

City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, July 15, 2021

9:00 AM

Community Meeting Room

Waterways Advisory Committee

Chair: David Crain

Vice-Chair: William Trotter

*Committee Members: Steve Sokol,
Philip Thompson, Michael Welty,
Martin Winter, Eugene Wordehoff*

City Staff: Jason Tomassetti, P.E., Tracey Barnett

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Trotter called meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

(2) INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER MICHAEL WELTY

Vice Chair Trotter welcomed new Member Welty to the Committee.

(3) ROLL CALL

(Note: Chair Crain participated via teleconference connection)

Present: 6 - Member Thompson, Vice-Chair Trotter, Member Welty, Member Winter, Member Wordehof and Chair Crain

Absent: 1 - Member Sokol

Also Present

City Staff:

Jason Tomassetti, Storm Water Engineer

Jeff Poteet, Water/Sewer Department General Manager

Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician

Tracey Barnett, Administrative Assistant Public Works Department

(4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice-Chair Trotter.

(5) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by Member Thompson, seconded by Member Winter, that the Agenda be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Member Thompson, Vice-Chair Trotter, Member Welty, Member Winter, Member Wordehof and Chair Crain

(6) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 21-1610](#) Approval of Waterways Committee Minutes of May 20, 2021

MOTION by Member Thompson, seconded by Member Winter, that the Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2021 be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Member Thompson, Vice-Chair Trotter, Member Welty, Member Winter, Member Wordehof and Chair Crain

(7) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

a. May & June Water Quality Test Results

[ID 21-1678](#) May & June Water Quality Test Results

Mr. Tomassetti reported that the water quality test results were elevated slightly because of the rainy

season, but he is not concerned.

b. *Update on Committee's Topics for Remaining 2021 Budget Balance*

[ID 21-1679](#) Update on Committee's Topics for Remaining 2021 Budget Balance

Mr. Tomassetti reminded the Committee that the remaining 2021 fiscal year budget balance of about \$10,000 needs to be used by September 30, 2021. Ideas for spending these funds will be discussed at the next meeting.

c. *ERD Update*

[ID 21-1680](#) ERD Update

Mr. Tomassetti noted that Environmental Research & Design's report has been completed. The final report is scheduled to be presented to the City Council at it's Meeting on September 20, 2021.

(8) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

(9) PRESENTATIONS

None.

(10) OLD BUSINESS

a. *Underwater Dock Lighting in Canals Update (Chair Crain)*

[ID 21-1681](#) Underwater Dock Lighting in Canals Update

Chair Crain updated the Committee on his discussion with an FWC officer regarding the underwater lighting complaints from residents. He learned that they are not considered navigational lights nor are they in violation of any Ordinance. The Committee decided that it will notify Code Enforcement of the issue and recommend that the City look into possibly changing the Ordinance.

b. *Residential Stormwater Discharges- Community info & Education Update (Chair Crain)*

[ID 21-1682](#) Residential Stormwater Discharges- Community info & Education Update

Mr. Tomassetti agreed to obtain preliminary pricing for door hangers or pamphlets to inform homeowners of illegal stormwater discharge into canals. The Committee also discussed possibly patrolling the canals to generate a list of the properties illegally discharging. Also discussed was the creation of a newspaper ad or the sending of an electronic email blast to raise awareness. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

(11) NEW BUSINESS

a. *Water Quality Status & Trends (Member Wordehoff)*

[ID 21-1683](#) Water Quality Status & Trends

Member Wordehoff reviewed charts updated through May of 2021 on several water quality measures. Recent water quality measures are mostly "green" and moving slightly upward in some instances, due to seasonal and storm-related effects.

b. *June 21st Council Budget Workshop Discussion*

[ID 21-1684](#) June 21st Council Budget Workshop Discussion

The Committee supported Chief Frazzano's 2022 Fiscal Year budget request for a boat and a Code Compliance officer assigned to monitor the canals.

MOTION by Member Thompson, seconded by Vice-Chair Trotter, to allocate a significant portion of the 2022 WAC Budget in support of Chief Frazzano's request for a Code Compliance Boat & officer. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Member Thompson, Vice-Chair Trotter, Member Welty, Member Winter, Member Wordehof and Chair Crain

(12) COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

a. *Member Availability for Next Meeting August 19, 2021*

All members of the Committee indicated their intention to be available for the Committee's next meeting on August 19, 2021.

b. *Sharing of Thoughts on Topics of Committee Interest- All*

Member Wordehoff will prepare and submit his hypothesis on how the rain affects water quality around the Island.

Member Welty will prepare a presentation on improving boat safety and navigation on the water.

(13) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, Vice-Chair Trotter adjourned the meeting at 10:26 A.M.

Tracey Barnett, Administrative Assistant Public Works Department