



**In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the August 3, 2022, Cape Coral City Council meeting.**

### **Council Approves Interlocal Agreement for Hurricane Evacuation Study**

City Council approved resolution 137-22. The resolution approves the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Cape Coral, and Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization, to conduct a hurricane evaluation study on the City of Cape Coral. This study will analyze the roadway network, and the clearance times of the roadway network that will be utilized during emergency events, the evacuation needs of the community, and the need for additional access ways in and out of the City of Cape Coral area during emergency events.

### **Water Quality Update**

In the past week, no toxic blue-green algae has been reported in the Caloosahatchee River.

Ten days ago, staff reported the onset of a filamentous Green Algae bloom of the genus *Pithophora* in the tidal system of the Rubican canal. This bloom is similar to the bloom that occurred around this time of year in 2021. The algae type is native and does not produce toxins. The City has hired a private contractor to assist with the removal of the algae mats.

Regarding bubble curtains, the Army Corps of Engineers permit was issued May 1, 2022, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection issued their permit on July 12, 2022. Staff has completed inspection and cleaning of the curtain at the Mandolin Canal. The next bubble curtain will be deployed at the Moody canal within the next two weeks, followed by the Plato canal.

### **Upcoming Public Meetings**

A Joint City Council and Budget Review Committee Budget Workshop is Scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2022 and Tuesday, August 16, 2022 both beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.