

In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the August 7, 2024, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Community Recognition: Military Order of the Purple Heart

City Council and the City Manager recognize the exemplary achievements of Cape Coral residents. The Military Order of the Purple Heart - Chapter 696 is comprised of Combat Wounded veterans who proudly continue to serve their country by helping America's active duty, veterans, their families, and those who have borne the burden of battle throughout all of Lee, Hendry and Collier counties. They have been instrumental in helping Cape Coral honor its title as a Purple Heart City.

Jaycee Park Second, Final Public Hearing Deferred to August 21 Meeting Council granted City Management's request to continue and defer the second and final public hearing for Resolution 209-24 on the unsolicited public-private partnership proposal for the Jaycee Park Improvement Project from August 7 to August 21.

Council Approves 19-Acre Purchase in CRA District to Revitalize South Cape
Council approved Resolution 235-24, purchasing 43 parcels located south of Cape Coral
Parkway between Tarpon Court and Coronado Parkway. These parcels, totaling nearly 19
acres, are set to become the foundation for a comprehensive redevelopment project
featuring new housing, commercial spaces, and public amenities.

Council Approves Purchase of Former Golf Course in CRA District

Council approved Resolution 260-24, purchasing 175 acres north of Cape Coral along Palm Tree Boulevard. This land was previously used as a golf course, and since its close in 2006, it has caused significant blight in the community.

Council Approves Cape Coral Grove Development in NW Cape

Council approved Ordinance 64-24, approving a development agreement for a mixed-use project, Cape Coral Grove, 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.

Council Approves Creation of Emergency Management Department

City Council approved Ordinance 45-24, creating a new City Department: Emergency Management and Resilience. This new department allows City staff to streamline and ensure the successful execution of Emergency Management services for the Citizens of Cape Coral.

Council Approves South Cape Downtown Redevelopment Plan

City Council amended and adopted the South Cape Downtown Redevelopment Plan brought forward by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). The purpose of a CRA is to revitalize areas that have fallen into decline, address blight, and foster economic growth.

Upcoming Public Meetings

The Cape Coral City Council Budget Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2024, beginning at 2 p.m. in Council Chambers.

A Special Cape Coral City Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 2024, beginning at 1 p.m. in Conference Room 220A.