



1015 Cultural Park Blvd.
Cape Coral, FL

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL

April 13, 2018

3:00 PM

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.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

A. Chair Slafer

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

A. Members Baxter, Bernau, Bevan, Cerretani, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Rodriguez, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Troche, and Wilson

4. CHANGES TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting - February 23, 2018
- B. Regular Meeting - March 9, 2018
- C. Regular Meeting - March 23, 2018

6. ADVISOR PRESENTATION (30 MINUTES MAXIMUM)

A. City Council Meeting Agenda Report - Advisor Mazurkiewicz

7. CITIZENS INPUT TIME

Input of citizens on matters concerning City Government; 3 minutes per individual.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

9. BUSINESS

- A. Progress of the Garden Project - Member Cerretani
- B. Citywide Recycling Topic (Continued) - Chair Slafer
- C. Update on Blessings in a Backpack Fundraiser - April 21st Movie Night - Member Baxter

10. NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

11. REPORTS

12. REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

13. TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. Subcommittee Meetings of the Cape Coral Youth Council will be held on Friday, April 13, 2018, directly after the end of today's meeting to discuss Strategic Plan assignments in Council Chambers.
- B. A regular meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council will be held on Friday, April 27, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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| Item Number: | 5.A. |
| Meeting Date: | 4/13/2018 |
| Item Type: | APPROVAL OF MINUTES |

**AGENDA REQUEST
FORM**
CITY OF CAPE CORAL



TITLE:

Regular Meeting - February 23, 2018

REQUESTED ACTION:

STRATEGIC PLAN INFO:

1. Will this action result in a Budget Amendment?

2. Is this a Strategic Decision?

If Yes, Priority Goals Supported are listed below.

If No, will it harm the intent or success of the Strategic Plan?

Planning & Zoning/Staff Recommendations:

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

LEGAL REVIEW:

EXHIBITS:

PREPARED BY:

Division- Department-

SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Type

□ February 23, 2018 regular meeting minutes

Backup Material

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
OF THE CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL**

Friday, February 23, 2018

Chair Slafer called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Slafer passed the gavel to Vice Chair Wilson to chair the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Members Slafer, Baxter, Bernau, Cerretani, Hare, Molfino, Reid, Rodriguez, Saunders, Shawver, and Wilson were present. Bevan, Dunkle, and Troche were excused.

Also in attendance: Rick Williams, Council Liaison
Joe Mazurkiewicz, Advisor
Mark Cagle, Staff Advisor
Cole DeLong, Communications Director
Terri Hall, City Manager's Office
Jennifer Nelson, Councilmember
Brian Rist, Storm Smart CEO

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Slafer moved, seconded by Member Shawver to amend the agenda to move item 6C up after item 5A. Council polled as follows: Hare, Molfino, Reid, Rodriguez, Saunders, Shawver, Slafer, Wilson, Baxter, Bernau, and Cerretani voted "aye." Eleven "ayes." Motion carried 11-0.

Member Slafer moved, seconded by Member Saunders to move Business Item 9A Citywide Recycling to the next meeting. Voice Poll: All "ayes." Motion carried.

Member Cerretani moved, seconded by Member Baxter to adopt the agenda as amended. Voice Poll: All "ayes." Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Shawver moved, seconded by Member Reid to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2018, as presented. Voice Poll: All "ayes." Motion carried.

**Upcoming Ethics Competition sponsored by FGCU discussion –
City Councilmember Nelson**

Jennifer Nelson, Councilmember and Executive Director for the Uncommon Friends

Foundation, stated the mission of the Foundation is to assist in investing in our leadership and our future leadership by: 1) scholarship program; 2) business ethics; and 3) historic preservation. She discussed the upcoming Ethics Competition at FGCU and invited the Youth Council members to participate. A flyer was distributed to all members. She noted there was an electronic link for registration and explained the process of the four-hour event on May 12th. She added that Mr. Rist was committed to providing \$2,000 worth of scholarships in increments of \$500.

Brian Rist, Chair, Business Ethics Committee of the Uncommon Friends Foundation and CEO of Storm Smart, provided background on his business. He discussed the FGCU Business Ethics Invitational and encouraged the Youth Council members to participate.

ADVISOR PRESENTATIONS

City Council Meeting Agenda Report – Advisor Mazurkiewicz

Advisor Mazurkiewicz stated the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for February 26th was canceled. He mentioned one topic on the March 5th Council meeting agenda would be the Cape Coral Animal Shelter entitlement for the property and project.

Youth – Citizen's Academy Discussion – Advisor Williams Postponed until later in the meeting

CITIZENS INPUT TIME

Amanda Benitez, sophomore, Cape Coral High School, discussed the number of firearm attacks and threats on school grounds in the U.S. this year. She mentioned the peaceful protests at school where students gave personal accounts of how these tragedies have affected their lives. The youth of Cape Coral are looking to their representatives on the Youth Council to voice our needs and unify our concerns of our security.

Joseph Banazia discussed issues brought to his attention by Friends of Wildlife. The balloon releases at schools are harmful to sea life. The Youth Council may consider looking into this. He also suggested limiting usage of plastic bags.

