



In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the July 27, 2022, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Council Approves Amendment to Grant Agreement with SFWMD

City Council approved resolution 150-22. The resolution adds the SW Pine Island Road Reuse Tanks and Booster Station project to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Caloosahatchee Connect Grant Agreement and extends the agreement duration by 17 months.

Council Approves Replat of Judd Creek Tract 11

City Council approved resolution 136-22, which is a replat that will subdivide the existing Tract 11 into two parcels. The northern Tract A is proposed for development as a multi-family project and the southern Tract B is proposed to be sold to Lee County as conservation area. The replay will not negatively impact service delivery for Parks, Law Enforcement, Fire and Rescue, Public Works, and Utilities.

Water Quality Update

In the past two weeks, no toxic blue-green algae has been reported in the Caloosahatchee River.

As part of its natural cycle, tape grass, a native aquatic plant, is currently shedding its blades. As a result, the blades are floating to the surface of several freshwater canals and lakes in Cape Coral. Tape grass is a beneficial aquatic plant. It acts as a natural filter, cleans our waterways, and is an excellent fish habitat.

Regarding bubble curtains, the Army Corps of Engineers permit was issued May 1, 2022, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection issued their permit on July 12, 2022. Last week City staff inspected and cleaned the curtain at the Mandolin Canal and plans to begin installation of the next bubble curtain at the Moody Canal the second week of August.

Council Establishes Maximum Amount for the Following Assessments

- Resolution 141-22 relates to the City's provision of solid waste collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs. Waste Pro requested an 8.32% CPI increase; however, City Council elected to increase the preliminary Solid Waste assessment 5.16%.
- Resolution 142-22 relates to the City's provision of fire protection services, facilities, and programs, and establishes the estimated fire protection assessed cost and assessment rates for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022. The Fire Protection Preliminary Assessment will remain at 62% cost recovery.
- Resolution 143-22 approves a preliminary stormwater assessment for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The proposed preliminary assessment is a \$5 increase from last year (\$130 to \$135).

Council Establishes Maximum Amount for Millage Rate

Resolution 146-22 relates to the levy of City ad valorem taxes for the 2022 tax year. The millage rate will be determined in September; however, Council set the proposed millage rate at 5.5568, a decrease from the current rate of 6.25.

First public hearing: September 8 at 5:05 p.m.

Final public hearing: September 22 at 5:05 p.m.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A Regular Meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2022, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.