

In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the October 18, 2023, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Community Recognition: Liz McCauley, Cape Coral Animal Shelter

City Council and the City Manager recognize the exemplary achievements of Cape Coral residents. Liz McCauley, Executive Director of the Cape Coral Animal Shelter, provided invaluable support to the community by providing food, supplies, and crates to pet owners and pet foster parents impacted by Hurricane Ian.

Council Approves Traffic Signal Design for Three New Intersections

City Council approved Resolution 276-23 to fund traffic signal and roadway improvement design for three intersections. These new intersections will be at Chiquita Boulevard North and Embers Parkway West; Santa Barbara Boulevard North and Tropicana Parkway West; and Andalusia Boulevard and Diplomat Parkway East.

Council Approves Replacement of Bleachers at Athletic Parks

City Council approved Resolution 287-23, allowing bleachers to be replaced at Caloosa Park, Cape Coral Sports Complex, Koza-Saladino Park, Pelican Baseball Complex, Storm Football Complex, and the BMX Bike Track. Inspections completed after Hurricane Ian revealed safety concerns with the stability of the bleachers at these facilities.

Council Approves Updated Concept for Jaycee Park Improvements

City Council approved Resolution 288-23, allowing Pennoni to move forward with the design of Jaycee Park improvements using the updated concept presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Oct. 11, 2023. At the 30 percent design point, City staff and Pennoni will schedule another public open house to show the progress of the design process.

Council Approves Pine Island Corridor Vision Plan

City Council approved Resolution 290-23 to proceed with the Pine Island Corridor Vision and Action Plan, which was prepared using a robust public engagement process. This Vision Plan will serve as a guide for transportation and land use related decisions over the next 50 years.

Council Approves Acceptance of Hurricane Housing Recovery Funds

City Council approved Resolution 299-23, accepting grant funding from the State of Florida to fund the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program. The funds were allocated to counties impacted by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. Planned activities include emergency repair, construction and redevelopment, and extension of the insurance deductible recovery program.

Council Approves Ordinance Amending Board Member Terms

City Council approved Ordinance 84-23, which amends board member terms from all existing boards, excluding the CRA, to two-year terms for a maximum of two terms. All terms will have the same beginning and end of term in the respective years.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers.