



In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the April 19, 2023, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Council Approves Resolution 90-23 FDEP Grant to Fund Irrigation Water Pipeline

Resolution 90-23 approves Grant Agreement LPA0259 between the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Cape Coral for the Northeast Reservoir Project. Acceptance of the agreement will provide a \$1 million grant to fund the construction of a new irrigation water pipeline and pump station for the Southwest Aggregates Reservoir.

Council Approves Temporary Moratorium on Development of Self-Storage Facilities

City Council approved ordinance 30-23, which implements a temporary 9 (nine) month moratorium on accepting applications for and issuing permits for the development of self-storage facilities in the City of Cape Coral. There are exemptions to Ordinance 30-23. The City is not alone in examining this issue, as several communities in Florida and the US have been looking to regulate this use further.

A moratorium is a pause, not a ban. During the moratorium, the City will actively research the issue and develop future regulations.

Council Discussed Establishment of Organ Donor/Recipient Leave

An ordinance allowing employees to receive leave time for donating or receiving an organ or bone marrow was introduced to Council. City Council recognizes the need for leave time for employees needing organ donation and acknowledges the generosity of employees who desire to donate an organ or bone marrow. Ordinance 38-23 would establish Organ Donor and Recipient Leave. If approved, the ordinance will grant employees up to 40 hours of leave when absent due to the donation or receipt of bone marrow and up to 160 hours when absent due to the donation or receipt of an organ.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.