



In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the October 16, 2024, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Community Heroism Award: Michael Gordon

Cape Coral Mayor John Gunter recognizes the bravery and courage of Cape Coral residents. On September 9, 2024, Michael Gordon demonstrated extraordinary heroism when he rescued an older woman from her submerged car in a pond at the Isles of Porto Vista. Gordon swam to the sinking vehicle and brought her to safety. His bravery and quick action saved her life.

Council Accepts Grant to Fund Teen Driving Safety Program

Council approved Resolution 341-24, accepting \$42,000 in Highway Traffic Safety Funding from the Florida Department of Transportation. This grant funds the purchase of equipment and educational programming specific to teen driving.

Council Approves Parks Master Plan Update

Council approved Resolution 323-24, awarding Pros Consulting, Inc., the Parks Master Plan Update and Development of a Financial Sustainability Strategy. An updated Parks Master Plan ensures adequate growth of the Cape Coral Parks System, modernization of the level of service standards in the Comprehensive Plan, and continual funding opportunities for the parks system.

Council Approves Amendment to the City's Local Housing Assistance Plan

Council approved Resolution 339-24, setting the strategies that City staff will use to implement the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program. This includes a new strategy to provide rental assistance in the form of security deposits and the first and last month's rent.

Council Approves Land Purchase for Irrigation Water Supply Reservoir

Council approved Resolution 344-24, allowing the purchase of approximately 1,202 acres just north of the Lee County line in NW Cape Coral to develop a water supply reservoir for the City's irrigation system. This new freshwater reservoir will store approximately 1.5 billion gallons of water that can be withdrawn annually from rainfall. The reservoir will support irrigation needs as the City continues to grow.

Council Approves Amendment to Land Development Code for Car Wash Facilities

Council approved Ordinance 66-24, amending the Cape Coral Land Development Code to establish conditions for car wash facilities in Article 5, Chapter 11, creating Section 5.11.17. This includes locational and enclosure requirements, residential adjacency guidelines, and specifications for landscaping, hours of operation, and storage/display.

Council Approves Amendment to Land Development Code for Storage Facilities

Council approved Ordinance 67-24 to update regulations for Self-Service Storage Facilities within the City Limits. These changes aim to establish locational and operational standards, minimize the impact on nearby low-intensity uses, preserve valuable commercial land, and promote a balanced economic landscape. The modifications impose limits on total square footage, as well as requirements for location, enclosure, landscaping, outdoor storage, hours of access, and other restrictions.

Council Approves Victory Park Community Development District Expansion

Council approved Resolution 72-24, expanding the boundaries of the Victory Park Community Development District. This area has been expanded to the east, increasing the total acreage from 137.39 acres to 259.36 acres.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A Committee of the Whole is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers.