

# Cape Clips



## Updates from Council Meetings

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

### **Nicholas Parkway Waterline Replacements, Drainage Improvements, and Paving**

In 2019, David Douglas Associates Inc. was awarded the design contract for Nicholas Parkway waterline replacements, drainage improvements, and paving. The firm recently consolidated its operation into Cardno Inc. and the active Nicholas Parkway project design contract was reassigned to Cardno Inc. The terms of the original contract will remain in place with an estimated \$136,600 remaining.

### **“Joe Coviello Park” Will Honor the Former Mayor**

Council approved naming the unimproved environmental park located just south of Oasis High School (3514 Oasis Woods Boulevard) “Joe Coviello Park” to honor and recognize the former Mayor’s dedication and service to the city and its residents. The Park will be developed as part of the Parks GO Bond.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Agreement**

A no-cost COVID-19 vaccine agreement was approved by Council between the City and Curative Medical Associates, Inc. to deliver vaccines to individuals in our area.

The City entered into a no-cost agreement with Curative Medical Associates Inc. in 2020, to allow Curative to use City-owned property (1020 Cultural Park Boulevard) for COVID-19 testing. Additionally, Curative was granted a limited license for the storage of vaccines and to provide flu and COVID-19 vaccines to the public. Curative will operate COVID-19 vaccine administration teams, pursue partnerships with academic institutions and community organizations, and acquire all equipment necessary. Curative will administer the vaccine and seek reimbursement from third-party payers, including the vaccine recipient’s health insurer, and federal and state government programs. More information will be forthcoming, when available.

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

Sean Hartman and Carol Reiss were appointed to the Community Development Block Grant

Melanie Williamson was appointed to the Budget Review Committee

Donald Apking, Marlissa Gervasoni, and Jim Hoffmann were appointed to the Grievance Committee

## **Removal of Exotic Plants and Tree Planting at Public Parks and Rec Facilities (Ordinance 96-20)**

Council approved changes to the Land Development Code that apply only to public parks and recreational facilities. One of these changes allows invasive exotic vegetation to be removed from a park in phases rather than the current regulation, which requires total removal when any development occurs. Changes also allow for a reduction to the tree planting requirement for public parks, especially in environmental parks or parks with large open areas (e.g. baseball fields and soccer fields).

## **Introduction: Residential Rental Property Registration- Public Hearing Date Set for March 17 (Ordinance 24-21)**

The Council will consider a residential rental property registration ordinance. Public input is encouraged at the public hearing, however, comments can be submitted online. Visit [capecoral.net](http://capecoral.net) and click on the “agendas & minutes” quick link on the homepage, then select the “ecomment on agendas” icon that is located near the middle of the page. Ecomments are made part of the official record that all council members receive before consideration.

## **Customer Service Division Created Within the Department of Community Development**

A new customer service division will be created within the City’s Department of Community Development that will be funded by building permit fees. The goal is to funnel all building permit and site development plan applications to the new division to improve efficiency that will benefit customers.

## **Charter Review Commission to be Convened**

A Charter Review Commission will be convened to make Charter amendment recommendations to City Council. The City’s Charter is a legal document that defines the city’s form of government, identifies the functions of the Council and City Manager, and establishes procedures for filling Council vacancies. According to the Charter, the Charter Review Commission must be established at least every six years to make Charter amendment recommendations to City Council.

## **2021 Council Meeting Schedule Revised**

The 2021 Council Meeting Schedule was revised by Council and additional Committee of the Whole (COW) Workshops were added. The public meeting schedule on the City’s website ([capecoral.net](http://capecoral.net)) will be revised to reflect these changes.

## **COVID Update**

COVID numbers are still trending in a downward trend. Emergency officials are monitoring data for variants of the virus. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine was recently approved for distribution. More than 75,000 people have been vaccinated in Lee County.

Testing remains important. The Curative testing site (1020 Cultural Park Blvd.) in Cape Coral remains open 7 days a week. Visit [curative.com](http://curative.com) to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

A Committee of the Whole (COW) Workshop Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, March 10 at 9 a.m. at The Westin Cape Coral Resort at Marina Village (5951 Silver King Boulevard).