



In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the July 17, 2024, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Community Recognition: Cape Coral Rowing Club

City Council and the City Manager recognize the exemplary achievements of Cape Coral residents. The Cape Coral Rowing Club has earned the City of Cape Coral's Community Recognition Award for the achievements of its youth rowing program.

Council Approves Lee County to Manage Cape Coral Private Well Permitting

Council approved Resolution 180-24, approving an interlocal agreement between the City of Cape Coral and the Lee County Department of Natural Resources, allowing the County to conduct private well permitting and inspection. This will ensure that new private residential wells are drilled to an adequate depth and properly constructed for the benefit of citizens and the protection of groundwater resources in the City of Cape Coral.

Council Approves Lot Purchase for Future Boat Ramp Site

Council approved Resolution 232-24 for the purchase of 2411 NW 15th Place, allowing the City to permit a new permanent boat ramp for Basin 4, replacing one affected by Festival Park's development. The City aims to secure ownership of access points in each of the 19 freshwater canal systems in Cape Coral. The City currently owns 33 boat ramp sites in 18 systems. Temporary access on private properties has been used but is subject to changes in ownership.

Council Approves Resolutions for Burrowing Owl Habitats

Council approved Resolution 196-24, allowing Cape Coral to use grant funding to acquire property for burrowing owl conservation. The City was awarded \$900K from the FWC Burrowing Owl Habitat Protection Grant for owl preservation projects. Council also approved Resolution 236-24, allowing the Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife to maintain, monitor, and report habitat management activities around the burrowing owl sites.

Council Approves Utility Rate Increases

Council approved Resolution 222-24, allowing for an 11 percent increase in utility rates for 2024-2026. Like many other utilities nationwide, Cape Coral faces rising operational costs due to inflation. Despite this increase, Cape Coral will still have the lowest water, wastewater, and irrigation rates compared to neighboring utilities.

Council Amends Health and Sanitation Rules for Construction Sites

Council approved Ordinance 44-24, restricting the use of wooden boxes as refuse containers at construction sites. The updated ordinance requires a rigid dumpster or dumpster bag on-site during construction, renovation, or remodeling at job sites.

Council Annexes 10 Acres of Land into the City of Cape Coral

Council approved Ordinance 46-24, allowing the annexation of 10.10 acres in the Saddlewood Farms Subdivision into the City of Cape Coral, redefining the City boundaries. The annexed property will receive Fire Department and Utility services.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.