



CITY OF MARCO ISLAND

Meeting Date: November 19, 2020

To: Marco Island City Council
From: Casey Lucius, Assistant to the City Manager
Date: November 19, 2020
Re: City of Marco Island Proposed Legislative Priorities

Background

On October 22, 2020, Mike McNees, Casey Lucius, Tim Pinter, and Chris Byrne participated in a virtual pre-legislative session planning meeting with the City's lobbyist, Ron Book. During this meeting, Mr. Book advised the City to take a focused approach at this year's Legislative Delegation Meeting and submit only one project for State funding. Mr. Book recommended a transportation or water-related project up to \$500,000 that would create local jobs. Mr. Book will join the Council via Zoom at 5:00pm to discuss his recommendations and perspective in more detail. A specific project for Council consideration is detailed below.

Legislative Delegation Meeting

Friday December 4, 2020 has been set for the Collier County State Legislative Delegation's Public Hearing for local bills and local budget requests. The meeting will convene at 9:00am in North Collier Regional Park. The City has requested to be on the agenda and the Council Chair, City Manager, and Assistant to the City Manager will attend and the Chairman will speak on behalf of Marco Island's legislative priorities. See Attachment A for additional details on the December 4, 2020 meeting.

Marco Island Proposed Legislative Priorities

City staff is recommending two legislative priorities for the City of Marco Island.

1. San Marco Road Tide Leveling and Flushing Improvement Project

- a. Tide leveling and canal flushing is an integral part of the City of Marco Island Master Plan for water pollution control. During the original development of the island, the tide leveling/flushing structure and piping were omitted from the development due to funding restrictions. This project will improve the water quality in two large basins separated by a major arterial roadway, San Marco Road. The project will install dual 48-inch pipe culverts as well as an inlet structure between the two basins under the roadway and through existing easements. The total amount of state funds requested would be \$425,000 for this project. Local matching funds to complete this project would be \$325,000.
 - b. The benefits of this project include : 1) increased amounts of oxygen in the canal waters therefore improving the habitats for fish and wildlife, 2) improved stormwater management by completing one more project from our Stormwater Management Master Plan, 3) the tide leveling pipe system will reduce street flooding, and 4) the project will improve surface water quality as required by our MS4 permit.
 - c. See Attachment B for additional details on this project.
2. Support state legislation for local authority to address the impacts of vacation rentals
- a. City staff recommends that the City of Marco Island support legislation that would allow cities to amend past ordinances or draft new ones to address the impacts of vacation rentals. Additionally, we are seeking a data sharing agreement between State, County and local agencies with regard to vacation rental property addresses and tax collection data.

Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Priorities

City Staff recommends that the City Council also endorse the FLC legislative priorities. Among these priorities is emphasis on collaboration between State and local agencies regarding vacation rentals. See Attachment C for the FLC 2021 Legislative Agenda.

Recommendation

Direct staff to work with Ron Book and the Collier County State Legislative Delegation to support these local legislative priorities and endorse the FLC legislative agenda.

If Council agrees with the request for State funding for the Tide Leveling Project, staff will present a proposal to begin survey work at the December 7th City Council meeting.

Attachments

- A. Notice of Legislative Delegation Day
- B. Tide Leveling Project Request Form from previous year
- C. Florida League of Cities 2021 Legislative Priorities