

**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP
JANUARY 24, 2013**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross opened the workshop at 6:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Green, Curran, Sims, Mallozzi, and Mayor Ross.

3. AGENDA CONCERNS

Gladys Wilson, 5155 SW 90th Avenue, spoke against the sale of the City's storage facilities to the proposed presenter and suggested that Commissioner Curran recuse himself from voting on the matter.

Bonnie Simpkin, 5022 SW 93rd Avenue, spoke against the sale of the City's storage facilities.

Ed Wooley, 11038 Nashville Drive, spoke against the sale of the City's storage facilities and the presentation by the prospective buyer, when the sale of the property has not been advertised. He proposed that the City consider a bid from a group of citizens, including himself, that would result in a profit to the City and a service to its residents.

**4. BUSINESS PLAN PRESENTATION ROBBIE AND SUZANNE JOHNSON
RELATIVE TO THE CITY'S STORAGE FACILITIES**

City Manager Loucks explained that this discussion began at the Commission Meeting of July 17, 2012, where the Commission recommended increasing the storage rates, but agreed to further discussion regarding the most effective ways to operate the facilities.

He recommended that the Commission not entertain any proposals from parties wishing to purchase or operate the facilities at this time. He explained the Commission must decide whether to maintain control and operation of their parking/storage facilities, including funding improvements thereon, or begin the process of selling the properties. He described the process that will be involved in valuing and marketing the sale of the property and the business.

MOTION: To forgo the presentation in order to workshop the suggestions made by the City Manager, decide their direction and then begin the process of moving in that direction.

**Moved by Commissioner Sims. Seconded by Commission Curran.
All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

MOTION: To schedule an additional workshop to have all of the details of leasing the properties, improving the properties or hiring a management company to oversee the operation of the properties.

Moved by Commissioner Sims. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi.

At this time, Mayor Ross recognized Michael Whiteman of 8732 SW 57th Street, who spoke regarding the recent loss he suffered as the result of a theft from one of the City's storage lots.

All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

5. Commissioner's Concerns

Commissioner Sims apologized to Mr. Whiteman for his loss and reiterated his feelings regarding maintenance and security concerns at the storage lots.

Commissioner Curran requested the Commission be updated at the next Commission Meeting regarding all of the vacant job positions in the City.

Commissioner Mallozzi took the opportunity to publicly apologize to Ms. Wilson for her previous comment and for not apologizing at the last Commission Meeting.

Mayor Ross expressed his optimism that the future workshop would result in the best action for the City and its residents regarding the storage lots.

City Manager Loucks confirmed that staff continues to maintain and repair the lots and the security at the lots without further instruction.

Public Works Director Jim Bowman reported regarding the ongoing upkeep and potential upgrades to the security at the lots.

City Manager Loucks reported on the following:

- Whiteflies have caused devastation to many Gumbo Limbo trees which comprise a large portion of the City's swale trees. He presented a proposal by the City Arborist to aid residents in maintaining their swale trees and the City's tree canopy by allowing residents to bypass the permit process to remove and replace these damaged trees.
- The Code Enforcement office and the Building Department will begin an outreach program along Palm Avenue near SW 49th Street, where walls and fences have fallen into disrepair, to aid the residents in taking steps to come into compliance with City Code.

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