Member Slafer discussed the Parkland shooting and the recent 800-student walkout at Cape Coral High School. He questioned what the Youth Council could do. He inquired if the City works with the school district for security in the schools.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz stated historically the City of Cape Coral has funded School Resource Officers (SRO's) in all high schools, middle schools, and rotated through the elementary schools. During the economic recession, that was eliminated completely. The Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) has a limited presence in Cape Coral High Schools. Based on the Governor's statement today regarding additional funding for SRO's, the Youth Council may want to consider making a recommendation to City Council

to have them look into the possibility of finding a funding source to put our officers back in school.

Council Liaison Williams agreed that this was something the Youth Council can pursue. He advised them if they are going to pursue this to put together a presentation and come before Council for discussion. This would need to be put on a City Council meeting agenda so that the proper staff would be in attendance.

Acting Chair Wilson asked what the City and the Cape Coral Police Department (CCPD) does regarding the aspect of mental health.

Council Liaison Williams explained the City does not have any mental health facilities although the State or County probably has. A lot needs to be done by the State or Federal governments to change the way people buy guns.

Discussion held regarding the following:

- Contact local representative in District 19, Francis Rooney
- If we pursue this, to be very specific on what we want to change
- Letter writing campaign at Cape Coral High School - send letters to your Senators, Congressmen, Governor
- Not to focus on a certain controversial law
- Supporting SRO's

Council Liaison Williams stated if you're going to take a stand as a group, then you are representing the City and you will need to come before the City Council for approval.

Member Slafer stated he was working to form a group to advocate common sense gun reform. It would be outside of the Council at a public location. He hoped to get a bus to go to D.C. on Saturday, March 24th, for the March for Our Lives event. He stated if anyone was interested to text him.

Acting Chair Wilson thanked Mr. Banazia for expressing the concern to reduce the usage of plastic bags. He also thanked Ms. Benitez for voicing her points.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz stated the CCPD is one of the agencies that uses the Bob Janes Center where they bring in people who have different emotional issues. He suggested having someone from the Police Department at the next meeting to explain how to go about getting a SRO.

Member Slafer stated Mayors across the country have asked their Governors to act. He questioned if Mayor Coviello has done this. Should the Youth Council ask him to make that recommendation?

Council Liaison Williams stated he did not know what the Mayor has done up to this point because of the Sunshine Law. Someone from the Youth Council should come to the next

Council meeting and present that idea.

Youth – Citizen's Academy Discussion – Advisor Williams

Terri Hall from the City Manager's Office explained the following about the Citizen's Academy:

- Program started in 2008
- For Cape Coral residents who want to learn about City operations
- Each department hosts a day and walks you through what they do
- Trying for a number of years to get a version to work for youth and young adults
- Two semesters, 60 hours, 13 weeks, 4 to 6 hours every Wednesday
- Program can be condensed
- Looking for ideas on what the group would be willing to do

Ms. Hall stated it is difficult to do this in the evenings because we do not have the staff. An abbreviated version could be considered and get some key members to attend. If you want to pick six weeks or evenings that works for you, we can pull the departments together and come up with a plan. She doubted that they could come on Wednesdays for 13 weeks in a row. She noted this could be opened for other young adults in the future if this works for the Youth Council. She questioned if they want to do this during the school year or during the summer.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz suggested that the City Manager's Office share electronically with the Youth Council the curriculum for the Citizen's Academy as it exists today for review. See what appeals to the Council and possibly take an abbreviated version. Based on how much you want to see, put it into two days of intense meetings, maybe during a winter or spring break, rather than the summer, where you would spend 8 hours here for two days. Identify what appeals to you so that Ms. Hall could try to formulate a program that fits your interests.

Acting Chair Wilson asked if anyone was opposed to a two-day program. No one was opposed.

Ms. Hall stated that was a great idea and with enough notice, we can pull everyone together. She asked if the Council could pick a few dates that work for them.

Acting Chair Wilson asked the members if they still wanted to keep it in the summer.

Member Baxter stated the public schools get out on May 29th. The next break after the spring break (March 19-23) would be that last week of May, so at the very beginning of the summer we should all still be here and she thought that would be a good time to do the condensed version of the program.

Ms. Hall agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson asked if Ms. Hall could send them through email information regarding the departments so the Youth Council could send their recommendations or discuss this at the next meeting and pick out which ones they want to attend.

Ms. Hall stated she would sketch a two-day agenda for the Youth Council for their review.

Council Liaison Williams stated someone should act as a liaison from the group to coordinate this with Ms. Hall. He agreed two days was a good start and hoped that this would evolve into a Citizen's Academy for Youth in the City.

Member Saunders volunteered to work with Ms. Hall on a two-day program.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

None

BUSINESS

Citywide Recycling Topic – Member Slafer (Continued) Moved to next meeting

Job Shadowing – Advisor Cagle

Advisor Cagle noted the flyers were sent to the Council and to each high school. The problem is the connection to get the students into the program. We have done everything we could in getting the packets out to schools. We could use help from the Youth Council in going to your students and asking them. If this continued, this is something that will not be sustainable.

Member Slafer asked Mr. Cagle if he distributed it to the Guidance Offices or Administration and if it was electronic or paper.

Advisor Cagle stated it went by paper copies to the Guidance Office, as well as posted on the City website.

