

Cape Clips

Updates from Council Meetings

In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the December 15, 2021, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Chief Sizemore Named Top Executive, Cape Police Maintain CALEA Certification

City Manager Rob Hernandez congratulated Cape Coral Police Chief Anthony Sizemore, who was selected by his peers as the Southwest Florida Police Chief Association's 2021 Outstanding Chief Executive Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Mr. Hernandez also announced that the City of Cape Coral Police Department once again maintained its accreditation with the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. He stated, "Our police department upholds the highest standards in operations, and that shows the professional excellence that exists in our police department."

CALEA is the international gold standard for law enforcement accreditation.



Ordinance 96-21 Passes, altering the lease agreement between the City and the Cape Coral Charter School Authority

The City Council approved the ordinance, which lowers the base rent charged by the City, and increases the City's responsibilities for maintenance and upkeep. The lease term began on July 1, 2011, and has been renewed in five-year increments, with the current lease term being July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026.

The City entered into a Master Lease Agreement with the Cape Coral Charter School Authority in October 2011 to lease properties that comprise the Cape Coral

Charter School system. The lease includes Oasis Elementary South, Oasis Elementary North, Oasis Middle, Oasis High School, and other facilities on the parcels.

Ordinance 99-21 Approved

This ordinance creates the Economic Development and Business Incentive Fund, allowing the City to attract and retain companies and facilities. The hope is that the fund will stimulate private investment in Cape Coral, expand and diversify the City's tax base, and attract new business and residents. Prospective businesses will be required to submit an application for the incentives. Their projects must positively contribute to the community.

Ordinance 100-21 Approved

The City Council approved an ordinance creating and establishing the Cape Competes Advisory Board. The board will serve as a voice of local businesses, advocating on their behalf to the City Manager and City Council. They will offer recommendations and furnish input to assist in policymaking.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A Regular Meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is Scheduled for Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 4: