

# Cape Clips



## Updates from Council Meetings

In case you missed the meeting, the following are highlights from the February 17, 2021, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

### **City Secures More Irrigation Water for the Dry Season**

A bid was awarded to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for irrigation tanks and a pump station project that will store up to 5 million gallons of irrigation water for the dry season. The total cost of the project is about \$12.6 million. This project involves the construction of a storage and pumping facility located on City-owned property that is northwest of the German-American Club and behind the self-storage facility that is being constructed on Pine Island Road. Two reinforced concrete storage tanks will store the irrigation water used for lawn watering by property owners in the Southwest 6&7 and North 2 UEP areas with adequate irrigation system pressure.

Council also approved a three-year agreement between the City and B.P. LLC (SW Aggregates) that will provide additional irrigation water during the dry season. The City will pay \$0.25 per 1,000 gallons of water. The total cost of the agreement for pumping an estimated 500 million to 1 billion gallons of water during each dry season to supplement the City's freshwater canal system and irrigation system ranges between \$749,490 to \$874,490. For comparison, the cost to supplement potable drinking water into the irrigation system cost \$902,276 in 2017. The additional water will be delivered from a reservoir in the southern part of Charlotte County to the Gator Slough. All of the necessary permits to pump water were obtained in 2020.

### **Yacht Club Community Park Construction Manager at Risk Selected for Park Improvements**

Wright Construction, Inc. was selected to provide Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) services for the Yacht Club Community Park following a request for proposal and response from seven firms. An agreement for about \$331,000 was approved by Council for pre-construction services (Phase I) for Yacht Club Community Park improvements. The construction services (Phase II) will be brought forward when the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) is determined.

### **Appointments to Boards/Committees**

Council approved the appointment of Community Redevelopment Agency Chair Linda Biondi and Vice-Chair Janis Keim.

Edmund Jackson was reappointed to the Health Facilities Authority.

Jeffrey Slapper and Anthony Bennie were appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and Barbara Safranek and Keith Long were appointed as alternates to the Commission.

### **Budget Amendment No. 1 Fiscal Year 2021**

Following a public hearing, Council approved a budget amendment via Ordinance 13-21. Total revenues and expenditures increased by about \$2.8 million. Budget amendments are part of the municipal budget process and are used to reconcile the working budget to reflect changes that occur

throughout the fiscal year. The amended budget has no impact on taxpayers and amendments will be presented quarterly.

### **District 1 Council Member Appointed**

Following the interviews of 10 applicants for the vacant District 1 Council seat, City Council appointed Gloria Tate to fulfill the remainder of the term. Congratulations Council Member Gloria Tate!

### **COVID Update**

Demand for the COVID-19 vaccination continues to be much greater than the number of doses provided to the State of Florida. The Curative testing site in Cape Coral remains open 7 days a week. The local numbers of COVID cases continue a downward trend, however, washing your hands frequently, wearing a mask, and practicing social distancing are still important.

### **Upcoming Meeting**

A Committee of the Whole Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 3 p.m. in Conference A200, (Green Room) 815 Nicholas Parkway E.