality Activities - Councilor Howard Reed

Councilor Reed introduced Dr. Serge Thomas, Aquatic Ecologist and Professor with Florida Gulf Coast University as a valuable resource for Marco Island and gave a presentation reviewing staff utilization for water quality activities.

- c. [ID 19-240](#) Discussion - Effect of Gulf Loop Current on Island Waterways - Councilor Howard Reed

Councilor Reed gave a presentation reviewing the effect of the Gulf Loop Current on Marco Island Waterways.

- d. [ID 19-238](#) Discussion - Reuse Water - Councilor Sam Young

Councilor Young gave a presentation on nitrogen and phosphorus in reuse and potable water.

- e. [ID 19-243](#) Discussion - Suntree Filters - Councilor Sam Young

Councilor Young gave a presentation on the Suntree Filters and their effectiveness.

- f. [ID 19-239](#) Discussion - Adopt a Canal - Councilor Jared Grifoni

Councilor Grifoni gave a presentation on the adopt a canal program which is designed to recruit volunteer groups to regularly cleanup and beautify canals in Marco Island.

- g. [ID 19-244](#) Discussion - Storm Water Measures and Enforcement of Fertilizer Ordinance - Councilor Victor Rios

Vice-Chair Rios gave a presentation on stormwater measures and fertilizer enforcement issues.

Following the presentations, it was determined by consensus to direct Interim City Manager David Harden to work with staff on the following:

*change quarterly water testing to monthly water testing
conduct water testing in various locations; both on shore and off shore
add isotope testing
incorporate community outreach in various forms
investigate the effectiveness of Suntree Filters
train Code Enforcement Officers in the fertilizer ordinance
investigate the cost of a swale rehabilitation program island wide*

4. Citizens' Comments

Mr. Bob Roth, Member of the Waterways Advisory Committee, recommended the City explore a street vacuum program for the residential streets.

Mr. Rick Woodworth, Chair of the Waterways Advisory Committee, conveyed to Council the Waterways Advisory Committee's recommendations.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before City Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Erik Brechnitz, Council Chairman
ATTEST:

Laura Litzan, City Clerk
PREPARED BY:

Lisa Smith, Recording Specialist