



**In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the July 24, 2024, Cape Coral City Council meeting.**

**Community Recognition: Gymnast Olivia Williams**

City Council and the City Manager recognize the exemplary achievements of Cape Coral residents. Local gymnast Olivia Williams placed in the 2024 USA Gymnastics Women's Collegiate National Championships.

**First Public Hearing Held for Cape Coral Grove, Second Set for Aug. 7**

The first public hearing was held on the Cape Coral Grove mixed-use development planned for a 131-acre lot on Pine Island Road between Chiquita Boulevard and Burnt Store Road. The economic impact of this development is expected to be \$1.3 billion. The current project plan features a variety of retail spaces, entertainment venues, a hotel, and luxury apartments and townhomes. The second and final public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7.

**Council Approves Construction of Traffic Signal at Del Prado and Averill**

Council approved Resolution 213-24, approving a bid to construct a traffic signal at Del Prado Boulevard North and Averill Boulevard. This resolution includes the construction of new left turn lanes, installing street lighting, milling, and resurfacing, installing crosswalks and ADA curbs, and signing and pavement markings.

**Council Approves Design Services for Cape Coral Fire Station No. 10**

Council approved Resolution 229-24, approving professional design services for Cape Coral Fire Station No. 10, located at 3623 Gator Circle West. The current station is a repurposed single-family home that no longer meets the needs of firefighters or the community. The new design will support the city's future growth needs.

**Council Approves Fee Structure for Lake Kennedy Racquet Center**

Council approved Resolution 246-24 with the following caveats:

- Cape Coral residents who are first responders or veterans will receive a 20 percent discount on the annual membership rate in perpetuity
- Founding members (those who sign up for an annual membership by September 30, 2024) will receive a 50 percent discount on the annual membership rate for the first year

The Racquet Center will be a premier tournament facility featuring 32 pickleball courts, 12 tennis courts, and a pro shop, office, and concession stand.

**First Public Hearing Held for Jaycee Park P3, Second Set for Aug. 7**

The first public hearing was held on the Unsolicited Public-Private Partnership proposal received for the Jaycee Park Improvement Project. The second public hearing, scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, will include a final comprehensive agreement and a concessionaire's agreement for Council approval.

**Council Approves “Not-to-Exceed” Millage Rate**

City Council approved the “not-to-exceed” millage rate of 5.2188. The final millage rate will be set at public hearings in September. The final millage rate cannot be set higher than the proposed millage rate.

**Upcoming Public Meetings**

A Committee of the Whole is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.