



**In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the February 15, 2023, Cape Coral City Council meeting.**

#### **Addendum – City Manager’s Employment**

City Council voted to terminate, without cause, City Manager Rob Hernandez.

#### **Council Approves Resolutions 42-23, 43-33 for Sidewalk Construction Near Schools**

The City and Florida Department of Transportation are partnering to improve safety for pedestrians near Challenger Middle and Patriot Elementary (Skyline/Trafalgar), Trafalgar Elementary and Middle schools (Trafalgar/SW 20th Ave.), and Oasis Charter Elementary School.

Resolutions 42-23 and 43-33 approve funding for the construction of five-foot wide concrete sidewalks on the north side of SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Chiquita Boulevard to Skyline Boulevard and on both sides of SW 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Ceitus Parkway to SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Terrace.

#### **Council Approves Resolution 48-23 for Grant to Plant Trees Lost to Hurricane**

The Arbor Day Foundation formally awarded the City of Cape Coral with the 2023 Verizon Tree Planting Award on January 17, 2023. Resolution 48-23 authorizes the receipt of grant funds for \$33,150. The award will fund the volunteer planting of 60 trees at Cultural Park to recover our lost tree canopy from the impacts of Hurricane Ian.

#### **Hurricane Ian Recovery Update**

- Debris Removal Operations:
  - Hurricane debris sites are being returned to normal. Material has been hauled off many sites, native grass seed is being dispersed, and sites are being watered. Fence removal is still in progress at many of the sites.
  - There are 16 land-based and seven water-based crews completing canal debris removal. The vegetation is being taken to Diplomat Site.

### **Permitting Progress Update**

- Starting Monday, March 20, the City's permitting counter will no longer accept paper permit applications from registered contractors. This only affects new permit applications.
- Digital submissions will increase efficiency, make the City's processes consistent with other local permit-issuing agencies, and eliminate space required to store paper permits.
- Year to Date: 14,195 permits applied for; 14,269 issued.
- To receive most types of permits immediately, apply through the City's Self-Service portal at [www.CapeCoral.gov/energov](http://www.CapeCoral.gov/energov).

### **Upcoming Public Meetings**

A Committee of the Whole Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.