

Cape Clips



Updates from Council Meetings

In case you missed the meeting, the following are highlights from the December 14, 2020, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to Assist with Funding the Relocation of a Wastewater Lift Station

City Council accepted federal grant funding for more than \$640,000. These funds will be used to relocate a wastewater lift station and for a new generator to power the lift station if/when power is lost. The current lift station does not have a generator. The current lift station is located in a median on Skyline Boulevard and will be moved to a City-owned vacant property located on the east side of Skyline Boulevard. The lift station receives flow from six surrounding lift stations. Loss of power and service due to weather-related issues would result in sewage overflows for the surrounding residential neighborhoods. Relocation is necessary to add a generator. The generator will be protected against flooding and high wind events. Following Hurricane Irma, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) allocated funding to counties/cities to improve disaster resiliency. The total cost for the project is about \$854,000 and the Utilities Department must fund 25 percent of the cost, which is about \$214,000.

Firm Selected for Local Road Resurfacing

Pavement Maintenance, LLC was selected by City Council following an invitation to bid process to resurface about 41 lane miles of local roadway sections located near Country Club and Academy Boulevards (from SE 10th Street to SE 27th Street). The total project cost, plus contingency, is about \$2.6 million

City Receives Florida Department of Transportation Funds to Conduct Impaired Driving Operations

Council accepted \$71,000 from the Florida Department of Transportation Highway Traffic Safety Funds to conduct impaired driving operations on an overtime basis. The funds also will be used to purchase breath test machine equipment. There is no cash match required.

COVID-19 Testing Expanded for Cape Coral Residents

The City of Cape Coral continues to seek access to COVID-19 testing for residents to limit the spread of the virus in our community. Council approved an agreement with Curative, Inc., which provides FDA-authorized self-administered oral COVID-19 tests. There are no direct costs to the City or community members for testing. For those with health insurance, insurance covers the testing cost and for those without health insurance, various grants are utilized. The City will assist in providing locations on City property, advertisement, and electrical service at any testing locations. Curative is currently contracted for service at the State of Florida sponsored COVID-19 testing site at Century Link Field.

Petition to Council – Use of Golf Carts on Paved Roadways in a Specific Neighborhood

Council received a petition to Council by a resident to use golf carts on roadways in a neighborhood located east of Del Prado Boulevard and is bound by SE 10th Street, SE 11th Terrace, SE 17th Avenue,

and SE 20th Avenue. After discussion, Council decided to have an in-depth discussion on the use of golf carts in the city at a future Committee of the Whole meeting. The topic will be tentatively discussed in February/March, 2021.

Stonewater Community Development District

Council approved Ordinance 79-20, which established the “Stonewater Community Development District” (CDD). This CDD is located south of Tropicana Parkway and west of Nelson Road. The applicant is DR Horton, Inc.

A CDD is a legal entity with several powers that include owning real and personal property. A CDD can adopt by-laws, rules, regulations, and orders. CDDs can obtain funds by borrowing, issuing bonds, and imposing assessments. CDDs can levy taxes on properties within the District. CDD taxes are itemized on property tax statements in addition to county and city governmental taxes and assessments. CDD’s are often formed to establish a financing mechanism to fund construction or infrastructure for new development. The Bella Vida community is the only existing CDD in Cape Coral, however, CDD’s are often used as a tool for development.

Funding for Design of the North 1 Utilities Extension Program (UEP)

Council approved Ordinance 94-20, which allows the City to issue bonds (not to exceed \$10.6 million) to fund the engineering and design for the North 1 water, wastewater, and irrigation water capital improvements. The City issued a Request for Proposals in October for a \$10.6 million bank loan to fund design and engineering of the project. A short-term loan will be taken out with long-term Special Assessment Bonds. The North 1 UEP construction is expected to begin in 2022.

A Regular Meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.