

In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the September 20, 2023, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

# Community Recognition: Avery Jones, BMX World Championship

City Council and the City Manager recognize the exemplary achievements of Cape Coral residents. Avery Jones competed for Team USA at the UCI BMX World Championship in Scotland on August 13, placing 13th in the world for her age.

#### Council Approves Repairs, Renovations at Burton Memorial Park

City Council approved Resolution 153-23 to move forward with repairs and renovations of amenities damaged during Hurricane Ian at Burton Memorial Park. These amenities include new dugouts to all four (4) fields, replacement of scoreboards, and a new parking lot to address flooding and safety issues, among other items.

#### **Council Approves Replacement of South RO Plant Roof**

City Council approved Resolution 247-23, allowing an emergency purchase for immediate renovations and replacement of the South Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant roof. The building sustained heavy damage from Hurricane Ian, and a complete roof replacement is warranted.

### **Council Approves Grant Funding for Victim Advocates**

City Council approved Resolution 250-23, accepting grant funding from the Office of Attorney General to fund 75 percent of two Victim Assistance Advocate positions for the Cape Coral Police Department.

### **Council Approves Elimination of the Budget Review Committee**

City Council approved Resolution 264-23, rescinding Resolution 5-12 and eliminating the Budget Review Committee.

# **Council Approves Program Providing Officers with Naloxone**

City Council approved Resolution 265-23, approving participation in the Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) program through the Florida Department of Health. The Cape Coral Police Department will receive naloxone at no cost for sworn personnel to carry. Naloxone is an opioid overdose treatment that helps reduce the number of drug and opioid-related deaths.

### Council Appoints Ilczyszyn as Cape Coral City Manager

Council unanimously approved the employment contract for City Manager Michael Ilczyszyn.

## **Council Approves Lee County Charter Review Board Annexation Resolution**

City Council approved the Lee County Charter Review Board Annexation Resolution, opposing any amendment(s) to the Charter of Lee County, Florida, which would modify, change, or mandate additional requirements for voluntary annexation by a city.

## **Upcoming Public Meetings**

A special meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2023, beginning at 5:05 p.m. in Council Chambers. This is the second and final budget hearing.

A special meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers.

A Committee of the Whole (COW) is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers. The COW meeting will take place immediately following the September 27 special meeting.