

GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

*Joint Workshop with the
Cape Coral City Council*

**City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority
Governing Board**

**City of Cape Coral City Council Chambers
1015 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral FL 33909**

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Gunter

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gunter

3. Roll Call

Cape Coral City Council

Mayor Gunter, Council Members Carr, Cosden, Hayden, Long, Sheppard, Seinke, Welsh

Charter School Authority Governing Board:

Mykisha Atisele, Kristifer Jackson, Keith Long, Dist 6., Karen Michaels, Dr Guido Minaya,
Charles Pease, Cathy Stout. Parent Representatives: Jennifer Hoagland, OHS/SAC

Absent: Parent Representatives - Gregor Schade, OMS, Caroline Rouzeau/OEN

Also Present: Jacquelin Collins, Superintendent

Jackie Corey, Principal, OHS

Amy Brown, CSA HR Manager

Gary Cerny, Cape Coral Charter School Authority Municipal Foundation

Jen-Hope Belis, Cape Coral Charter School Authority Municipal Foundation

Mark Mason, Director Finance, CCC

Kimberly Bruns, City Clerk, CCC

Aleksandr Boksner, City Attorney

4. Citizens Input Time

Tom Shadrach, Cape Coral Resident - Although he is currently an advocate for the charter schools, Shadrach remembers when they were established the schools were supposed to be self-sustaining with no public service tax. Shadrach still supports the schools paying for themselves, and he hopes the football field complex will be paid for and maintained by the charter schools, and any financial help [we] give to the charter schools comes only from the school tax money, and not the general fund. In addition, he wants the City to be more transparent on any other subsidies that help the charter schools. The general public deserves to know what [we] pay for the charter schools over and above what we pay in school taxes.

Gary Cerny, Cape Coral Resident and Oasis Parent - Responding to Mr Shadrach, Cerny agreed the original City funding came 20 years ago, and the entire City including the charter schools, is completely different with different needs, etc. Oasis has been named the Best Performing Charter School System in southwest Florida, and we don't even have a football or track field! What are we doing to make the school experience whole? A great school system makes for a great community environment. It all flows together. We need to come together and do this. Now is the time. The kids deserve this. Thank you for your time.

5. Business

Discussion highlights regarding the football fields, *aka*, the "Oasis Sports Complex"

Mayor Gunter - Can an agreement be 50/50 or a percentage of payment?

City Attorney - The law does not authorize fractured payment so all the LCI funds must be utilized for a "school" facility

Mayor Gunter - "Exclusive Rights" means the maintenance should be the responsibility of the charter schools who want exclusive use of the facility.

Hayden - Supports the charter schools maintaining the facility and not the City.

City Attorney - Per the statute, maintenance can be paid with LCI funds if a lease is long-term/5 years or more

Steinke - Encourages the GB to give guidance to designers about intended public access to protect the school's assets and property.

Michaels: Since ability to rent out to the community does not negate use of LCI funds, from a business standpoint the schools should be willing to rent the facility for public usage to the right tenant, for the right price.

Pease - At the end of the day, this is major community engagement which is very positive, but we still have to do what it best to protect the charter schools

Sheppard - The charter schools need to embrace and demonstrate full control by developing a business plan from design to potential revenue, to ensure the football field complex is more than just an event space, it is a business opportunity that can generate real revenue.

Carr: Agrees complex should be a school operated facility using LCI funds

Welsh: Agrees charter schools should have priority but the superintendent and principals can decide who has access

6. Recommendation

The Council should Approve of Resolution 102-24 Award Contract #RCP2343JM for Professional Design Services for the Design of Oasis Sports Fields to Avalon Engineering, Inc. for the conceptual plans at a not-to-exceed amount of \$297,054.49.

This is a preliminary step and the project has an appropriated budget of \$800,000.

City Manager - City teams and Charter administration will work together and draw up an agreement to design the final concept scope, and bring it back to the Council for approval. Since the charter school funding is in the future reimbursement can be wrapped into their repayment plan.

In addition, the agreement needs to be memorialized so that the terms and conditions we are discussing [today] are transparent and available for the community, for future board members, for future councilmembers, etc., because down the road seats and people will change and we want to make sure we have something.

City Attorney: I will prepare an after the fact resolution that will ultimately be brought back to you on July 17th - it will incorporate everything that we have discussed here.

7. Conclusion

UPDATE : CITY COUNCIL APPROVED - MEETING JUNE 5, 2024:

9A. CONSENT AGENDA (1) Resolution 102-24 Award Contract #RCP2343JM for Professional Design Services for the Design of Oasis Sports Fields to Avalon Engineering, Inc. for the conceptual plans at a not-to-exceed amount of \$297,054.49; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement(s), change order(s), contract amendment(s), renewal(s) and purchase orders: Office: Capital Improvements Projects Division (City Manager's Office): Dollar Value: \$297,054.49; (Parks and Recreation Capital Project Fund) - APPROVED

8. Adjournment

The Joint Workshop adjourned at 5:31p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Paul-Evans, Governing Board Secretary

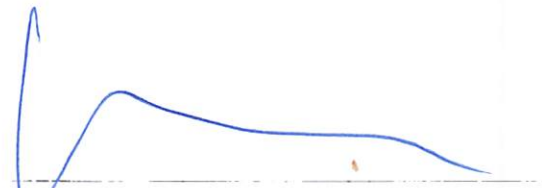
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CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY


Secretary

Date of approval