



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

Community Recognition: AAA School Safety Patroller of the Year, Eliza Odom

Eliza Odom of Diplomat Elementary School was named both the Florida and National “AAA School Safety Patroller of the Year” for the 2022-23 school year. Each year nearly 700,000 children participate at more than 35,000 schools across the country, and Eliza stood out from the rest due to her passion for helping others. Eliza has raised thousands of dollars to help pediatric patients with cardiac issues, in the wake of Hurricane Ian she put together meal kits for members of our community, she looks after neighbors’ homes when they’re out of town, and she regularly helps out in one of the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) classes at her school.

City Auditor’s Office Presents Annual Audit Plan

The City Auditor’s Office presented the [FY 24 Strategic Plan and Annual Audit Plan](#) to City Council and council approved the plan.

Council Approves Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Infrastructure Program

City Council approved Resolution 190-23, a proposal for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity - Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Public Infrastructure program to complete infrastructure improvements at Victory Park. This Florida Job Growth Grant Fund (JGGF) proposal requests \$4,020,402 from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to initiate public infrastructure improvements to support the development of Victory Park, located in District 7 of the City of Cape Coral, including the development of a public roadway network and necessary utility infrastructure. The JGGF is an economic development program established in 2017 with the goal of promoting job creation and economic growth in the state. It is administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and provides financial assistance to projects that support infrastructure and workforce development, as well as other initiatives that contribute to job growth. The grants are awarded based on their potential to create jobs, improve public infrastructure, enhance workforce training, and foster economic diversification. The overall Victory Park project has a projected job growth impact of 1,100 jobs.

Council Approves City's Manager's Proposed "Not-to-Exceed" Millage Rate

City Council approved the City Manager's proposed millage rate, or "not-to-exceed" millage rate, of 5.3694. The final millage rate will be set at public hearings held in September. The final millage rate cannot be set higher than the proposed millage rate.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A Regular Meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is Scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2023, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.