

# City of Marco Island Florida

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Marco Island, Florida  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Thursday, April 29, 2021**

**12:00 PM**

**Comprehensive Plan Workshop**

**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 12:00 P.M.*

## 2. Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Councilor Blonna, Councilor Irwin, Councilor Brechnitz, Vice-Chair Folley, Councilor Rola, Councilor Babrowski and Chair Grifoni

### Also Present

#### *PRESENTERS:*

*Dr. Margaret Banyan, Professor & Project Leader, Florida Gulf Coast University (via Zoom teleconference)*  
*Alexis Crespo, Vice President of Planning, Waldrop Engineering*

#### *CITY STAFF:*

*Michael McNees, City Manager*  
*Casey Lucius, Assistant to the City Manager*  
*Laura Litzan, City Clerk*  
*Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney*  
*Chris Byrne, Fire Chief*  
*Daniel J. Smith, Community Affairs Director*  
*Tim Pinter, Public Works Director*  
*Jeff Poteet, Water & Sewer General Manager*  
*Jose Duran, Information Technology Director*  
*Mary Holden, Senior Planner*  
*Samantha Malloy, Parks, Culture and Recreation Manager*  
*Jason Tomassetti, Stormwater Engineer*  
*Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician*  
*Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist*

## 3. Business

### [ID 21-1521](#) Review of Comprehensive Plan Elements

*City of Marco Island Senior Planner Mary Holden introduced presenters Dr. Margaret Banyan and Ms. Alexis Crespo, and noted the 'Elements' of the Comprehensive Plan that were the subject of the Council's Workshop.*

*The Council worked from, and provided input to, edited drafts of the 'Capital Improvements', 'Infrastructure', 'Parks', 'Transportation', 'Conservation & Coastal', 'Intergovernmental Coordination' and 'Glossary' Comprehensive Plan Elements that were previously reviewed and commented upon by the Marco Island Planning Board.*

*In addition to the Council's review and input on the aforementioned Elements, direction regarding an alternative schedule for submission of the completed document to the State was also discussed and determined. Under the revised schedule, the completed Comprehensive Plan will return to the Marco Island Planning Board for review and approval on Friday, June 4, with a final City Council review scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2021.*

*Additional Council input regarding the 'Housing' Element will follow pending the Council's review of the existing State statute and related examples from other municipalities.*

*Public Comment*

*Mr. Dwight Goslee (Treasure Ct.) expressed his belief that the Council should devote more time and attention addressing issues and conditions which protect and enhance the quality of life on Marco Island. As examples, he pointed to the need for: 1) better management of the short-term vacation rental situation; 2) anticipation and planning for the impact of nearby urban development along Highway 951 and Highway 41, and; 3) decisive actions to reverse the continuing decline in the quality of the waters in and around Marco Island.*

**4. Adjournment**

*There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 3:13 P.M.*

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*Jared Grifoni, Council Chair*

ATTEST:

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*Laura Litzan, City Clerk*

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*Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist*