



In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the August 31, 2022, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Council Holds Public Conversation with LCEC Representative

LCEC Chief Executive Officer Denise Vidal presented on LCEC's recently increased Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) and discussed year-to-date operating costs for the company. Vidal explained that power cost adjustments fluctuate and increase or decrease as the cost to generate power rises and falls. Vidal explained that the Board of Trustees sets the actual power cost adjustment rate with input from staff. Vidal further explained that the Board of Trustees meets on the third Thursday of every month, and these meetings are open to the public. Several Council Members expressed concerns for residents who felt caught off guard by the rate increase, which seemed to happen with little to no warning. When asked if the electric bills can go down if the cost of natural gas goes down, Vidal explained that it is possible; if the price of natural gas goes down, residents should see a rate decrease. She also said LCEC is offering payment plans for customers.

Council Approves MOU with Waste Pro

City Council approved resolution 198-22, a Memorandum of Understanding and Mutual Release between the City of Cape Coral and Waste Pro of Florida, Inc., to resolve the contractual dispute and settlement of Case No. 2022-CA-001123.

Permitting Process Update

A 60-day action plan overview was provided. The action plan began on August 22 and will go through October 21, 2022. The action plan includes a complete system upgrade from EnerGov version 2022 to the 2021 version with a goal of going "live" with the new version in early October.

Water Quality Update

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) received four reports of blue-green algae in Cape Coral last week from two separate systems. The State agency sampled for toxins on Monday, August 29, 2022, as follows:

- Cat Cay Lake and adjacent canals
- Canals around the Everest marina

Regarding bubble curtains, installation is scheduled to be complete next week in the Chantrey, Palaco Grande, and Coral Pointe canals. The installation of bubble curtains is complete in the Mandolin, Minstrel, Plato, and Moody canals, ongoing in the Lido canal, and pending seawall drilling in the MacKenzie and Everest canals.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A Regular Cape Coral City Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2022, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. A Special Meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 5:05 p.m. in Council Chambers (1st Budget Hearing).