

In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the May 1, 2024, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Community Recognition: Guardian Angels for Special Pops

City Council and the City Manager recognize the exemplary achievements of Cape Coral residents. The Guardian Angels for Special Populations is a volunteer, non-profit, tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) organization providing support to the programs at the Freida B. Smith Special Populations Center in Cape Coral, Florida. Since April 1996, the Guardian Angels for Special Populations has raised funds through community-wide fundraising events and grants.

City Manager Provides Update on FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Decision City Manager Michael Ilczyszyn provided an update to council regarding the City's efforts towards FEMA compliance and preserving our CRS rating of 5. On Tuesday, April 30, the City initiated a series of code enforcement cases related to properties flagged by FEMA for unpermitted work post-Hurricane Ian. Hearings thus far have yielded varied outcomes: some found not guilty of unpermitted work, others guilty of not completing FEMA paperwork despite having permits, and some guilty of both unpermitted work and incomplete FEMA documentation. We've submitted two batches of documentation to FEMA, one already cleared without further concerns. Our focus remains on meeting the May 9th deadline, underscoring our ongoing dedication to this program.

Council Approves Design Services for Youth Center Skate Park Building

City Council approved Ordinance 116-24, awarding design services for the Skate Park building to Burt Hill/Pollock Krieg Architects. The current modular building is 20 years old and has surpassed its useful life. The proposed building will be approximately 3,200 square feet, and the new building will contain office space, small classrooms, a concession area, and a pro shop, along with areas for storage and building support services.

Council Approves Design Services for Public Works Fleet Facility

Council approved Ordinance 117-24, awarding design services for the Fleet Maintenance and Property Management buildings to Weston & Sampson Engineers. The company originally provided services for a feasibility study and will now complete professional design services.

Council Approves Grant Funding for Purchase of Thermal Imaging Cameras

Council approved Ordinance 137-24, accepting grant funds from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation totaling approximately \$45K. This funding will be used to purchase 53 thermal imaging cameras and carabiner mounts.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2024, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. This meeting is in lieu of the previously approved Committee of the Whole that was scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.