

CITY OF MARCO ISLAND

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To: City Council
From: Steven T. Thompson, City Manager
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WEEKLY UPDATE

This *Weekly Update* is intended to provide timely and regular information for the City Council, and often includes substantive and critical information. City staff works to avoid surprises and to ensure that the City Council is informed on issues and able to respond to citizens. Copies are also provided through the City's website for the community. Items that are marked with an asterisk (*) are updates from a previous City Council Meeting.

CITY MANAGER

Charter Amendment Education. Since the adoption of the final version of the proposed Charter Amendments, staff have meet with the former members of the Charter Review Committee to create an education plan of action. The final draft brochure has been finalized. It is attached for your review. (Attachment)

Comcast Cablevision, Channel 98 Viewing. As mentioned in last week's update Comcast continues to work on the issue of no being able to view the City government channel, 98. The problem is associated with customers updating to digital cable boxes. Comcast told the City today that they would have a resolution to the problem by Wednesday and have a temporary fix that residents can view the City of Marco Island channel on channel 93. Comcast will continue to develop a permanent resolution.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Buoy Criteria. The staff is working with MICA to permit a defined swimming area at Residents Beach, outlined with buoys. Swim areas are allowed by the Beach Ordinance and this will not require further action by City Council. Permits will require an administrative application review with a comprehensive list of criteria to be met by the applicant, and with the buoys to be provided and maintained at the applicant's expense. We will, however, provide information on this and any related permit request to City Council, the Beach Advisory and Waterways Committees, and the Planning Board.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Renaming Contest to Begin. In 2003, Marco Island residents voted to acquire nearly 7 acres of new park land. On April 4, 2005, the City Council voted to re-name this park land, commonly referred to as the "Glon Property" or the "Park Avenue Property", to the "Veterans' Community Park".

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PUBLIC WORKS

Kendall Sewer District Change Order. The contractor has submitted a change order request for the Kendall Drive sewer district, and this change order will be considered by City Council in January. The change order specifically includes an additional water main replacement, additional air release valves, a grinder pump station, and a water pipe by-pass. These were unanticipated expenses and will be reviewed during the January meeting of City Council.

Please call me at 389-5001 if you have questions, and I always appreciate your service to this City.



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What is a Charter?

A charter city is a city in which the governing system is defined by the city's own charter document rather than by state, provincial, regional or national laws. In locations where city charters are allowed by law, a city can adopt or modify its organizing charter by a majority vote of its residents. A charter gives a city's residents the flexibility to choose any kind of government structure allowed by law.

Generally every ten years, Charter cities review their Charter. City Council and a committee of residents reviewed and recommended changes to the City's Charter in a work session. Council has reviewed and is presenting the charter amendments to the electorate at the January 26, 2010 general election.

The Referendum, Who May Vote?

- Only Marco Island registered voters may participate in the Referendum Election.
- The referendum will be a mail ballot election. That is, registered voters will not go to a precinct-polling place to vote. The ballot will be mailed to registered voters at their Marco Island address on or about the first week of January, 2010.
- Florida law prohibits the forwarding of a mail ballot to another address.
- Registered voters who will not be at their Marco Island address in January should request an absentee ballot from the Collier County Supervisor of Elections by calling 239-252-8450 or log on to their website at www.colliervotes.com

Important Election Information



UNDERSTANDING THE REFERENDUM *Charter Amendments*

A city-wide municipal election will be held on January 26, 2010.

The first week of January ballots will be mailed to all registered voters.

Ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections no later than 7:00 p.m. on January 26, 2010. Amendments to the City's Charter have been suggested by a Charter Review Committee and City Council to present to the qualified electors.

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THIS IS NOT A BALLOT— BALLOT QUESTIONS - CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA - CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT, January 26, 2010

A. Clarification and Update of City Charter. It has been proposed that the City Charter be comprehensively amended, including changes made for style, clarity and consistency, along with amendments clarifying the duties, responsibilities, authority and qualifications of City officers, and amendments updating the Charter to conform with State law provisions, and removing matters covered by City Ordinances. Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

Yes []
No []

B. Council Member Term Limits.

(Section 3.02- Terms).

The Charter currently provides that no Council Member shall serve more than two full consecutive four year terms. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to provide that current or former Council Members are prohibited from serving more than 8 years in office during their lifetime, except where Council Member terms were extended by change in the election date. Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

Yes []
No []

C. Council Member & Chairman Compensation.

(Section 3.03- Compensation).

The Charter sets the annual compensation of each Council Member at \$6,000 and the Chairman at \$9,000. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to (1) increase their annual compensation, effective April 1, 2010, by applying a one-time adjustment of the annual Federal C.O.L.A. for each year since the City's incorporation, and (2) beginning January 1, 2011, annually increase their compensation by the yearly Federal C.O.L.A. Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

Yes []
No []

D. Duty of City Manager to Communicate Budget Deviations.

(Section 4.03- Powers & Duties of the City Manager).

The Charter currently requires the City Manager to keep the Council fully advised as to the financial condition of the City. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to require the City Manager to promptly communicate to Council his or her reasonable expectation of any deviations of \$250,000 (plus or minus) from an expenditure identified within the annual budget. Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

Yes []
No []

E. City Council Directed Investigations.

(Section 3.04- General Provisions).

The Charter currently requires the Council to handle administrative service and staff issues through the City Manager. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to authorize the Council to conduct, by Council or a party delegated by Council, investigations into the activities of any City department, agency, administration, City Manager, staff or employee upon the affirmative vote of five (5) or more Council Members. Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

Yes []
No []

F. Operating Expenditure Limitation [Modified Spending Cap]

(Section 1.04- Expenditure Limitations).

The Charter limits annual expenditures to an increase of 3% plus C.O.L.A. from the prior year's expenditures. It is proposed that the spending cap be retained, but the Charter be amended to enable Council to apply the spending cap based on the amount that was expended in fiscal year 2008 plus annual increases of 3% plus C.O.L.A. Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

Yes []
No []

G. Ordinance Requirement for Expenditures exceeding 12 Million Dollars.

(Section 1.04- Expenditure Limitations).

The Charter authorizes the use of Resolutions and Ordinances to approve City expenditures. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to require an Ordinance of the City Council for approval of all expenditures exceeding 12 million dollars (\$12,000,000), except expenditures for the creation of, or improvements to, the Septic Tank Replacement Program and the Wastewater Treatment Facility expansion to accommodate the Septic Tank Replacement Program. Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

Yes []
No []

A YES vote on any question means the voter wishes to change the Charter language on that question.

A NO vote on any question means the voter does not wish to change the Charter language on that question.

Copies of the Ordinance concerning the Charter Amendments are on file at the office of the City Clerk located at 50 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island, Florida 34145, or on-line at www.cityofmarcoisland.com and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. For additional information please contact the City Clerk's office telephone 239-389-5000.

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NOMINATION FORM – PARK RE-NAMING CONTEST

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The new name will not take effect until City Council formally adopts the new name

Nominated Park Name: _____

Reason for selecting this name: (use additional page if necessary)

Your Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____ Telephone: _____

Submit Completed Nomination Forms To:
Park Re-Naming Contest, Attn. Patty Mastronardi
Marco Island Parks and Recreation
1361 Andalusia Terrace, Marco Island, Fl 34145

(This competition is only open to residents of Marco Island) Visit www.cityofmarcoisland.com for complete contest information.