

# Cape Clips



## Updates from Council Meetings

In case you missed the meeting, the following are highlights from July 21, 2021, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

### **School Crossing Guard Services**

A contract with Waterfield Florida Staffing/Action Labor of Florida was renewed for school crossing guard services. There are 27 school crossing guard posts at all elementary, middle, and high schools in the city. In 2017, these services were outsourced resulting in significant savings to the City. Action Labor of Florida trains and certifies all school crossing guards employed by them under Florida School Crossing Guard Training Guidelines. The contract amount is \$220,000.

### **Cape Coral Parkway Eastbound Turn Lane Extension at Del Prado Boulevard**

Council awarded a bid and contract to Ajax Paving Industries of Florida to improve traffic conditions at the intersection of Cape Coral Parkway and Del Prado Boulevard. The City is extending the eastbound left-turn lane to allow more space for vehicle storage without impeding the through traffic on Cape Coral Parkway. The total project cost with contingency is \$238,850.

### **Police Training Facility Construction Manager at Risk Services (CMAR)**

An agreement for \$56,5000 with Kaufman Lynn Construction, Inc. for CMAR and preconstruction services was awarded for the future Police Department Training Facility. The construction services (phase II) will be considered at a future meeting when the Guaranteed Maximum Price is determined. The future Training Facility will be located at the corner of Andalusia Boulevard and Durden Parkway and will allow the Cape Coral Police Department to train new and existing officers. Officers currently train at the Buckingham airfield, Lee County Gun Range, and Hendry County Gun Range.

### **Police Department Awarded Several Grants**

City Council accepted two Police Department grants totaling \$118,954. The grants are the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) (\$100,000) will be utilized to purchase six license plate readers and all necessary hardware and software services. The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant (\$18, 954) will be used to purchase an all-terrain vehicle for large city events, community policing, and accessing areas that patrol cars can not access in missing person cases or other cases. No matching funds are required for these grants.

### **Water Quality Update**

Blue-green algae flecks were recently observed at three City parks along the River. Staff contacted the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and sampling results are pending. Residents can report blue-green algae sightings to the FDEP via <https://floridadep.gov/AlgalBloom>.

Staff reminds the community that the application of fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorus is prohibited between June 1 – Sept. 30. This Ordinance helps to protect our local waterways.

The City is preparing to install 10 bubble curtains at identified priority areas where blue-green algae was an issue in the past. The technology can help prevent algae from entering the canals from the Caloosahatchee River. Permits are being processed by the U.S. Army Corps and FDEP.

### **Ordinance 55-21: Term Limits**

Council-approved Ordinance 55-21 establishing term limits of no more than two consecutive terms for members of all Council-appointed advisory boards, commissions, appeal boards, and task-forces unless specified otherwise. This does not impact the terms of current members of these boards.

### **Introduction: Public Hearing Set for August 4, 2021 Ordinance 60-21**

If approved, Ordinance 60-21 would require developing Commercial Corridor (CC) zoned sites to comply with the planting requirements related to landscaping adjacent to roads. This requirement already applies to all non-residential zoning districts and corrects a deficiency in the landscape code.

### **Upcoming Public Meetings**

- A Strategic Planning Workshop for the City Council is scheduled on Friday, July 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Conf. Room 220A, City Hall
- A Regular Meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers