



1015 Cultural Park Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL

AGENDA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

December 4, 2024

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

PLEDGE OF CIVILITY

We will be respectful of each other even when we disagree.
We will direct all comments to the issues. We will avoid personal attacks.

VIDEO

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

A. MAYOR GUNTER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

A. MAYOR GUNTER, COUNCIL MEMBERS DONNELL, KADUK,
KILRAINE, LASTRA, LEHMANN, LONG, STEINKE

4. BUSINESS:

A. CITIZENS INPUT TIME

A maximum of 60 minutes is set for input of citizens on matters concerning the City Government; 3 minutes per individual.

B. DISCUSSION

(1) FY 25 Federal and State Legislative Platforms

(2) Commercial Structure Resilience Grants

5. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

6. TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

A. A Regular Meeting of the Cape Coral City Council is Scheduled for

Wednesday, December 4, 2024, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN

GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE CAPE CORAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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Persons wishing to address Council under Citizens Input may do so during the designated time at each meeting. Any citizen may appear before the City Council at the scheduled PUBLIC HEARING/INPUT to comment on the specific agenda item being considered. No prior scheduling is necessary.

When recognized by the presiding officer, a speaker shall address the City Council from the designated speaker's lectern, and shall state his or her name and whom, if anyone, he or she represents. An address shall only be required if necessary to comply with a federal, state or local law.

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AGENDA REQUEST FORM
CITY OF CAPE CORAL

Item Number:	B.(1)
Meeting Date:	12/4/2024
Item Type:	DISCUSSION

TITLE:

FY 25 Federal and State Legislative Platforms

REQUESTED ACTION:

Informational

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- 1. Is this a Strategic Decision? No
 If Yes, Priority Goals Supported are listed below.
 If No, will it harm the intent or success of the Strategic Plan? No

Recommendations:

SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Maureen Buice, Assistant to the City Manager, mbuice@capecoral.gov, 239-242-3684.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCES(S)/BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1. Will this action result in a Budget Amendment? No

PREPARED BY:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Staff presentation	Backup Material
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Federal Advocacy Update - shared at COW	Backup Material
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Legislative Session Presentation - shared at COW	Backup Material



| 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DECEMBER 4, 2024
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

City of Cape Coral's Advocacy Team

State and Federal Lobbying Services

Becker & Poliakoff

Amanda Wood, Senior Federal Advocacy Director

Nick Matthews, Senior Government Relations Consultant

Executive Lobbying Services

Ballard Partners

Dane Eagle, Partner

Appropriations: A Look Back

2024 Cape Coral Awards:

1. \$ 9 million awarded - Emergency Operations Center Expansion
2. \$1 million awarded - Septic to Sewer Conversion/UEP (Federal)

\$28.5 million requested in 2024

2023 Cape Coral Awards:

1. \$ 2 million awarded - Historic Caloosahatchee Shoreline Preservation Project
2. \$ 5 million awarded - Northeast Reservoir Transmission Main and Pump Station
3. \$ 1 million awarded - Fire Station No. 10 Replacement
4. \$ 9 million awarded - Emergency Operations Center Expansion
5. \$1 million awarded - Caloosahatchee River Reclaimed Water Project (Federal)

\$60 million requested in 2023

Legislative Priorities

The Cape Coral City Council seeks legislative support for the following legislative matters:

1. INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & PLANNING
2. TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT
3. HOMEOWNER & FLOOD INSURANCE REGULATION
4. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
5. HOME RULE
6. SHORT TERM RENTALS

2025 City of Cape Coral Requests

The Cape Coral City Council requests support for the following initiatives/projects:

1. State Road 78/Pine Island Road Widening
2. Cape Coral I-75 interchange/exit
3. Septic to Sewer Conversion Project (UEP)
4. Northeast Reservoir Regional Water Supply Project
5. Inclusive playground at Jaycee Park: national model for inclusion and promoting physical activity and the 4th site in the state with dual designation to include "Play On"
6. Emergency Operations Center expansion
7. SFWMD rule change to allow floodproofing options for commercial properties in SFHA

Next Steps

1. Formally adopt our state and federal legislative priorities via Resolution at an upcoming Regular Meeting
2. Work with our state and federal representatives for financial support in the form of grants, appropriations/earmarks and on policy matters (e.g.

thank you



City of Cape Coral Federal Advocacy Update

December 4, 2024

Government Operations/Appropriations Update



- There are 16 days until government funding expires.
- The new Congress will be sworn in 30 days from today.
- The House and Senate have reported most appropriations bills out of Committee and the House has passed six of their bills, while none of the twelve bills have yet passed the full Senate.
- Republicans seem inclined to push the funding deadline into late January, following President Trump's inauguration, and we are tracking closely. Also note that the NFIP extension is linked to this Continuing Resolution have been extended 28 times.

