



In case you missed the meeting, the following are highlights from the September 21, 2020, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Council awarded a contract for Santa Barbara Boulevard and Cape Coral Parkway intersection improvements following an invitation to bid process. Council approved a resolution that awards a contract to Ajax Paving Industries of Florida LLC., for Santa Barbara Boulevard and Cape Coral Parkway intersection improvements. The project includes all labor, materials, equipment, and operations necessary to complete the work that includes: milling, resurfacing, sidewalk, curb, gutter, storm drainage inlet, and striping. The project cost is \$526,400.

Council approved a contract for HVAC replacement at the Lake Kennedy Recreation Center building. Council approved a resolution with Charles Perry Partners, Inc. for the replacement of HVAC systems at the Lake Kennedy Recreation Center building for \$285,484. The heating ventilation and air conditioning systems, ductwork, and associated electrical work will be replaced. Since 1990, the Lake Kennedy Center has been offering social, recreational, and educational activities. The building is home to the Friendship Center Dining Program and the Cape Coral Mini-Bus Service, which provides meals and transport services to disadvantaged residents.

Council accepted a \$1.5 million grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Cape Coral/Fort Myers reclaimed water pipeline “Caloosahatchee Connect” project. The City was awarded \$1.5 million in State Appropriations grant funding for the state’s FY 2021 budget. The grant will be used for construction-related costs of the river crossing pipeline. To date, the City has received about \$8.8 million in grant funding for the project.

The additional reclaimed water will provide water for irrigation use and fire protection purposes to Cape Coral. The reclaimed water will reduce withdrawals from freshwater canals and help maintain water levels during the dry season. The reclaimed water transmission pipeline also will allow the City of Fort Myers to dispose of surplus reclaimed water in an environmentally friendly way and reduce the need to discharge into the Caloosahatchee River.

Council approved an amendment to the vacant lot mowing services contract
A contract amendment was approved to the lot mowing services contract that will provide three additional mows annually for a total of 10 mows. The costs for the lot mowing are paid annually by the vacant low owners who receive the lot mowing services. Property owners that receive the vacant low mowing services will pay between \$65.32 and \$92.30 a year for 10 mows in Fiscal Year 2021 depending on the geographical area of the property.

Water quality discussion and staff presentation

Water sampled on September 14 in the Makai Canal contained microcystins toxins and samples from the Highlander, Shaughnessey, and Boris canals did not contain detectable levels of toxins. FGCU and the City deployed algal air toxin samplers in this area to study the impact of blue-green algae. The City is using clay and other technologies to mitigate the algae.

Utilities Department Rate Sufficiency Analysis Report and staff presentation

A report by Stantec Consulting services indicates that no rate adjustments are needed. Additionally, current projections do not identify a need for rate adjustments over the FY 2021 – FY 2025 planning period.

A Committee of the Whole Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Yacht Club Community Park concept plan is expected to be discussed at this non-voting meeting.