

# Cape Clips



## Updates from Council Meetings

In case you missed the meeting, the following are highlights from February 3, 2021, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

### **District 1 Council Vacancy Process**

Following Council discussion, a process was identified for filling the District 1 vacancy. The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 5. Candidates for the District 1 seat will participate in one-on-one interviews with Council Members following the application deadline. Candidates also will provide an opening statement and answer questions from each Council Member at the Regular Meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, February 17. The Council plans to appoint a candidate to the vacant seat at the February 17 meeting, which will be followed by a swearing-in.

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

Lee Scheele, Jr. was appointed to the Budget Review Committee

Duane John Hord and David Kenney were appointed to the Golf Course Advisory Board

### **City Initiates Future Land Use Amendment of 182 Acres**

Council approved a city-initiated Future Land Use Map amendment from Commercial/Professional to Mixed-Use for about 182 acres often referred to as "Academic Village", which is located next to the North Cape Industrial Park near the intersection of Kismet Parkway and Del Prado Boulevard North. The amendment will provide additional opportunities for industrial properties on the large tract. Planning and Zoning recommended approval. The amendment will be transmitted to the state for review.

### **Residential Rental Property Registration Ordinance**

The Council withdrew the consideration of Ordinance 8-21, which is a residential rental property registration ordinance. Just before the Council Meeting began new information was received concerning a potential state pre-emption that could impact the proposed Ordinance. The topic is expected to come back to Council at an upcoming meeting.

### **Budget Amendment Public Hearing Set for February 17**

A public hearing will take place on February 17 concerning a budget amendment. 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.

### **COVID Update**

Demand for the COVID-19 vaccination continues to be much greater than the number of doses provided to the State of Florida. Lee County's vaccination site is prepared to administer many more doses than the number of doses that are currently available.

The Curative testing site in Cape Coral remains open 7 days a week and about 200-300 people a day are being tested. The local numbers of COVID cases are trending in the right direction however, washing your hands frequently, wearing a mask, and practicing social distancing continues to be important.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

A Committee of the Whole Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

A Regular Meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is Scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.