Member Slafer stated what we all need to do before the next meeting is to advertise as much as we can throughout our schools. At our next meeting we should all report on what we did to advertise.

Member Saunders requested the packet again as well as the link on the City website.

Discussion held regarding the following:

- We should all talk to Guidance and make them aware of what the program is.
- We should get the word out to all of our clubs.
- Print out the flyer and hand them out to the students at school.
- Give this information to teachers who have department meetings.

Advisor Cagle stated he will forward the electronic copy and link. This is a pilot program, so the better that this works now, the better the chance we add other departments to it.

Member Slafer asked if the issue of credit hours was discussed with the school.

Advisor Cagle stated they attempted it, but it was not approved through Tallahassee. It was not at the local levels, but at the State level, and that was for getting credit to be used towards college, and they did not accept it. It would not hurt to submit it again next year for that purpose.

Budget Discussion

Member Slafer stated we have a \$5,000 budget from the City Council. Since our original budget was denied, we have not discussed how we are going to spend the money allotted in the amended budget. There is a variety of things we can do. This will be addressed at today's Budget Subcommittee meeting.

Discussion held regarding:

- What the money should be spent on?
- Florida League of Cities (FLC) trip should come of our budget
- Need to be looking for other training
- Possibilities of spending money in order to gather data within our schools with some sort of group effort
- Using some money for events such as buying concessions for Movie Night
- How can we access this money?

Council Liaison Williams stated the Youth Council has to get approval from Council to spend the money. He stated if they if they were going to do the ethics competition as the Youth Council, that would be an item that could be used from the budget.

Member Slafer asked for show of hands on who would be interested in doing it as a group. (Majority of the show of hands agreed to do it as a group.)

Council Liaison Williams stated it you are going to go out and represent the City of Cape Coral, the expenses would be paid out of your budget. He suggested it might be more fun to have individual schools to each have a team.

Member Baxter stated money should be set aside for the Florida League of Cities (FLC) this year. She questioned how much that cost and if they needed to put in a request soon.

Council Liaison Williams stated last year hardly any money was expended because Ft. Myers picked up the transportation, and the FLC covered the food. City Council covered the registration fee. He stated information was sent out on the FLC competition this year.

He inquired if they were doing something. He stated this should be put on the next meeting agenda.

Discussion held regarding the following:

- Where the money comes from
- Budget is basically a maintenance budget
- Mostly to cover operational expenses
- If you wait too long until something comes along, the money may not be available.
- Going to City Council if they needed more money; the budget was not totally restricted to \$5,000.

Member Slafer asked what Council Liaison Williams recommended that we discuss at the subcommittee meeting.

Council Liaison Williams stated you should have a meeting so that everyone is on the same page and knows what is going on.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz recommended a starting point with the original budget approach of \$20,000; you have \$5,000, take the original budget numbers and drop it down by 20% to 25% per area and see if that will cover what it is that you want to do. If it does not, then you re-direct within those areas. Plan to expend those funds in a way which you originally contemplated and not just wait until something comes up. Of that original amount of money, there was a set aside for opportunities for capital expenditures or donations for capital expenditures. We did travel, training, and capital. Start from there and do internal transfers until you have enough to do what you want to do.

Member Slafer stated after our Strategic Vision meeting, we are on a new path. The only thing on the original budget besides minor expenditures such as printing and miscellaneous is our FLC trip.

Acting Chair Wilson asked how much the FLC trip costs.

Council Liaison Williams stated he did not remember. There was an individual registration fee. He will research that and provide the information.

Acting Chair Wilson questioned if we should keep that money in a reserve.

Member Slafer stated if we carry out this Council in the way it was established, there should be little cases in which we need to spend money unless our focus changes in the future. We still want to do FLC. At our last budget meeting, we were talking about a training in Miami. We budgeted for two different events for training and that is something we can view in a subcommittee meeting. He questioned if these were our only expenditures.

Acting Chair Wilson agreed and added that it could be spent for things such as the ethics

competition.

Discussion held regarding looking at the budget of the City Council and if the Youth Council should follow the same.

Member Slafer asked if everyone agreed that we did not need to have a Budget Subcommittee meeting. **Consensus agreed.**

Movie in the Park

Member Baxter stated she sent out an email last week. She questioned if everyone received it since no one contacted her. Everyone who is able to come is expected to be there. She would be arriving around 4:15 p.m. and asked anyone who could help to set up to arrive around 4:30 p.m. She hoped everyone was advertising the event and bring at least two friends or family members. Bring something for a raffle. She reminded all to inform sponsors what charity it was going to. Wear Youth Council shirt.

Acting Chair Wilson stated he did not get the email since his password needs to be reset. He could provide a raffle.

Member Baxter announced that this event will take place at Jim Jeffers Park. Concessions will be sold out of the recreation van. The representative from Blessings in a Backpack was not able to attend due to illness.

Member Saunders stated she did not get the email but will try to attend.

Member Baxter stated she will ask Kristen where they should meet and then she could text everyone. She also was locked out of her email.

Member Reid stated he had a donation from BJ's and will give it to Max after the meeting.

Member Baxter stated BJ's will be listed as a sponsor since they donated a bunch of concessions.

Advisor Cagle stated he would be bringing the mobile recreation van which has a six-foot table, four chairs, P.A. system, WiFi, all the infrastructure needed plus electricity. He noted that concessions cannot be sold out of the van.

