



In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the August 16, 2023, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Community Recognition: Skylar Socey, 2023 World Acrobatic Championships Competitor

City Council and the City Manager recognize the exemplary achievements of Cape Coral residents. Skylar Socey recently competed in the 2023 World Acrobatic Championships in Monterrey, Mexico. At 13 years old and the youngest competitor in the teen acrobatic dance division, she placed 17th in the world.

Council Approves Funding for Deconstruction of Yacht Club Ballroom

City Council approved Resolution 203-23; the resolution approved funding for the demolition of the Yacht Club Building and the deconstruction of the Ballroom to preserve the room's characteristic features. The estimated cost is for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,000,000, which would be to demo structures (buildings, pool, pool deck, etc.), remove footings/slabs, demo utilities, remove debris, and return demo areas to sodded condition.

Council Denies Request to Reverse Decision of Hearing Examiner

The appellant requested City Council overturn the decision of the Hearing Examiner made in April of 2023 that denied a variance of 6.7 feet from the minimum front setback requirement of 25 feet to allow a single-family home to be constructed 18.3 feet from the front property line in a Residential Single-Family zone located at 302 SW 29th Street.

City Council affirmed the decision of the Hearing Examiner, denying the request for a variance.

Council Approves Submission of Proposal for Grant to Enhance Resilience of Cape Coral Parkway

City Council approved the submission of a proposal for the 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation PROTECT grant to complete a resilience and planning study for Cape Coral Parkway. The resolution authorizes the City Manager or his designee to apply online for a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of \$565,983.13 for the Cape Coral Parkway Corridor Resiliency Planning Study.

The grant proposal aims to enhance the resilience of Cape Coral Parkway in the Special Flood Hazard Area through strategic planning measures to mitigate flood risks and ensure the continuity of essential services during extreme weather events. By addressing the flooding concerns and improving the roadway's capacity to withstand floodwaters, the goal is to safeguard our community's well-being and economic vitality.

Council Approves Sun Splash Waterpark Lease Amendment

City Council approved Ordinance 63-23, allowing ProParks Management to move forward with future expansions, including a wave pool and new admissions entrance. With the anticipated increase in park patrons due to a wave pool, the City intends to fund, construct, and maintain a public parking lot north of the waterpark in FY2024. The parking lot will be open for all visitors to the Lake Kennedy Complex. ProParks will construct and fund the improvements, with the admissions entrance set to be built within one year of the City completing the public parking lot.

Council Approves Sale of Academic Village

City Council approved Ordinance 22-23, allowing TRG Development to move forward with purchasing the 180+ acre Academic Village Site. TRG aims to build a comprehensive live, work, and play district just north of Del Prado Boulevard and Kismet Parkway.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A Committee of the Whole Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.