



**In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the January 24, 2024, Cape Coral City Council meeting.**

**Community Recognition: Bill and Sue Snyder**

City Council and the City Manager recognize the exemplary achievements of Cape Coral residents. Bill and Sue Snyder, also known as Cape Coral's Santa and Mrs. Claus, have spent the past seven years spreading holiday cheer and giving back to those in need.

**Council Approves Bimini Basin Mooring Field Design Services**

Council approved Resolution 5-24, approving the agreement with Stantec Consulting Services for the Bimini Basin Mooring Field Permitting and Design Services. Stantec will complete the design within 12 months.

**Council Approves North RO Plant Network Upgrades**

City Council approved Resolution 21-24, approving \$389K to upgrade the programmable logic controllers and network modules at the North RO Plant. The automation for the North RO will assist the operations staff in treating and distributing drinking water to the city.

**Council Approves Purchase of Fire Department Brush Truck**

City Council approved Resolution 27-24, approving the purchase of a custom brush truck with a 400-gallon water tank. Additional customization includes a 25HP Diesel water-cooled pump plumbed directly to the vehicle fuel tank, a heavy-duty front bumper with a 12,000 lbs. winch, and scene lights, among other items.

**Council Approves Bonus for New CCPD Hires**

City Council approved Resolution 32-24, instituting a \$5,000 hiring bonus for newly hired police officers and an additional \$5,000 bonus upon completion of their probationary period. The Cape Coral Police Department has determined the need to implement a hiring bonus for newly hired Police Officers in keeping with other law enforcement agencies around the region. Cape Coral's regional competitors for Police Officer candidates have raised starting pay, surpassing Cape Coral's, and implemented recruitment and housing bonuses to attract applicants.

**Council Approves State Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication**

City Council approved Resolution 21-24, accepting State Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (SAFE) in Florida Program to fund investigation costs on an overtime basis. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement will provide funding for \$109,000.

**Upcoming Public Meetings**

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2024, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.