

Cape Recap

Updates from Council Meetings



In case you missed the meeting, the following are highlights from the October 19, 2020, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Award Presentation: PGA Professional Allen Manguson of the City's Coral Oaks Golf Course received the South Florida PGA Award for his work with the PGA Helping Our Patriots Everywhere program and the Honor Flight Charity Fundraiser Golf Tournament.

Council accepted almost \$300,000 in grant funds from various grant awards

\$150,000 West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) grant was accepted for a marine rescue/fireboat. The approved agreement requires a \$150,000 City match. A \$120,310 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant will assist with funding two victim assistance advocate positions who work within the Cape Coral Police Department. A \$16,548 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award will be used to purchase specialized equipment for the Police Department's Investigative Services Bureau. A \$5,000 Volunteer Florida Grant Program award will allow for expansion of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and the "vial of life" program.

Council approved the replacement of a bucket truck that was damaged by fire due to an electrical short.

Council approved a resolution that allows for the purchase of a hydraulic telescopic non-insulated aerial work platform bucket truck from Altec Industries. The purchase amount is \$257,556 from unassigned reserves. The previous 80-foot truck was a total loss and the 2002 vehicle was valued at \$33,325. The truck is used to replace and maintain lights at all City parks and athletic fields and is also used for street light maintenance on Pine Island Road and Del Prado Boulevard North, parking lot lighting, water park maintenance, and building repairs, painting, and pressure washing.

An agreement was approved by Council accepting Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds.

CARES Act funds reimburse municipalities for coronavirus-related expenses and the City is eligible for the maximum amount of about \$2.7 million. The City anticipates that the maximum amount will be received in FY2021.

Council approved a change in law firms for legal services related to the Chiquita Lock.

Council approved a resolution substituting the previously retained law firm for Lewis, Longman, & Walker, P.A.

An amendment to City's Future Land Use Map was approved by Council for 26.19 acres located at 4330 Burnt Store Road.

The approved ordinance amends the City's Comprehensive Plan by amending the Future Land Use Map from Single-Family/Multi-Family (SM) to Commercial/Professional (CP) land use for this

property. In June, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the applicant's (Durden 28, LLC.) request.

Council approved a resolution for hardship deferral of special assessments for certain property owners for Fiscal Year 2021 based on established criteria.

Each year the City receives hardship applications from property owners requesting deferral of all or a portion of certain special assessments and/or fees. Applications are processed under the Hardship Deferral Program and the criteria previously established by the Council. Deferred assessments are paid for by the General Fund. In Fiscal Year 2021, 83 applications were received and 69 met the established criteria for a total deferral amount of \$114,274.41.

Council denied a resolution involving an agreement for contracted turfgrass maintenance and other landscaping work at the City's Coral Oaks Golf Course by an outside firm.

After public input and Council discussion, staff was directed to begin a search for an outside consultant to conduct an operational review of the municipal golf course.

A Committee of the Whole (COW) Meeting is set for Monday, October 26 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.