

Cape Clips



Updates from Council Meetings

In case you missed the meeting, the following are highlights from the February 2, 2022, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Easement Accepted by City Council for Fort Myers Reclaimed Water Interconnect Project

City Council approved a Sovereignty Submerged Lands Easement granted by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida to the City for an easement on, under, and across the Caloosahatchee River to be used solely for reclaimed water main. The easement is necessary for the construction of the Reclaimed Water Transmission Main/Caloosahatchee Connect under the Caloosahatchee River (Horizontal Directional Drill) from Horton Park on the west to Veterans Park on the east to connect with the City of Fort Myers Reclaimed Water Transmission Main. For more information about the project, please visit <https://caloosahatcheeconnect.com/>

Contract Approved for Resurfacing of Coral Oaks Golf Course Cart Paths

City Council approved a resolution and awarded a bid for asphalt cart path repairs at the City-owned Coral Oaks Golf Course. The bid was awarded to Atlantic Southern Paving and Sealcoating, LLC for a total project cost of \$427,572.70 (cost includes a 10 percent contingency).

Future Land Use Map Change at NE 19th Avenue and NE 23rd Ter – Ordinance 77-21

The City Council approved Ordinance 77-21 which amended the City's Future Land Use Map from Commercial/Professional to Single-Family Residential land use for property described as Lots 25-49, Block 2179, and Lots 24-56, Block 2233, Unit 33, which is located near NE 19th Avenue and NE 23rd Terrace (6.96 acres). The future land use map amendment will make the existing single-family homes an allowed use and will enable the undeveloped properties to develop with homes as well.

Local Business Taxes Levied from Vacation Rentals Operating in the City- Ordinance 5-22

An ordinance was approved by the City Council that amended the Code of Ordinances (Chapter 11, Local Business Tax, Article I, General Provisions, Section 11-16, Schedule of Business Taxes) that allows local business taxes to be levied from vacation rentals operating in the City. Vacation Rentals, as defined in Florida Statutes, Section 509.242, Florida Statutes, is proposed to be added to the following business classification: (399) Hotels; Motels; Rooming Houses; at the rate of \$5.50 for each bedroom rented or offered for rent, including bedrooms having cooking facilities within the bedroom.

Introductions

- Ordinance 15-22 Public Hearing Set for February 12, 2022
This ordinance authorizes the issuance of not more than \$30 million in aggregate principal amount of Utility Improvement Refunding Assessment Bonds (Southwest 6&7 Areas), Series 2022 of the City of Cape Coral, Florida for the principal purpose of refunding all or a portion of the amounts outstanding under two loan agreements with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

City Continues to Address Waste Hauler Collection Issues

Council discussed horticulture collection delay issues related to the City's contracted waste hauler. Staff discussed the recent measures taken to mitigate impacts on our residents. Notifications were provided to residents to expect delays in the collection of yard waste beginning January 7. Lee County extended the operating hours of its solid waste facility to allow the City's contractor additional time to collect horticulture/yard waste on Saturdays. Field inspections and monitoring were increased by the City to address complaints, verify reports of issues to 311, and resolve collection issues.

Additionally, the City opened a bulk waste drop-off site as another option to its residents. This site is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. near the North Cape Government Complex.

The City's contractor has reported staffing shortages related to COVID-19.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A Committee of Whole Meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2022, has been canceled. A Regular Meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers