



In case you missed the meeting, the following are highlights from the October 5, 2020, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Council approved a two-year contract renewal for sewer lining to address inflow and infiltration.

Council approved a resolution that renews an existing contract with Insituform Technologies, LLC for an additional two years for sewer lining. In older sections of the city, the sewer system was constructed using clay pipe. There are 163 miles of clay pipes in the sewer system. The project is part of the City's ongoing efforts to reduce inflow and infiltration impacting the City's sewer system. Reducing inflow and infiltration significantly reduces pumping and maintenance costs and also improves wastewater treatment plant capacity. About 58,726 linear feet of vitrified clay sewer main has been lined and 22 broken or leaking service laterals have been found and lined. The project cost of \$850,000 is in the FY 2021 budget.

The City Manager was authorized by City Council to pay the new Financial Services Director above the mid-point of the pay range for the position.

Council approved a resolution that allows the City Manager to pay Bob Miracle, candidate for the vacant Financial Services Director position, above the midpoint of the salary range. He was selected after a nationwide recruitment and interview process and has extensive professional experience in Florida, North Carolina, and Ohio. Bob will begin in November.

A request to rezone property located at 4232 Agualinda Boulevard to Commercial District was approved by Council.

The hearing examiner also recommended approval of the rezoning request. The 4.54-acre property has a commercial/professional future land use designation and is located in the area known as the Four Corners (SW Corner only). This property is currently vacant and landscaping buffers will be required if/when the property is developed.

Water quality discussion, blue-green algae efforts, and staff presentation

Blue-green algae blooms are present in several freshwater canals that belong to the same freshwater basin. These canals include: Shaughnessey Canal (upstream of the weir) and Aries, Cormorant, Makai, and Highlander canals. As of Friday, October 2, there are no expansive areas of bright lime green discolored water, which would indicate very high cell concentrations, as reported in August and September. The blue-green algae is now limited to some accumulation patches and several areas have returned to normal water quality conditions. DEP measured the toxins in water samples taken on September 14 and very low and no toxins were detected. Signage will remain in place to inform the community of the presence of blue-green algae. A final treatment of targeted peroxide-based algicide will be applied and the Palmetto Pines Golf Course is implementing a treatment to their golf course ponds.

Council approved a concept plan for the Yacht Club that includes significant enhancements to the park.

Changes include a three-level parking garage, relocation of the boat ramp into the marina/yacht basin area, a Police Marine Unit Office, extensive seawall replacement, and expanded docking. City staff will work with park neighbors and other stakeholders on landscape buffers and lighting to mitigate impacts to the residents surrounding the park. Staff will work with the design firm on a fence for security purposes between the captains walk and the boats in the yacht basin. Boat ramp hours and parking fees will be determined by Council at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

A Regular Meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is set for Monday, October 19 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.