Other Major Policy Issues to Watch this Winter Include

Immigration

Farm Bill

Artificial Intelligence

Disaster Assistance

Tax Extenders

Congressionally Directed Spending/Recent Successes

Becker

2024 \$1,000,000

Septic to Sewer Conversion and Utilities Extension

Interior Appropriations Bill/Environmental Protection Agency

2023 \$1,000,000

Reclaimed Water Transmission Main, Caloosahatchee River Crossing

Interior Appropriations Bill/Environmental Protection Agency

Congressional Outlook

- House leadership in both parties is set to remain unchanged from the 118th Congress with Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) and Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) set to stay in their posts next year, with Republican Majorities in both the House and Senate.
- In the Senate, Republicans chose Sen. John Thune (R-SD) to be next Majority Leader, with Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) set to stay in his leadership post in the Minority.
- Florida will have a new Senator in the next Congress
- Closely divided Congress often requires consensus/ consolidation of power to the middle

Infrastructure Investment

- The 2021 infrastructure law will need to be renewed by September 2026
- Refocus on streamlining environmental reviews, reducing the permitting process and eliminating redundancies in environmental laws
- Continued focus on broad definition of infrastructure
- Still billions in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and other funds to be spent

City Policy Priorities Reflected in 2024 Federal Agenda

Becker

Hurricane Recovery & Preparedness

National Flood Insurance Program

Risk Rating 2.0 Implementation

Infrastructure Investment and Planning

Utilities Extension Project

Community Development Block Grant

Affordable Housing

Municipal Financing Flexibility

Law Enforcement and Fire Safety Technology and Education

Natural Resources, Including Harmful Algal Blooms

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2025 Legislative Session Introduction

December 4, 2025

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SHAREHOLDER
Becker



Dane Eagle
MANAGING PARTNER,
FORT MYERS/
TALLAHASSEE
Ballard Partners

Recent State Appropriation Success

▪ 2020

- \$1,500,000 - Caloosahatchee-Reclaimed Water Transmission Main
- \$500,000 - Reservoir and Pipeline Project

▪ 2021

- \$1,000,000 - Caloosahatchee-Reclaimed Water Transmission Main

▪ 2022

- \$1,000,000 - Northeast Reservoir Project

▪ 2023

- \$2,000,000 - Historic Caloosahatchee Shoreline Preservation Project
- \$5,000,000 - Northeast Reservoir Transmission Main and Pump Station
- \$1,000,000 - Emergency Operations Center/Fire Station No. 10
- \$9,000,000 - Emergency Operations Center Expansion

▪ 2024

- \$9,000,000 - Emergency Operations Center Expansion

\$30 Million!

Recent State Grant Success

- \$4 million – Victory Park Public Right-of-Way
 - (Governor’s Job Growth Grant Fund)
- \$25 million – North 1 Utilities Extension Septic-to-Sewer Project
 - (DEP Water Quality Improvement)
- \$51 million – Hurricane Ian Revenue-Loss Reimbursement
 - (Division of Emergency Management)

2025 Legislative Session Information

The Florida State Constitution requires the Florida Legislature to meet in Tallahassee for regular session for 60 days every year:

- The regular session begins on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March for odd-numbered years, and on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in January for even-numbered years.
- “The seat of government shall be the City of Tallahassee, in Leon County, where the offices of the governor, lieutenant governor, cabinet members and the supreme court shall be maintained and the sessions of the legislature shall be held...”
- March 4, 2025 - Regular Session convenes
- May 2, 2025 - Last day of Regular Session
- There are six interim committee weeks between now and the start of the 2025 Legislative Session

The Florida Legislature is constitutionally required to pass a balanced state budget, officially titled the General Appropriations Act, during the annual regular session.

- This is the only piece of legislation legislators are required to pass each year.

Budget Outlook

- On September 6th, the Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research presented an updated Long-Range Financial Outlook to the Legislative Budget Commission.
- “The Outlook projects future expenditures based on recent history, resulting in expenditure projections that outpace the General Revenue funds expected to be available beginning in Year 2 of the Outlook.”
- **The budget is projected to go into a deficit** in two years unless lawmakers make changes. It predicts a:
 - \$2 billion budget surplus for 2025
 - \$2.82 billion deficit for 2026
 - \$6.94 billion deficit for 2027

Budget Outlook

(cont.)

- The forecasts assume the legislature will continue spending on the priorities of the recent years like:
 - Popular tax cuts
 - Investment in affordable housing
 - Increases for health care workers and providers
 - Florida's universal school voucher program
 - Medicaid growth and a shortfall in the employee health insurance program.
- The outlook also demonstrates the fact that pandemic era federal aid dollars are coming to a close.
- The FY 24/25 Budget was \$116.5 billion.

Heading into the 2025 Legislative Session



Dane Eagle,
Ballard Partners

Live from Tallahassee

THANK YOU!



AGENDA REQUEST FORM
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SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Ryan Lamb, Director

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Division-

Department- Emergency Management and Resilience

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

1. Staff presentation

Type

Backup Material



COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE RESILIENCE GRANTS

December 4, 2024

Re·sil·ience:

noun

1. The capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.



Hurricane Threats

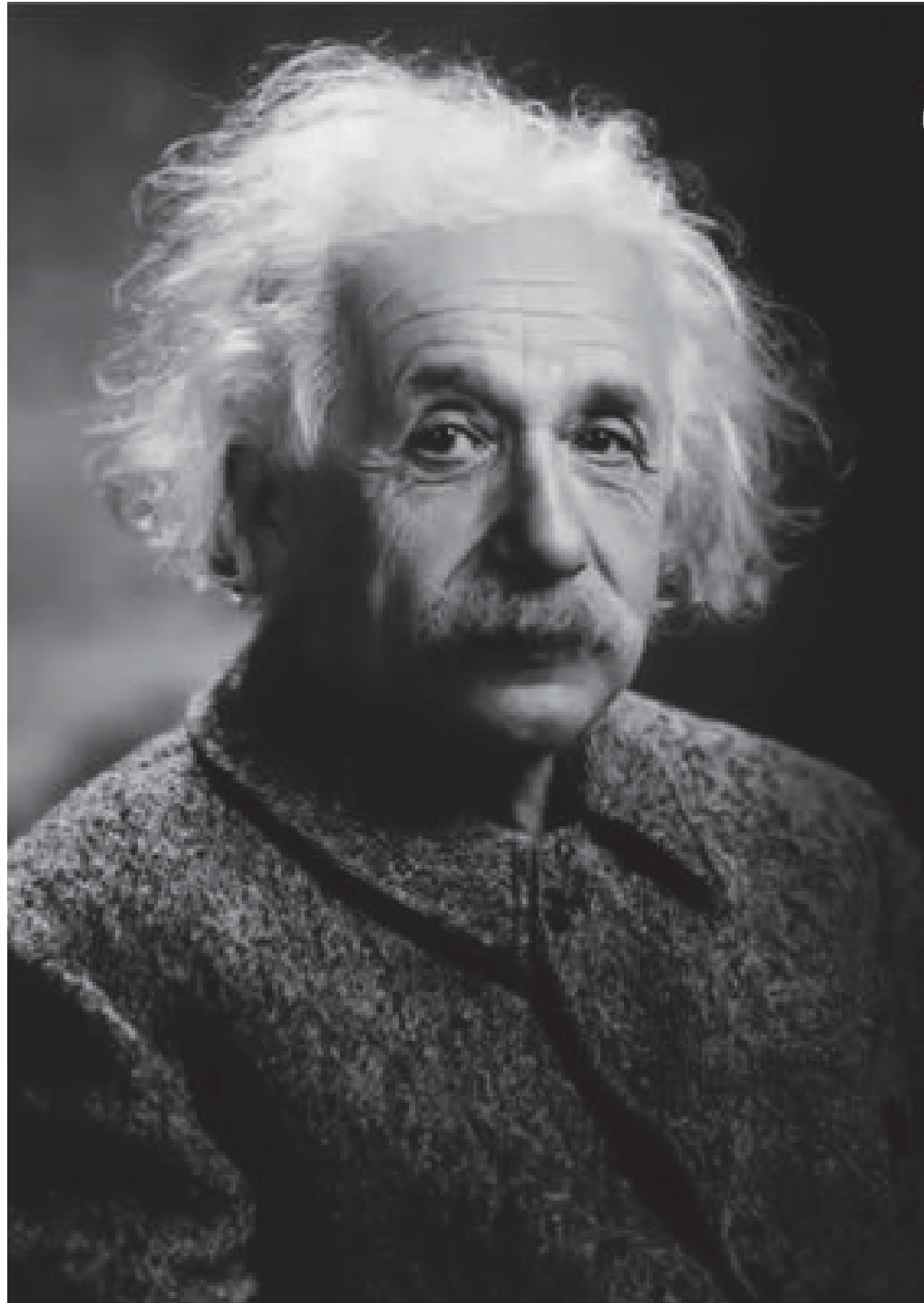
1. Wind
2. Rain
3. Surge
4. Tornado
5. Power outage
6. Fire