Discussion held regarding the following:

- What they would be selling and all the donations received
- Cecilia from Blessings in a Backpack will not be in attendance
- How to handle the cash received

NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

Member Slafer moved, seconded by Member Saunders to add the following topics to the next meeting agenda for March 9, 2018: 1) Citywide Recycling, 2) Job Shadowing, and 3) School Safety. Voice Poll: All “ayes.” Motion carried.

Acting Chair Wilson asked Council Liaison Williams to invite Chief of Police Newlan to address the School Safety item.

REPORTS

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| <u>Member Dunkle:</u> | Topic: Excused |
| <u>Member Hare:</u> | Topic: No report |
| <u>Member Molfino:</u> | Topic: No report |
| <u>Member Reid:</u> | Topic: No report |
| <u>Member Rodriguez:</u> | Topic: No report |
| <u>Member Saunders:</u> | Topic: Advertisement for school news for the Youth Council, she will contact Mr. Delong, she needs more pictures, asked if someone could send her the SWOT and SMART goals, meetings at 3 pm on the 2 nd and 4 th Friday of the month, voice to the City, Citizen's Input, will include all members' email addresses |
| <u>Member Shawver:</u> | Topic: No report |
| <u>Member Troche:</u> | Topic: Excused |
| <u>Member Baxter:</u> | Topic: No report |
| <u>Member Bernau:</u> | Topic: No report |
| <u>Member Bevan:</u> | Topic: Excused |
| <u>Member Cerretani:</u> | Topic: No report |
| <u>Member Slafer:</u> | Topic: No report |
| <u>Acting Chair Wilson:</u> | Topic: Thanked the citizens for coming to Public Input. |

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

Council Liaison Williams – next meeting he will make arrangements to get the Police Chief or one of his staff to attend plus someone from the City Manager's Office. He stated if you are getting locked out of your email, please call the Council Office. Please consider the FLC competition. He noted there was a link on the FLC website regarding the ethics competition.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz – No report

Advisor Cagle – No report

Communications Director Delong – No report

Assistant City Clerk Bruns stated the Clerk's Office has set aside staff and recorders for three subcommittee meetings immediately following this meeting. Assets/Budget group

will not meet. The second meeting for the Strategic Vision was cancelled due to only member (Member Saunders) of that group present (Member Bevan was excused). There is the availability of the Strategic Vision Time and Process group for Acting Chair Wilson and Member Cerretani if they wish to meet today.

Member Saunders asked if the next availability will be at the next meeting if we are both present.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns stated we are currently scheduling them directly after the regular meeting to help with attendance.

Acting Chair Wilson and Member Cerretani stated they could not stay late today and will go to the next meeting date.

TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Canceled and rescheduled for next meeting date - Subcommittee Meetings of the Cape Coral Youth Council will be held on Friday, February 23, 2018, directly after the end of today's meeting to discuss Strategic Plan assignments in Council Chambers.

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council was scheduled for Friday, March 9, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Barbara Kerr
Recording Secretary

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| Meeting Date: | 4/13/2018 |
| Item Type: | APPROVAL OF MINUTES |

**AGENDA REQUEST
FORM**
CITY OF CAPE CORAL



TITLE:

Regular Meeting - March 9, 2018

REQUESTED ACTION:

STRATEGIC PLAN INFO:

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

Planning & Zoning/Staff Recommendations:

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

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**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
OF THE CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL**

Friday, March 9, 2018

Acting Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Members Bernau, Bevan, Dunkle, Hare, Molfino, Rodriguez, and Vice Chair Wilson were present. Members Baxter, Reid, Saunders, Shawver, Troche, and Chair Slafer were excused. Member Cerretani was absent.

Also in attendance: Rick Williams, Council Liaison
Joe Mazurkiewicz, Advisor
Todd King, Parks and Recreation Special Events Coordinator
David Newlan, Chief of Police
John Szerlag, City Manager

Due to the absence of a quorum, this Committee met as a workshop.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (February 23, 2018 meeting - to next meeting)

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Acting Chair Wilson stated because there was no quorum, the agenda would be moved up to start with Advisor Presentations.

ADVISOR PRESENTATIONS

Parks and Recreation Special Events Coordinator King announced that the March 24th Sounds of Jazz and Blues Event needed volunteers. He requested that the Youth Council pass the word on to their fellow students. He mentioned all the volunteer opportunities available such as greeters, ticket sales, parking attendants, clean up, and set up. He stated volunteers can log on to the website and check off the section they wish to participate in.

City Council Meeting Agenda Report – Advisor Mazurkiewicz

Advisor Mazurkiewicz stated at the last City Council meeting, Council unanimously approved the Development Order for the Cape Animal Shelter. It should be breaking ground in a couple of months. At the next City Council meeting on Monday, March 19th, Ordinance 21-18 will be voted on. This pertains to the extended bar hours. The proposal is to extend Saturday, Sundays, and some holidays from 2:00 a.m. closing to 3:00 a.m. closing.

CITIZENS INPUT TIME

No speakers

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

None

BUSINESS

Acting Chair Wilson stated since Chair Slafer is not here today, the following item would be moved to the next meeting: **Citywide Recycling Topic – Member Slafer (Continued to next meeting)**. He noted that due to the interest of time, the item on School Safety will be moved up.

School Safety

Chief of Police Newlan explained what they were currently doing for security and safety issues for the Charter Schools. He discussed what their future plans were for covering all the schools in the City with the following:

- Security Aspect – Security Inspection
- Look at things that can be immediately fixed, no cost, low cost, higher cost
- What can be addressed in the current policy
- Submit findings to the schools
- Police presence was in the high schools and middle schools before the economic downturn, staffing level issues
- Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) covered after Cape Coral Police Department (CCPD) had to pull out
- Intent was always to get back into the schools
- In order to get into the high schools again, four more School Resource Officers (SROs) would be needed plus one supervisor.
- Four SROs will be in the Charter Schools as of Monday, March 12th.
- Need to work it out with the School Board and the LCSO, slow integration

Discussion held regarding the following:

- No timeline of getting SRO's back into the schools
- 35 Officers needed to maintain levels of response times currently, separate need
- FY 2020 more achievable than FY 2019
- Location of the SRO at the Charter School
- Cost to the City: Chief of Police Newlan estimated four officers and a supervisor would cost \$750,000 to staff the high schools.
- Can State Legislature provide funds?

City Manager Szerlag discussed his full support for the Police Department and all efforts in order to keep the community safe, especially the school children. He explained the hierarchy on how funding is done in the City:

- Public Safety is our number one priority.
- The second issue in prioritizing our funds is our Infrastructure.
- The third element is Quality of Life.
- Lastly is the Administration.

He asked the Youth Council what they considered to be the biggest challenge, problem, or issue that faces our community, the county, the region, the state, or the nation.

Member Bevan asked what was being done to continue the development of downtown. City Manager Szerlag explained what they were doing currently with the 47th Terrace Streetscape Project.

Member Dunkle asked about keeping residents in the City and getting higher paying jobs in the area. City Manager Szerlag responded how they are trying to engage other businesses that pay more money to come into our area to keep our youth.

Acting Chair Wilson asked about the development of the North Cape including the Seven Islands. City Manager Szerlag discussed the North 2 Project and how the water/sewer will be in place in a few years. He noted the progress of the Seven Islands Project which City Council has already approved the concept plan. It would include a hotel, a conference center, restaurants, a marina, another commercial mixed used facility which includes residential areas with 8 stories high. He stated it would be going to the Planning Commission for a zoning ordinance change, then to City Council for final approval.

Council Liaison Williams went back to the original topic regarding SRO's in the schools. He asked who pays for the LCSO Officer. Advisor Mazurkiewicz stated it was presently being split between the LCSO and the schools.

Council Liaison Williams asked if having our own people in the schools can be addressed in the upcoming budget. Chief of Police Newlan stated he would be agreeable to a slow integration in the high schools first, the following year the middle schools, etc.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz mentioned the recent legislation that was passed in the House and the Senate was waiting for the Governor to sign off on. He stated that Bill would have additional money for putting SRO's into our schools. He questioned how this would impact funding for officers in schools.

Chief of Police Newlan stated he did not know at this time. He hoped it would go more towards our area because of what recently happened.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz stated there was \$500 million to be split amongst 67 counties in the State of Florida, pro-rated based upon the number of students. He stated this may facilitate the integration of the four officers for the high school.

City Manager Szerlag continued asking the members about their questions.

Member Rodriguez inquired about the congestion of traffic in the County. City Manager Szerlag stated what compounds our traffic is the fact that a lot of people go over to Fort Myers to work except for the 30,000 who work in Cape Coral. He mentioned 8% of our tax-based revenue comes from commercial and industrial buildings, and 92% comes from single family residential structures. He noted the 40/60 split would be more desirable for commercial/residential.

Member Rodriguez asked what we were doing to keep up with the growing population of the City. City Manager Szerlag mentioned the purchase of irrigation water with FGUA (Florida Governmental Utilities Association) and with Southwest Aggregates. He stated our drinking water needs are taken care of for several decades. He mentioned the Master Economic Development Plan and the rewriting of the LDRs (Land Use and Development Regulations). There is an ordinance coming soon to promote growth in an orderly fashion. He would like to see us attract more commercial and industrial properties which will give us more commercial and industrial jobs. There will be approximately 450,00 people at buildout.

Member Hare questioned how to attract more tourism. City Manager Szerlag stated Cape Coral will have a reputation for a destination point with things such as Streetscape. He noted that we are the safest city in Florida with a population over 150,000.

Member Molfino asked about the status of the median beautification. City Manager Szerlag stated by the end of this month there will be a Stakeholders Group addressing the medians in the City and will work on beautification. He mentioned the ongoing costs in the budget.

Member Bernau asked what other than funding is the City doing to work with Special Populations and mental health issues. City Manager Szerlag stated there is a facility where special needs population come in every day. He would need to get with staff to see what else they can do.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz stated the 92/8 for residential/non-residential revenue is unique in our City with 45% built out and 55% vacant lots. He discussed that the amount of vacant lots in the City is our manufacturing base and explained all the fees that are assessed on a vacant lot. He stated the best hope would be to have 80/20.

Acting Chair Wilson asked if there were enough mental health facilities in the City. Chief of Police Newlan explained that all officers are trained to deal with mental health issues.

Acting Chair Wilson asked about any steps the CCPD takes to monitor social media. Chief of Police Newlan stated they have looked into software out there for monitoring, and there are things we have that we can do now.

Member Bevan asked if all schools needed to tighten up sign-out procedures after the

incident at the Oasis Elementary School. Chief of Newlan stated all organizations should review their policies and procedures regularly. Staff should be trained on a constant basis.

Acting Chair Wilson asked what can our City do to push for more school safety. Chief of Newlan stated schools are very open to the recommendations from the CCPD and how trends have to be applied.

Acting Chair Wilson thanked both Chief of Police Newlan and City Manager Szerlag for coming to the meeting and addressing School Safety.

Job Shadowing – Advisor Cagle (not present)

Acting Chair Wilson asked all members for their input on what they did since the last meeting.

Member Molfino stated she checked with her Guidance Counselor who was not aware of these applications. She stated she would have to promote it throughout her school.

Member Rodriguez stated he talked to a couple of counselors. He printed out the email sent regarding Job Shadowing and gave it to some of the department heads and teachers. He met with the Principal today and explained it to her. He did not have any club meetings yet until next week when he will promote that there. He spoke to one teacher who might incorporate Job Shadowing into her lesson plans.

Member Hare stated she spoke to her Guidance Counselor who was unaware of this. She stated she would try to get it to the news so that they can announce it.

Member Dunkle stated she will have a meeting with the Dean of Students next week.

Member Bevan stated her Guidance Counselor has just returned from a family leave, but she will follow up with her soon.

Member Bernau stated she spoke to her Guidance Counselor earlier this week who was not aware of it. She will give him paper work on it next week.

Acting Chair Wilson stated he met with one of the Guidance Counselors who was also unaware of it. He stated the Guidance Counselors will mention this to some of their students to see if there is any interest.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

Acting Chair Wilson asked if any member had any agenda topics for the next meeting. No one had any topics. He asked staff what was currently on for the next meeting. Recording Secretary Kerr stated the Citywide Recycling topic would be continued at the

next meeting.

Council Liaison Williams stated before the next meeting the City Council will be voting on the extended bar hours issue at their March 19th meeting. He requested that this be put on the next meeting agenda for input. He encouraged the members to watch the meeting to get more information and take it out to your peers to see what they think about it.

Acting Chair Wilson asked if these bars were located where the Streetscape Project is going on. Council Liaison Williams responded they would have to be in the Entertainment District. Advisor Mazurkiewicz added there were 8 or 9 that have the proper license in that area.

Acting Chair Wilson requested that a discussion of late night bar hours be put on the next meeting agenda.

Consensus agreed without objection to the agenda meeting topics.

REPORTS

Member Molfino: Topic: No report
Member Reid: Topic: Excused
Member Rodriguez: Topic: Questioned how to sign up for the Florida League of Cities Conference, individually or as a team

Council Liaison Williams stated they will solicit, as a group, how many want to attend. The registration will be taken care of by his office.

Member Saunders: Topic: Excused
Member Shawver: Topic: Excused
Member Troche: Topic: Excused
Member Baxter: Topic: Excused
Member Bernau: Topic: No report
Member Cerretani: Topic: Absent
Member Dunkle: Topic: Looking into leadership programs, will research more before coming to the group as a proposal, probably at the meeting after next.
Member Hare: Topic: No report
Member Bevan: Topic: Came across a website called Next Door which is a neighborhood website for community involvement. If we are ever having a discussion on anything that could affect any part of town, it could be advertised in the news. She will coordinate this with Mr. Delong.
Chair Slafer: Topic: Excused
Acting Chair Wilson: Topic: No report

Acting Chair Wilson asked if any of the subcommittee meetings would be held today.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns stated for the subcommittee meetings, we are currently looking for the Strategic Vision People (Bevan and Saunders). Ms. Saunders was not present today so that cannot be held. The other group is Strategic Vision Time and Process (Wilson and Cerretani). Ms. Cerretani was not present today so that cannot be held.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

Council Liaison Williams – No report

Advisor Mazurkiewicz – No report

TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Canceled and rescheduled for next meeting date - Subcommittee Meetings of the Cape Coral Youth Council will be held on Friday, March 9, 2018, directly after the end of today's meeting to discuss Strategic Plan assignments in Council Chambers.

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council was scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Subcommittee Meetings of the Cape Coral Youth Council will be held on Friday, March 23, 2018, directly after the end of the meeting to discuss Strategic Plan assignments in Council Chambers.

MOTION TO ADJOURN (without objection)

Adjournment was at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Barbara Kerr
Recording Secretary

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| Item Number: | 5.C. |
| Meeting Date: | 4/13/2018 |
| Item Type: | APPROVAL OF MINUTES |

**AGENDA REQUEST
FORM**
CITY OF CAPE CORAL



TITLE:

Regular Meeting - March 23, 2018

REQUESTED ACTION:

STRATEGIC PLAN INFO:

1. Will this action result in a Budget Amendment?

2. Is this a Strategic Decision?

If Yes, Priority Goals Supported are listed below.

If No, will it harm the intent or success of the Strategic Plan?

Planning & Zoning/Staff Recommendations:

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

LEGAL REVIEW:

EXHIBITS:

PREPARED BY:

Division- Department-

SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Type

□ March 23, 2018 regular meeting minutes

Backup Material

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
OF THE CAPE CORAL YOUTH COUNCIL**

Friday, March 23, 2018

Chair Slafer called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Baxter, Dunkle, Rodriguez, and Slafer were present. Bevan, Hare, Shawver, and Wilson were excused. Bernau, Molfino, Reid, Saunders, and Troche were absent. Member Cerretani arrived at 3:16 p.m.

Also in attendance: Rick Williams, Council Liaison
Joe Mazurkiewicz, Advisor
Cole DeLong, Communications Director
Stacy Maine, PW Strategic Business Analyst
Brigitte Kantor, Lee County Solid Waste Public Utilities Manager
Kathy Kallas, Lee County Solid Waste Sr. Environmental Specialist

***Due to the absence of a quorum,
the Youth Council met as a Committee of the Whole.***

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda was adopted without objection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (to next meeting)

ADVISOR PRESENTATIONS

City Council Meeting Agenda Report – Advisor Mazurkiewicz

Advisor Mazurkiewicz stated at the last City Council meeting, Council approved Ordinance 21-18 by a vote of 7-1. This pertains to the extended bar hours for the South Cape CRA, and the discussion focused mostly of a nice marketing niche for the CRA. For the upcoming workshop to be held on Monday, March 26th at 4:30 there will be two very important issues for the future of the City of Cape Coral: 1) Bimini Basin Final Report and Implementation Plan and 2) Community Values Issues Related to Parking.

CITIZENS INPUT TIME

Joseph Bonasia displayed a picture of a Waste Pro bin that was used at the Burrowing Owls Festival and how everyone recycled. He believed the City has tried recycling at festivals in the past and did not know if bins were used; if it wasn't used, maybe it is worth

consideration. He discussed commercial recycling and how it would cost the City money to implement a program. Is the cost prohibitive? If businesses and governments elsewhere can meet the challenges of recycling, why should we not be able to do the same? He questioned if an environmental expert would talk about the cost of not recycling in terms of environmental damages. The County has a recycling rate of 70% but that includes the waste energy credits, take those away, and the traditional recycling rate is about 46%. He discussed incinerating items that could be recycled. The energy saved from recycling is 3 to 5 times greater than the energy produced by incineration.

Chair Slafer stated the Youth Council can discuss making an official recommendation to City Council within the next month. He still wanted to pursue the prospect of mandating commercial recycling in Cape Coral. It was important to consider that recycling at special events does work, and there was no reason we can't do this moving forward with the Movie in the Park.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

None

BUSINESS

Citywide Recycling Topic – Chair Slafer (continued)

PW Strategic Business Analyst Maine stated she manages the solid waste contracts for the City. Staff looked into mandatory commercial recycling and called different cities. She reviewed facts on commercial recycling. In the State of Florida, it is considered open market. There were many businesses in the City that recycle but do not use Waste Pro. Although recycling is important to achieve the State's 75% goal as well as protecting our environment, there is no financial benefit to the City.

Member Cerretani arrived at 3:16 p.m.

Analyst Maine stated if mandatory commercial recycling is adopted, there will be an increased cost to the City with increased Code Enforcement. Solid waste disposal is also paid by commercial customers directly to Waste Pro. She discussed franchise fees received from Waste Pro. She noted the continuing struggle that existing businesses face is the lack of space to add additional approved containers for recycling. She went over a list of pros and cons:

Pros:

- Higher probability of reaching the State goal of 75 percent
- Solid waste tonnage is more expensive to pick up than recyclables which would result in more monthly bills to commercial businesses.
- Recycling is beneficial to the environment.
- Recycling extends the life of landfills.

Cons:

- Additional costs to local businesses
- Additional Cape Coral Code Enforcement
- Reduce franchise fees
- Space required for the additional dumpsters

Analyst Maine stated when staff reviewed this on August 24, 2017, staff recommended not to mandate commercial recycling at that point. Lee County does by Ordinance. She noted there were two staff members present from Lee County Solid Waste to address any questions.

Chair Slafer stated we do not know what percentage of companies in Cape Coral are recycling. He inquired what percentage of companies have access to recycling facilities. Analyst Maine replied that information was not available since you would have to physically go to each business.

Chair Slafer noted that we do not know what percentage of businesses recycle in Cape Coral, so there is no way of knowing what the additional cost to the City would be if we did mandate recycling in the future. Analyst Maine confirmed that statement. She stated it all depends on how far you want to get into the whole program.

Chair Slafer asked if there was an ordinance that requires new buildings being constructed to have recycling facilities. Analyst Maine stated they are supposed to provide an area for recycling.

Chair Slafer mentioned that areas of new construction are not required to have recycling facilities placed on their site. Analyst Maine stated they are required to have a solid waste facility.

Chair Slafer noted that instead of mandating current businesses to comply with new rules, this could be an alternative and make our City more sustainable as we further develop.

Member Baxter asked if the City looked into any similar deals with private recycling companies. Analyst Maine stated the City only dealt with Waste Pro.

Chair Slafer asked Advisor Mazurkiewicz if he could have members of the business community to come to the next meeting.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz discussed the business community's position from the Government Affairs Committee from the Chamber of Commerce and the CCCIA for the construction recycling:

- A mandatory recycling was opposed by the business community for the reasons that staff spoke about.
- New construction does not require dedicated space for recycling although they do have dedicated space for solid waste on site.

- To retrofit would be a real hardship on existing businesses if they had to give up a parking space which would violate their Certificate of Use.
- The additional fee for recycling is minimal.
- The big concern for businesses who have recycling available on site is sorting.
- The big issue with the construction industry and the development community is to create additional space on very small lots to make room. They have options available as to what site they can dump on.
- The landfill in South Charlotte County is close and less per ton than the one in Lee County.
- They all have containers on site and pay a third-party professional to haul it away.

Chair Slafer asked Ms. Maine what strategies other cities who implemented mandatory commercial recycling had about enforcement. Analyst Maine stated most of the cities did very little to enforce it. One city started charging people, but it was such a small amount, it was cheaper to just pay that monthly fee and not recycle.

Chair Slafer inquired if there were statistics in those cities about whether the recycling compliance rate went up after mandatory recycling as introduced. Analyst Maine noted that was a fuzzy number. Before we went with Waste Pro, the City had Waste Management where we had to separate all of our recycling. It is very difficult to say what actually caused the increase in recycling.

Chair Slafer stated he would put this topic to rest until the next meeting. At that time the Council could discuss specifics in terms of a proposal.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz explained trying to institute mandatory recycling across the board will have a cost to it and questioned if it would bump up our recycling numbers.

Brigitte Kantor, Lee County Solid Waste Public Utilities Manager, pointed out that when they initiated the mandatory recycling ordinance for businesses, there was a 30% participation rate at the beginning. Workshops with businesses were held where we explained how they can reduce their cost in MSW disposal if they took part in recycling. At the end of the year we had a 90% participation rate. She stated she could provide further information at the next meeting, if the Council so desired.

Chair Slafer asked the three presenters if they could come to the next meeting when we have a full Council.

Advisor Mazurkiewicz stated the number to look for impact is tonnage.

Ms. Kantor stated tonnage is driven by material. Glass weighs more than paper. She stated they allow businesses to recycle with other recyclers who then pay them a portion of what the material is worth. It is a revenue stream for some businesses.

Discussion on Recent Council Decision Regarding Extended Hours of Operation for Bars in South Cape Downtown District

Chair Slafer opened this topic for discussion.

Member Dunkle stated she received a few replies from the students in her school, but it was not enough and was waiting for more responses.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

Chair Slafer asked if any member had any agenda topics for the next meeting.

Member Cerretani requested adding the Progress of the Garden Project to the next meeting agenda. ***There was no objection.***

Chair Slafer asked if we could add the Recycling topic to the next meeting agenda. ***There was no objection.***

Member Baxter inquired if we could add Update on Blessings in a Backpack Fundraiser, April 21st Movie Night to the next agenda. ***There was no objection.***

REPORTS

Member Baxter: Topics: We raised \$830 at a recent fundraiser. She will be working with Kristin and Todd from the Special Events Division to do more fundraisers and reach the goal of \$5,000 by the end of the year. She sent an email for tomorrow's Sounds of Jazz and Blues looking for volunteers.

Member Rodriguez: Topics: No report

Member Cerretani: Topics: Update to the Garden Project, she contacted each of the schools except for Canterbury and Bishop Verot. She heard back from Cape Coral High School and North Ft. Myers who want to work together on a project. She wanted to know if there was any objection to bring this forward to the City Council.

Chair Slafer stated he had no objection although it would be best to be discussed at the next meeting under her agenda topic to get more details and get input from the entire Youth Council.

Member Dunkle: Topics: She stated at the last meeting she was waiting for some calls; she did not get any back. At the next meeting she will report back with any recommendations on leadership programs.

Chair Slafer: Topics: Tomorrow is the March for our Lives at Centennial Park under the Pavilion at 12 noon and invited all to attend.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISON AND ADVISORS

Council Liaison Williams asked the members who would be working on the Florida League of Cities competition which has an April 2nd submission date.

Member Cerretani agreed to do a report on Blessings in a Backpack.

There was no objection.

Council Liaison Williams stated it should be sent to the entire Council when it is completed. Connie Griglin will be the new Staff Liaison for the Youth Council, and all comments should be sent to her. He stated his office would handle the submission. He noted that on May 1st the Seniors will be completing their term on the Youth Council. We were still short of candidates from At Large: Canterbury and Bishop Verot High School.

Assistant City Clerk Bruns stated they needed applicants from North Ft. Myers High School, Oasis High School, and Ida Baker High School.

TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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Strategic Vision People (Bevan and Saunders). Ms. Bevan was not present today so that cannot be held.

Strategic Vision Time and Process (Wilson and Cerretani). Mr. Wilson was not present today so that cannot be held.

Subcommittee Meetings of the Cape Coral Youth Council will be held on Friday, April 13, 2018, directly after the end of the meeting to discuss Strategic Plan assignments in Council Chambers.

A regular meeting of the Cape Coral Youth Council was scheduled for Friday, April 13, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 3:41 p.m.

Submitted by,

Barbara Kerr
Recording Secretary