

**CITY OF COOPER CITY  
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP  
OCTOBER 17, 2013**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ross opened the workshop at 6:30 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**

Margi Valuikas, 5300 SW 101 Avenue, expressed her concern for the lack of a safety barrier along the Palm Avenue widening project site, drainage issues and speeding.

Cheryl Smith, 10527 SW 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, expressed concern for speeding along the construction route and referenced a petition signed by concerned residents seeking the median be added on SW 53<sup>rd</sup> Street as was originally expressed in the early plans.

Steven Smith, 10527 SW 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, reiterated the previous speakers' comments.

Jackie Sheffield, 10215 SW 53 Street, expressed traffic and safety concerns surrounding the construction.

Howard Meltzer, 9770 SW 55 Court, expressed traffic concerns in opposition to closing the left-hand turn into SW 53 Street as well as speeding.

Michael Simonson, 10467 SW 53 Street, referenced the Florida Green Book and stated that the removal of the median is in violation of the standards expressed in this publication. (Mr. Tournese advised that Broward County Engineers and their consultant had reviewed this issue and had determined that there is no violation).

Veronica Lopez, 5524 SW 100 Terrace, expressed concern for the speed along the roadways around her home.

**4. PALM AVENUE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Plans and Photos (from 9-12-13 Commission Meeting)

Richard Tournese, Broward County Engineering

Bryan Williams, Broward County Engineering

Representatives from the Broward County Engineering Division demonstrated several methods that may be implemented to address traffic and safety concerns in and around the construction area. The County will install removable traffic delineators in the median area at the intersection of SW 53rd Street. The initial layout will be such as to prevent any left turn in or left turn out at the intersection. The delineators will remain in place in that configuration for a period of time to see if there is any public comment elicited by the traffic patterns created by the configuration of the delineators. Based on any comments – or lack of same – the County shall either reconfigure the delineators in response to the comments, or install a permanent median curbing to replace the delineators.

Mr. Tournese explained that the County would install a guard rail along the west side of Palm Avenue to provide a safety barrier to homes and pedestrians on that side of the road. The guard rail would run approximately from SW 49<sup>th</sup> Street to SW 55<sup>th</sup> Court.

Mr. Williams advised that the double turn lanes from Palm Avenue onto Griffin Road and the left turn lane from Palm Avenue into the Pine Lake Shopping Center are expected to be open within the next 30 days.

Members of the Commission made suggestions to increase traffic calming measures.

Unanimous consensus was reached to accept the County's portable median option that eliminates both left turns in and left turns out of SW 53 Street.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.**

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