

Cape Clips



Updates from Council Meetings

In case you missed the meeting, the following are highlights from April 21, 2021, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Council Implements Penalties for Waste Pro Incidents

Council voted in favor of monetary penalties against Waste Pro for missed pickups. Penalties going back to March 26 will be levied at \$250 per incident and will increase an additional \$250 every 30 days. Additionally, Waste Pro began large item drop-off events this week (Tuesdays through Saturdays) to help catch up with pickups. This service is optional to Cape Coral residents. Waste Pro continues to pick up large items at the curb, however, the company reported that large item pickup service is delayed. Waste Pro provided the City with an action plan and the company plans to provide regular updates.

Florida SUN Trail Construction Set to Begin in May

Council selected EHC, Inc. of Fort Myers for the construction of the first phase of the Florida SUN Trail along Van Buren Parkway from Burnt Store Road to Nelson Road. The total construction cost for the multi-use trail is about \$5 million. Grant funding from the Florida Department of Transportation will fund most of the project with about \$875,000 due to road widening coming from the City's Five Cent and Road Impact Undesignated Reserves account.

Urban Land Institute (ULI) Agreement and Visioning Process

Council approved an agreement with ULI to develop a vision that will set the tone of future growth over the next 30-50 years. The agreement (\$135,000) that was approved by Council will establish a Plan for future planning, development, and address challenging land use issues. ULI is recognized as a national and international leader in advising on urban development, land use, strategic planning and growth, and image enhancement solutions.

Golf Carts No Longer Allowed in Saratoga Lake Area

Several years ago, Council approved the use of golf carts on city streets in the Saratoga Lake area only. Following a public hearing, Council repealed this previous decision, thus prohibiting golf carts on all city streets. This decision does not impact the use of low-speed vehicles on city streets, which is allowed under state law.

Overnight Parking of Commercial Vehicles and Trailers on City Streets

Council approved Ordinance 30-21 adding 11 new streets to the existing regulation that prohibits overnight parking of commercial vehicles and trailers on city streets that have the proper signage. Overnight parking is prohibited on the streets identified in the Ordinance between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. One particular area that generated multiple complaints is SW 8th Place from SW 26th Street to SW 28th Street.

Introduction: Dogs in Food Service Establishments

A public hearing was set for May 5 concerning dogs in food establishments. Florida Statutes allow an exemption to the prohibition of dogs in food establishments if a local government adopts an ordinance in their Land Development Code. The City established this ordinance in 2007 to allow dogs in certain designated outdoor areas of food service establishments. When the new Land Development Code was adopted in 2019 and this regulation was not included in the Code, thus prohibiting dogs in food establishments. The proposed ordinance would allow dogs in outdoor areas of food establishments again if approved. Business owners would have the option of obtaining a permit to allow dogs in outdoor areas of their establishment.

Upcoming Meetings

A Committee of the Whole is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers