

City of Marco Island Florida

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Marco Island, Florida
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, September 2, 2021

9:30 AM

Special-Called Meeting

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 meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Councilor Blonna, Councilor Irwin, Vice-Chair Folley and Chair Grifoni

Absent: 3 - Councilor Brechnitz, Councilor Rola and Councilor Babrowski

Also Present

GUESTS:

Mr. Ronald L. Book, Attorney, Founder & Owner, Ronald L. Book, P.A.

Ms. Rana Brown, Lobbyist, Ronald L. Book, P.A.

CITY STAFF:

Michael McNees, City Manager

Casey Lucius, Assistant to the City Manager

Laura Litzan, City Clerk

Tracy Frazzano, Police Chief

Chris Byrne, Fire Chief

Tim Pinter, Public Works Director

Jose Duran, Information Technology Director

Jeff Poteet, Water & Sewer General Manager

Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician

Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist

3. Business

- a. [ID 21-1760](#) Presentation - Legislative Update, Ronald L. Book

Florida Legislative Lobbyist Ron Book provided a perspective on the State's most recent 2021 legislative session and the emerging issues that he sees generating the most interest and support at the State legislative level in 2022.

- b. [ID 21-1759](#) Marco Island Smokehouse Creek Bridge Replacement Project

The Council, following interactive dialogue with Mr. Book and Ms. Brown, identified several opportunities of promise for the City of Marco Island to prioritize for the upcoming 2022 Florida Legislative Session.

MOTION by Councilor Irwin, seconded by Councilor Blonna, that the following initiatives be prioritized and Approved as the City's priorities for the 2022 Florida Legislative Session: 1) the Smokehouse Creek Bridge replacement project; 2) a City Staff-identified water quality improvement project consistent with the City's San Marco Road tide flushing project approved and funded in 2021, and; 3) the implementation of policy-level changes to enhance local municipality access to

**Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation (DBPR) records.
MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Yes: 4 - Councilor Blonna, Councilor Irwin, Vice-Chair Folley and Chair Grifoni

4. Public Comment

No members of the public came forward to offer comment.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, this special-called meeting of the Council adjourned at 10:14 A.M.

Jared Grifoni, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Laura Litzan, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

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