



**In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the August 17, 2022, Cape Coral City Council meeting.**

### **Council Approves Median Landscape Improvements**

City Council approves resolution 118-22 awarding the contract for Chiquita Boulevard South Median Landscape Improvements to P&T Lawn and Tractor Service, Inc. The City Transportation Advisory Commission (CTAC) approved and prioritized a list of roadway medians to beautify with landscaping. The medians along Chiquita Boulevard between SW 54th Terrace and SW 49th Street (approximately .75 miles) are on the list. A consulting firm has designed the landscape and irrigation plans for this roadway according to City standards and input from CTAC. This is a full median landscape and irrigation project that improves the appearance of the roadway, following the City's landscape templates. The work is to be completed 180 days from the notice to proceed, followed by a 365-day maintenance period following final project acceptance.

### **Water Quality Update**

As of Monday, August 15, 2022, Lake Okeechobee has been stable and low for this time of year. There are some moderate to high Blue Green Algae bloom potentials covering about a third of Lake Okeechobee, but no toxins have been detected in the last round of sampling by state agencies. No toxic blue green algae have been reported in the Caloosahatchee this past week.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) received two reports of blue green algae in Cape Coral last week; however, at one location, near the Campo Canal, no algae was observed. At the second reported location near Eliot-Morley Canals, toxin analyses are pending.

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. Staff has begun installing curtains and expects to complete the installation at all ten canals specified by September, weather permitting and barring any unforeseen circumstances.

### **City Manager's Evaluation**

City Council discussed City Manager Rob Hernandez's annual evaluation and determined they would hold the conversation and add the item to their first Regular City Council Meeting in October to coincide with the new fiscal year.

### **Upcoming Public Meetings**

A Joint City Council and Budget Review Committee Budget Workshop is Scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, and a Regular Meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.