

In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the August 20, 2025, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Council Awards Economic Incentives to Bones Coffee Company

Council approved Resolution 230-25, awarding a set of economic incentives to Cape Coral-based Bones Coffee Company to promote local business, expand employment opportunities, and enhance economic activity within the City. The economic incentive package totals just over \$2 million and aims to support the development of a new 90,000-square-foot production plant, fulfillment center, warehouse, office space, and retail store. This initiative is projected to bring a \$25 million investment to Cape Coral and create an additional 55 local jobs.

Council Approves Purchase of Properties for Burrowing Owl Habitat Preservation Council approved Resolution 232-25, approving the purchase of two residential sites in Northwest Cape Coral for the purpose of burrowing owl habitat preservation associated with the Burrowing Owl Habitat Protection Grant project.

Council Approves 9/11 Flag-Planting at Bernice Braden Park

Council approved Resolution 249-25, approving temporary use of Bernice Braden Park by Sun Broadcasting for the planting of 2,977 United States of America flags to honor the lives lost in the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Council Expands Support for Criminal Justice Academy Recruit Training and Certification

Council approved Resolution 252-25, increasing funding for students at the Southwest Florida Criminal Justice Academy, law enforcement division, providing an additional nine academy tuition sponsorships and seven State exam fees. The mission of the Academy is to train officers in accordance with the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, maintaining high standards in both content and instructional quality.

Council Approves Cape Coral Grove Development Agreement

Council approved Ordinance 30-35, memorializing the First Amended and Restated Cape Coral Grove Development Agreement for a 131-acre mixed-use project on Pine

Island Road known as Cape Coral Grove. This development plan includes a blend of residential, commercial, hospitality, and office space. The agreement is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and aims to broaden Cape Coral's economy, provide diverse housing options, and deliver a modern town center that supports residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

Boathouse Update

An agreement has not yet been finalized. The City initiated the procurement process to demolish the existing structure. The City Manager remains committed to working with the Boathouse and its owners to ensure the building is demolished and rebuilt in a way that best serves our community.

Upcoming Public Meetings

- A **Special City Council Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 220A.
- A **Regular City Council Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 4 p.m. in Council Chambers.