



In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the March 1, 2023, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Council Approves Resolution 58-23, a 10-year contract with Axon Enterprise to continue and expand Officer Safety Plans

The Cape Coral Police Department currently deploys 234 body-worn cameras (BWCs) and related equipment through five separate multi-year agreements with Axon Enterprise. These agreements deploy Officer Safety Plans (OSP) for sworn officer positions. OSPs include BWCs, Taser Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs), Evidence.com Pro Licenses, unlimited storage plans, and other related safety equipment. The new 10-year contract with Axon Enterprise will give the department a total of 339 BWCs (more than 100 new ones), CEWs, 185 Fleet 3 camera systems, five unpiloted aircraft, and related equipment. The new agreement will also include OSPs for ten additional sworn personnel each year of the contract.

Hurricane Ian Recovery Update

- The deadline for Lee County residents to apply for the Hurricane Ian Debris Cleanup Program is extended to March 29.
- The City participated in the Lee County Recovery Task Force's first meeting this week. The task force allows various local municipalities to come together to look at ways to recover from disasters and develop a more resilient community.
- Debris Removal Operations:
 - 640k cubic yards of debris removed from canals to date.
 - All Debris sites are now closed except for the Northwest site, which is still accepting canal vegetation only. Grinding of vegetation will continue until the end of April.
 - Land-based debris removal is on track to be complete by the end of March.
 - Canal debris, once removed, can be staged in the right of way to be picked up in one to two days.

Permitting Progress Update

- Current initiatives are to transition to a new licensing paradigm and develop a supporting communications plan.
- The City is working to address roofing inspection wait times.
- Prior to Hurricane Ian, the City processed 162 permits per week, and the City is currently processing 1062 permits per week.
- The maximum wait time for roof inspections has been reduced from 6 weeks to 4 weeks.
- In 84 days, weekly inspection numbers have increased by 239%, from 1934 to 4641 per week.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.