

# Cape Clips



## Updates from Council Meetings

In case you missed the meeting, the following are highlights from the October 6, 2021, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

### **Fire Chief Presents Civilian Award to Waste Pro Driver Alan Wilson**

Fire Chief Ryan Lamb presented an award to Waste Pro Driver Alan Wilson. Wilson contacted 911 after hearing calls for help coming from a home while on his daily garbage route and remained until emergency services arrived.

### **Additional \$1 Million in Grant Funds Received for Cape Coral Reclaimed Water Project**

Council accepted \$1 million in additional State Appropriations through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The additional grant funding will be used to cover construction-related costs for the Caloosahatchee Reclaimed Water Transmission Line. About \$10 million in grant funds have been awarded for this project that will provide additional reclaimed water to Cape Coral residents. The project is planned for completion in 2023. For more info about this project visit: [www.CaloosahatcheeConnect.com](http://www.CaloosahatcheeConnect.com)

### **Fire Training Facility Professional Design Services Contract Approved**

City Council approved an agreement with Sweet Sparkman Architects, Inc. to provide engineering and design services for a Fire Training Facility. The agreement cost is about \$545,000 from the Capital Project Fund.

### **Fertilizer Ordinance 79-21 Approved**

Council approved changes to the fertilizer ordinance following several stakeholder meetings, discussions, and public hearings. The original Ordinance was adopted in 2010 and the City's Waterway Advisory Board supported these changes.

Changes in the Fertilizer Ordinance include:

- Increasing the fertilizer-restricted zone along waterways 5 feet (from 10 feet to 15 feet).
- The prohibited application period remains June 1 through September 30, however, the Ordinance gives the City Manager the authority to extend this period to include the month of May when necessary (e.g. presence of blue-green algae, hurricanes).
- No phosphorus fertilizer is allowed at any time unless a soil test is performed in the past 2 years identifying a phosphorus deficiency.
- The State requires commercial fertilizer applicators to hold a 4-year license and the City will check state-regulated certifications before issuing a City business license.
- The City will administer a voluntary educational program for residents and fertilizer retailers.
- With consent, Code Officers can sample fertilizer tanks and spreaders at the City's expense.

**Introductions**

- Community Development Department Name Change to Development Services Department Ordinance 76-21– Public Hearing Set for October 20
- Lease Agreement for Sun Splash Waterpark Ordinance 86-21– Public Hearing Set for October 20

**Upcoming Public Meetings**

A Committee of the Whole Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.