



In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the January 25, 2023, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Council Approves Resolution 16-23 Related to Business Grant

City Council approved a \$250,000 Business Infrastructure Grant (BIG) to Graefen Cape Coral, LLC, to assist with land improvement and development costs associated with the construction of a 50,000 sq. ft. facility for ABC Supply Company.

ABC Supply previously operated in a 10,000 sq ft facility that was too restrictive in size to meet the company's growth. Cape Coral's Economic and Business Development Office staff has been working with the owner and developer for more than four years to find a new location to support the company's expanding needs. As a result of this project, the company projects to create 30 new jobs and retain 29 existing positions with an average wage of \$50,000.

Council Approves Ordinance 89-22 On Food Trucks

City Council approved Ordinance 89-22, which stipulates all Mobile Food Vendors be treated alike (except ice cream trucks) and requires food trucks to stay mobile. Staying mobile means the food trucks will have to leave a job site each night, and seating areas will not be allowed. Ultimately, the ordinance eliminates "food truck-based outdoor restaurants" and does not permit certain elements, such as signs and water/sewer hookups. The ordinance exempts food trucks that are participating in a Special Event or operating in a declared state of emergency.

The ordinance was drafted in accordance with City Council's input during previous meetings, in which the Council advised staff that they have a high level of comfort with the Lee County regulations for Mobile Food Vehicles. The new code was drafted to mirror the County's ordinance, using definitions and code requirements adapted from the County's Code.

The ordinance includes a new use, Mobile Food Court, to allow "Food Truck Parks." This new use will require full site improvements, onsite bathrooms, parking, sidewalks, etc., and is designed to accommodate the regular and long-term deployment of food trucks.

Council Approves Ordinance 8-23

Ordinance 8-23 allows for the United Way and Cape Coral Caring Center to use a portion of the City's platted parking near Leonard Street to distribute furnishings and goods to Cape Coral residents who were affected by Hurricane Ian.

Hurricane Ian Recovery Update

- Debris Removal Operations:
 - Curbside ROW collection ceases this Saturday, January 28
 - Residents may continue to take storm-related debris to the Resource Recovery Facility on Buckingham Road (roof shingles cannot be disposed of at this location)
 - Storm-related debris, including shingles, can be taken to the Lee Hendry Landfill
 - The City has an upcoming Quarterly Bulk and Household Chemical Waste Event on Saturday, February 4.
https://www.capecoral.gov/departments/public_works/solid_waste.php
 - Cape Coral's Bulk Waste Site is open to Cape Coral residents.
- The FEMA Disaster Recovery Center at Lake Kennedy Center remains open to assist individuals based on their unique needs.

Permitting Progress Update

- City is averaging 785 building inspections daily;
- All permits are issued through the City's EnerGov system
- City Hall Permitting Counter only accepts and verifies permit application documents. To receive most types of permits immediately, apply through the City's Self-Service portal at www.CapeCoral.gov/energov.
- Permit and inspection status information is public record and is easily accessible at www.CapeCoral.gov/energov. You can find permit and inspection information using the permit number or the address.

Upcoming Public Meetings

Cape Coral City Council Retreat (2-Day event) to be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, and Friday, January 27, 2023, beginning each day at 9:00 a.m. at the Nicholas Annex, 815 Nicholas Parkway, Conf. Room A200/Green Room, Cape Coral, FL 33990

A Regular Meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is Scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2023, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.