Impacts

1. Wind damage
2. Flooding damage
3. Fire damage
4. Loss of products and productivity



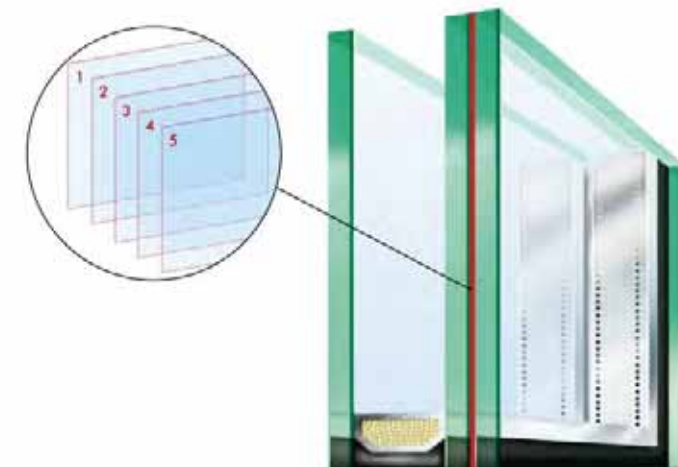
How can we recover quicker?
How do we get "tougher?"
Commercial Structure Resilience Grants?



“The definition of insanity
is doing the same thing
over and over again
expecting different
results.”

—Albert Einstein

Wind



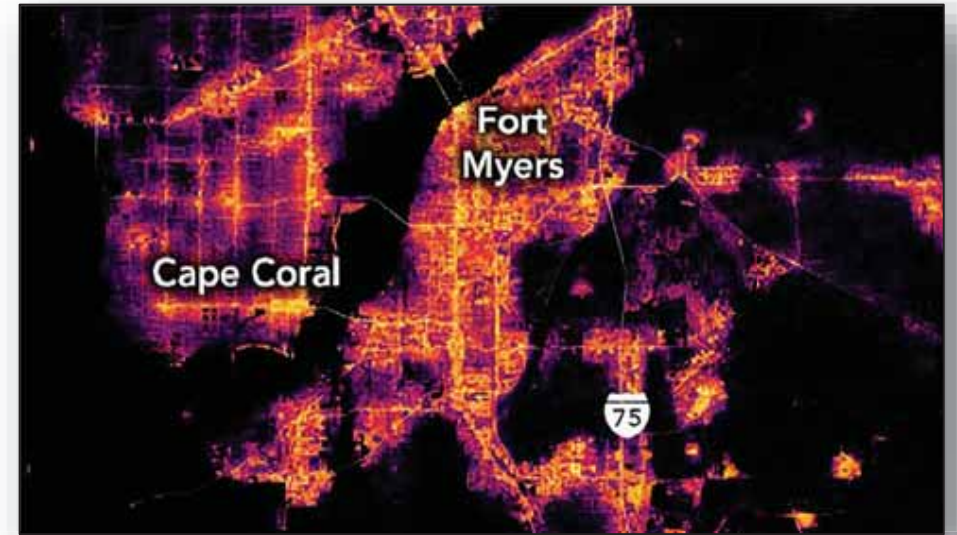
Flooding



Storm Surge



Power Outage





If you don't like change, you'll hate extinction.



Businesses Do it Best

1. PODs
2. SOS Squads
3. Aqua PODs



Resilience Research

1. Partner with an engineering firm and local businesses
 - a. Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce
 - b. Foodservice
 - c. Hardware
 - d. Non-profit
2. Develop resilience options (before/after)
 - a. Wind
 - b. Flood
 - c. Fire
 - d. Power



Research and Benefits Questions?

1. Cost/benefit analysis review
2. Insurance benefits
3. Other partnerships
4. Grant program development
 - a. Business match?



Goal: Strengthen our businesses; keep our local economy going after a disaster.

Questions?

Thank you!

