

In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the June 7, 2023, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

## **Community Recognition: Cape Coral Swimmer Hayden Tedhams**

City Council and the City Manager recognize the exemplary achievements of Cape Coral residents. Cape Coral High School Freshman Hayden Tedhams was named district champion and has amassed a long list of swimming accolades at the regional, state, and national levels.

Council Approves Resolution 141-23 to Move Forward with Compensation Study City Council approved Ordinance 141-23 to move forward with a Total Compensation Study to review the City's compensation and pay methodologies. This study's projected completion date is October 2023, which would update the previous analysis performed in 2015.

## Council Approves Resolution 154-23 to Increase Pay for City Employees

City Council approved ordinance 154-23, approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, AFL-CIO Local 2301, to increase employee pay and range adjustments. An increase of 4.25 percent for bargaining employees and 1.25 percent for non-bargaining employees will be retroactive to April 1, 2023.

## **Yacht Club Update**

The Boathouse Restaurant is anticipated to reopen in time for the Fourth of July holiday. Public Works is clearing the parking lot of debris, and the parking lot lights are being repaired. Temporary fencing and signs for closed amenities are in place, with adjustments pending for the Boathouse opening.

The public boat ramp remains closed to the community. FDEM and FWC are using the boat ramp for derelict vessel removal. Lee County is using the boat ramp to repair waterway navigation aids. These agencies will use the public boat ramp through August 31, 2023.

The Yacht Club Beach remains closed as the city prepares the beach for opening, which requires raking the landside beach, raking the waterside beach, and refurbishing the beach

with new sand. State and/or Federal Permits are required to perform the beach work. The existing restrooms, two pavilions, and the playground will be demolished. The city plans to have portable toilets on site for the beach opening, which is anticipated for August 31, 2023, pending approval of the permits for beach cleanup and all other tasks are completed.

The Marina and all other Yacht Club Community Park amenities remain closed. If Council approves it at the June 14 Council Meeting, the city plans to proceed with demolishing the Yacht Club and deconstructing the Ball Room building while saving elements for reuse in the new facilities. The demolition work is anticipated to start in October.

The future waterside design and construction, including seawalls, a boat ramp, and the marina, is contingent on ACOE and DEP permits. If Council approves it at the June 14 Council Meeting, the city will move forward with the Landside Master Plan, which Kimley Horn will complete.

## **Upcoming Public Meetings**

A special meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.