

In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the May 21, 2025, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Council Awards Contract for Business Community Resiliency Plan

Council approved Resolution 133-25, awarding a contract to Integrated Solutions Consulting Corp. to establish the Cape Coral Business Community Resiliency Plan. This initiative aims to assess and address the specific needs of local businesses and institutions following significant storm events, such as Hurricane Ian. This plan will serve as a foundational framework to support the recovery and long-term sustainability of the City's commercial sectors by identifying both immediate recovery needs and long-term opportunities for economic development and resilience.

Council Awards Contract for Chiquita Boulevard Corridor Improvements

Council approved Resolution 144-25, awarding a contract to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., to provide professional engineering and design services to prepare the Corridor Access Management Plan for the Chiquita Boulevard Corridor, between Veterans Memorial Parkway and Cape Coral Parkway. The plan will aim to enhance roadway safety and alleviate congestion by proposing improvements, including intersection modifications and the addition of left-turn lanes. The project will include an access management study, sight distance analysis, curbing design, and landscape planning.

Council Approves New Agreements for SROs in Cape Coral Schools

Council approved Resolutions 153-25, 154-25, and 155-25, entering into new agreements with Cape Coral Charter School Authority, Mid Cape Global Academy, and the School Board of Lee County to provide SROs for the 2025-2026 school year under the Cape Coral Police Department School Resource Officer Program.

City Staff Unveils Well Data Portal to Inform Homebuyers and Residents

City staff unveiled the <u>Well Data Portal</u>, which provides easy access to current and historical well permit data, including well depth, installation date, contractor information, and more. The Well Data Portal is a new online resource designed to help residents, homebuyers, real estate professionals, home inspectors, and contractors make informed decisions about private wells in the city.

Council Approves Irrigation Rate Increase to Support Purchase of Water Reservoir

Council approved Resolution 140-25, amending the irrigation service rates originally listed in Resolution 222-24, from \$9.50 to \$13.40, with changes to other irrigation rates for multi-family and non-residential. In October 2024, City Council approved the purchase of 1,202 acres of vacant land with a reservoir in Charlotte County. The increase in irrigation service rates supports this acquisition and associated construction costs. This reservoir will help support the City's irrigation system by refilling our freshwater canals and is a critical investment in our City's future.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A Cape Coral Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers.