



In case you missed the meeting, the following are highlights from the September 22, 2021, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Skyline Boulevard Sidewalk Project

Following bid solicitation, a contract was awarded for the construction of a sidewalk to Pavement Maintenance, LLC. for a total project cost of \$392,117. The sidewalk will be constructed on the west side of Skyline Boulevard from SW 4th Street to Trafalgar Parkway.

Median Landscaping on Country Club Boulevard

City Council approved an interlocal agreement between the City and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for up to \$800,000 for median landscaping improvements in the CRA District. Design is expected to be complete in February 2022 and construction is estimated to begin in May of 2022.

Vacant Lot Mowing Increased to 13 Mows Annually

City Council approved a contract with CBI, Inc. for Lot Mowing Services to provide three additional mow cycles annually for a total of 13 vacant lot mows, which is an amendment to the current contract. Vacant lot mowing is paid for by vacant lot property owners.

Deadline to Apply Extended for the City's Districting Commission

Council extended the deadline to apply for the City's Districting Commission to October 15. This Commission recommends a plan for adjustment of Council district boundaries and is completed within 6 months of receiving the Federal Census Report. Applicants must have been a registered voter in the last statewide general election. Visit the City's website (capecoral.gov) or contact the City Clerk's Office for more information.

Water Quality and Bubble Curtains

Cape Coral, Sanibel, and Lee County continue to provide technical input to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to optimize the chosen Alternative, CC. Blue-green algae blooms are still present on Lake Okeechobee. In Lee County, blue-green algae have not been observed. There have been reports of green algae in tidal canals east of Country Club Boulevard and North of Veterans Parkway. While unsightly, this type of algae is seasonal, does not produce toxins, and generally disappears when heavy rains occur, and wind/tide pushes it out of the system. The City plans to deploy a contractor to attempt to remove some

A field trial is scheduled for Friday 9/24 with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the existing bubble curtain in the Mandolin Canal. The Army Corps has agreed to temporarily operate the bubble curtain to perform a series of Smalltooth sawfish transponder and receiver tests. The goal of the field trials is to determine how to position receivers as part of the ACOE permitting process.

Ordinance 51-21 Future Land Use Map Amendment Withdrawn

City staff withdrew Ordinance 51-21 and plans to bring it back to a future meeting.

Parks and Recreation Department Fees

Parks and Recreation Department presented a comprehensive list of fees charged by the City for persons using various facilities and programs. Most of these fees are already in use and have been for some time. A comprehensive evaluation of all parks and recreation-related fees are planned for Fiscal Year 2022.

Fertilizer Ordinance 79-21 Public Hearing Set for October 6

Proposed changes to the fertilizer ordinance will be discussed at a public hearing on October 6. Changes could include a 5-foot increase of the no application buffer zone along waterways and authorizing the City Manager to extend the no nitrogen or phosphorus application period an extra month when necessary (e.g. presence of blue-green algae, hurricanes).

Upcoming Public Meetings

A Special Meeting (2nd Budget Hearing) of the Cape Coral City Council is Scheduled for Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 5:05 p.m. in Council Chambers.

A Committee of the Whole Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.