



In case you missed it, the following are highlights from the July 22, 2026, Cape Coral City Council meeting.

Council Approves Land Purchase for NE 24th Avenue Widening

Council approved Resolution 168-26, allowing for the purchase of land at 2400 Diplomat Parkway to be used for planned roadway widening and extension of NE 24th Avenue from Pine Island Road to Del Prado Boulevard North. This corridor was identified in long-range transportation plans as a priority area to reduce congestion, improve safety, and accommodate future growth.

Council Approves Partnership to Help Combat Child Trafficking, Exploitation

Council approved Resolution 182-26, approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cape Coral Police Department and Operation Light Shine, a nonprofit organization that collaborates with law enforcement in a joint effort to fight human trafficking and child exploitation. Operation Light Shine will provide \$560K to the City to hire and retain a civilian investigator assigned to CCPD's Special Victims Unit.

Council Approves Two Community Development Districts

Council approved Ordinances 34-26 and 35-26, establishing the 7 Islands Community Development District (CDD) and the Star Farms at Cape Coral CDD, respectively. A CDD is a way for a private development to pay for their own infrastructure and amenities, which include things like roads, landscaping, lakes, parks, and other community features.

Council Approves Proposed, Rolled-Back Millage Rate

City Council approved a proposed, rolled-back millage rate of 5.1988 mills for general operating purposes and a proposed millage rate of 0.1554 mills for the parks voted debt service. The final millage rate will be set at public hearings in September and cannot be set higher than the proposed rate of 5.1988.

Council Sets Public Hearing Dates for Assessments, Fees

City Council set public hearing dates for August 26, 2026, at 4 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers for the following assessments and fees for Fiscal Year 2026-2027:

- Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Stormwater Fee
- Solid Waste Costs and Assessment Rates
- Fire Protection Assessed Cost and Rates
- Lot Mowing Assessments

- Certain Delinquent Special Assessments

Upcoming Public Meetings

A Community Redevelopment Agency meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 2026, beginning at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers.

A Committee of the Whole is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 2026, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.