

Cape Clips



Updates from Council Meetings

In case you missed the meeting, the following are highlights from April 7, 2021, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Tour De Cape Youngest Rider Recognized

The youngest rider, Isabella Rodgers, of the Tour De Cape event that was held in January was recognized by the Mayor and City Council. She is nine years old and is in the fourth grade. The Tour De Cape event is an annual event that includes a 5K, 2-mile family bike ride, and 15-30-62-100-mile bike tours in the northwest and southwest Cape.

Grant Received for the Design of Sidewalks near Oasis Elementary North

An agreement was approved by Council between the City and the Florida Department of Transportation for \$60,000 in grant funding to design sidewalks on both sides of SW 29th Avenue from Ceitus Parkway to SW 3rd Lane near Oasis Elementary North. The City expects to receive another grant for the construction of these sidewalks in 2023.

Contract Approved for Administrative Law Judge Services to Conduct Hearings Involving the Removal of Derelict or Abandoned Vessels

The Police Department's Marine Unit investigates complaints of derelict vessels and works with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). FWC and the Sheriff's Office also operate under the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) system and this contract will provide regional enforcement and a collaborative approach to removing these vessels under state law. State law regulates the cost for these services at \$155 per hour for Administrative Law Judges.

Agreement Approved for Artwork in the SE 47th Terrace and Vincennes Boulevard Roundabout

Council approved an agreement with the Community Redevelopment Agency, which has up to \$50,000 to commission a sculpture for the roundabout. Decision-making authority to commission the artwork was granted to the CRA. The Agreement defines the parameters of the project and requires the City to maintain the artwork.

Appointments to Boards/Committees

Ron Austin, a current alternate, was appointed to the Waterway Advisory Board. Stanley Flower was appointed as an alternate of the Waterway Advisory Board.

Judd Creek Sub-District Comprehensive Plan Amendment Withdrawn

The City withdrew a Comprehensive Plan amendment application to remove the Judd Creek Sub-District and the matter will be scheduled for a later date.

Proposed Land Use Change for about 5 acres along Trafalgar Parkway Denied

A request to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan/Future Land Use Map for property located at 1018 SW 15th Terrace was denied by the Council after discussion and input from several residents who live in the area. The applicant was seeking a land-use change from Commercial/Professional to Multi-Family Residential. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval and staff recommended denial.

Public Hearing Set for April 21 to Expand Prohibition of Overnight Parking of Commercial Vehicles and Trailers

A public hearing will take place on April 21 concerning the addition of streets to an existing ordinance that prohibits overnight parking of commercial vehicles and trailers. The expansion is in response to many complaints received by the city.

Upcoming Meetings

A Committee of the Whole Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14 at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers.