

**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2015 at 6:30 PM**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and Embassy Creek Elementary School Student Council President Jacob Flax led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held in recognition of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS

None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Ross made the following announcements:

- The Cooper City Pool and Tennis Center will host "Mayor's Open Play Chess Challenge" on Saturday, November 21st and December 19th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
- Autism Awareness Day, sponsored by Cooper City and the Town of Davie, will be held at the Cooper City Fire Station at 10550 Stirling Road on Sunday, November 22nd from 2:00 PM until 4 PM.
- Light Up Cooper City will take place in Memorial Park on December 4th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- The Broward County Mayors' Chess Challenge will be held on December 5th at 9:30 AM in the Lauderhill City Hall at 5581 W. Oakland Park Boulevard.
- Breakfast or Lunch with Santa will be held at the Community Center on December 12th for children in 2nd grade and under.
- Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue District 28 will run the Annual Cooper City Holiday Santa Program on Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th. Register Monday, November 30th through Friday, December 4th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in person.
- Flu shots will be offered on Wednesday, November 18th from 10:00 AM until noon at the Cooper City Pool and Tennis Center by Walgreens Pharmacists.
- The City Commission/City Hall Notable dates are as follows:
 - Tuesday, December 15th - Commission Meeting - 6:30 PM.
 - City offices will be closed on November 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving Day and the day after.
 - City offices will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

- o City offices will be closed on Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Commissioner Mallozzi requested support for military personnel stationed overseas through www.forgottensoldiers.org and requested support and sponsorship on behalf of the Pioneer Middle School Robotics Club.

Commissioner Curran announced that School Board Superintendent Robert Runcie and District Board members would be conducting a Town Hall Meeting at Cooper City High School at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 18th.

Presentations

City Manager Loucks introduced Public Works Director Denise Yozle who will take her position as of Monday, November 23rd.

- A. Employee Recognition - Stanley "Jake" Jacques, Utility Department
The Mayor and Commission presented Stanley Jacques with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of exceptional service for which he was commended by the recipient in an email to the City Manager.
- B. Employee Recognition - Dan Fatout, 20-Year Service Award
Dan Fatout, Utilities Foreman received a "Tree of Life" Award in recognition of 20 years of service to Cooper City.
- C. Pioneer Boys Soccer Middle School County Champions 2015
Certificates of Recognition were presented to members of the Pioneer Eagles 2015 Soccer Championship Team.
- D. Student Government - Oath of Office Ceremony
Mayor Ross administered the Oath of Office to student government officers from Cooper City Elementary School, Cooper City High School, Embassy Creek Elementary School, Griffin Elementary School, Pioneer Middle School and Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

A. Open Public Meeting

William Barkins, 3740 Ottawa Lane, spoke in opposition to the possibility of the City using synthetic turf in any of the sports fields.

B. Agenda Concerns

Russell Miller, 5209 SW 90th Terrace, spoke regarding Item 12 and specifically to traffic control and signage on and near his street.

Brian Meetze, 5210 SW 90th Terrace, spoke in reference to Item 12 and made suggestions regarding signage, patrols, road striping and verbiage for the Ordinance.

Keith Porro, 9040 SW 52nd Street, spoke regarding Item 12 and made suggestions regarding traffic control and safety on his street.

Ellen Higginbotham, 9005 SW 52nd Street, spoke regarding Item 12 and referenced traffic infractions in her area. She asked for increased patrols in the area and better lighting.

Nancy Hisan, 9050 SW 52nd Street, spoke in reference to Item 12 and in support of the amendment to the Ordinance.

6. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Cates spoke in reference to traffic enforcement in the area addressed in Item 12. He reported that the year-to-date crime statistics in Cooper City are down 10.4% at this point. He asked the public to be on the look-out for two burglary suspects whose likenesses were captured by video and have been posted to www.sheriff.org. He announced that Detective Rob Petoskey, who has served with Cooper City as a police officer since prior to the transition to BSO, will be promoted to Sergeant in another district.

On behalf of Sheriff Scott Israel, Chief Cates provided the following Thanksgiving holiday tips:

- Vacation Home Watch available through BSO
- Ask your neighbors to keep an eye out for activity around your home
- Do not post on social media that you are out of town
- Install smoke alarms outside of every bedroom on every level of your home
- Use flameless candles for decoration
- Buckle up and drive carefully
- Don't drink and drive
- Remain alert while traveling
- Keep children away from cooking areas
- Exercise caution while cutting your turkey
- Wash your hands thoroughly when handling food
- Use caution with turkey fryers and follow directions for safety
- Be cognizant of your pets and the foods that may harm them
- Always watch small children near water

7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Caruso reported on the upcoming events including:

- "Stay Alive: Think and Drive" at Cooper City High School on Thursday night at 6:00 PM, sponsored by DECA.
- Autism Awareness Day at the fire station on Sunday, November 22nd from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM.
- Drowning prevention window decal distribution program.
- The Santa Program for Cooper City - Reservations will be received November 30th through December 4th.
- The Cooper City Firefighter Scholarship Program - Last year's recipients will have enrolled in their first EMT class to begin in January.
- The Car-Fit Program will be operating on December 10th from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

1. October 19, 2015 – Workshop Meeting
2. October 27, 2015 – Regular Meeting

B. Resolutions

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AND REAPPOINTING BARRY SCHINDER TO THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES PENSION BOARD OF THE CITY OF

COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE - **Res. No. 15-11-2**

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AND REAPPOINTING DICK SHARPE TO THE POLICE OFFICERS PENSION BOARD OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE - **Res. No. 15-11-3**
3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AND REAPPOINTING C. REGINALD ESIBOU TO THE FIREFIGHTER PENSION BOARD OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE - **Res. No. 15-11-4**

C. Financial Matters

1. Approving the repair of sewer lift station #13 by Hinterland Group.
2. Approving the award of Bid #2015-10-PW for Concrete Installation and Replacement to Coreland Construction.
3. Approving the renewal of the Grounds Mowing & Landscape Maintenance Contract Bid #2013-1-PW with The Landscape Company, Inc.
4. Approving the award of Bid #2015-9-PW for Air Conditioning Maintenance, Purchase and Installation to Premier Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Inc.
5. Approval of a purchase order to Killebrew, Inc., in the amount of \$52,779.48, for additional work associated with installation of the new bathroom at the Sports Complex.
6. Approving the purchase of seven vehicles for \$139,012.00.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 8B1, 8B2 and 8B3.

Moved by Commissioner Sims. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

MOTION: To table Items 8B1, 8B2 and 8B3 until after Item 9 is voted upon.

Moved by Commissioner Sims. Motion died for lack of a second.

8B1. Res. No. 15-11-2

City Atty. Wolpin read, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AND REAPPOINTING BARRY SCHINDER TO THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES PENSION BOARD OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE," by title.

MOTION: To approve the resolution designating and reappointing Barry Schinder to the General Employees Pension Board of the City of Cooper City, Florida.

Moved by Commissioner Mallozzi. Seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Sims dissenting.

8B2. Res. No. 15-11-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AND REAPPOINTING DICK SHARPE TO THE POLICE OFFICERS PENSION BOARD OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE," by title.

MOTION: To approve the resolution designating and reappointing Dick Sharpe to the Police Officers Pension Board.

Moved by Commissioner Mallozzi. Seconded by Commissioner Curran. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Sims dissenting.

8B3. Res. No. 15-11-4

City Atty. Wolpin read, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AND REAPPOINTING C. REGINALD ESIBOU TO THE FIREFIGHTER PENSION BOARD OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE," by title.

MOTION: To approve the resolution designating and reappointing C. Reginald Esibou to the Firefighter Pension Board of the City of Cooper City.

Moved by Commissioner Mallozzi. Seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Sims dissenting.

9. RESOLUTION

City Atty. Wolpin read, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE," by title. - **Res. No. 15-11-1**

MOTION: To approve Resolution No. 15-11-1.

Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi.

MOTION: To reject the resolution and leave the current process in place.

Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Sims.

Motion passed 3-2 with Commissioners Green and Mallozzi dissenting.

10. STAFFING OF SECOND RESCUE UNIT

Provide direction regarding staffing of a second Rescue Unit.

City Manager Loucks explained the chronology of events and the budget amendments that were made to provide for the staffing of a second rescue unit at a cost of 1.2 million dollars in the budget for F/Y 2015/2016. He clarified that while amending the contract with the Broward Sheriff's Office, it was determined that the figures originally provided by BSO to the City were erroneous and the current cost of staffing options will be as follows:

- To staff both units with 3 men and women each: \$1,800,000.00
- To staff the first unit as it is and add the second unit with a staff of 2 men and women: \$1,338,000.00
- To reduce staffing on the first rescue by 1 and staff the second unit with 2 men and women: \$ 766,000.00

MOTION: To approve staffing the second rescue unit with 3 and maintaining the current level of coverage on the first at a cost of \$1,800,000.00

Moved by Commissioner Sims. Motion died for lack of a second.

Fire Chief Stravino, Deputy Fire Chief Frank Porcella and General Counsel Ron Gunzburger from BSO responded to questions from the Commission.

MOTION: To extend the meeting past the time of 9:30 PM.

Moved by Commissioner Sims. Seconded by Commissioner Curran.

All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

MOTION: To table the discussion on this Item until the Compliance Audit of the Public Safety Contract is returned.

Moved by Commissioner Sims. Seconded by Commissioner Green.

All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

11. DEMAND FOR DIRECTION

Demand for Direction to the City Attorney to be given by the Commission regarding the Fire Assessment case to be held in public - **Commissioner Sims Item pulled by Commissioner Sims.**

12. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION/ACTION

Discussion, direction, or action regarding a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 17, Article IV, "Traffic Calming Devices"

City Atty. Wolpin read, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 17 "TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES" OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING ARTICLE IV "TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES", BY CREATING PARAGRAPH (D) "WAIVER MECHANISM" OF SECTION 17-38 "PUBLIC ROADS"; AMENDING PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES BY PROVIDING FOR WAIVER MECHANISM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE," by title.

MOTION: To approve, on first reading, the ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the City Code of Ordinances by amending Article IV, by creating paragraph D of Section 17-38.

Moved by Commissioner Sims. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Curran dissenting.

13. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Loucks requested direction from the Commission to discuss the possibility of staffing a rescue unit with the City of Pembroke Pines and the City of Hollywood.

Consensus was reached 3-2 with Commissioner Curran and Sims dissenting, to direct the City Manager to enter into conversations with the City of Pembroke Pines and the City of Hollywood regarding staffing a rescue unit in Cooper City.

City Manager Loucks reported that he has been in discussions with FPL regarding additional street lighting in the area of SW 90th Avenue and SW 52nd Place, the stop sign posts will be painted with highly reflective material to increase visibility and additional "children at play" caution signs will be placed throughout the park areas.

He explained that the park bench project through the county is at the same point as it was when reported at the last meeting.

14. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS/REPORTS

Commissioner Sims stated that anyone who wishes to serve the community should be eligible to participate on any board. He suggest that the Commission may or may not want to consider setting certain qualification criteria in the future.

Commissioner Curran explained that he voted against Item 12 because staff is addressing several weaknesses, including lighting and signage, which may improve traffic safety in the area without installing speed bumps throughout the City. He additionally explained his reasons for not accepting the scenarios presented by BSO for staffing the second rescue unit.

Commissioner Mallozzi explained that the residents who have offered to pay for their own speed bumps should be allowed to have them under the stipulations contained within the amended ordinance.

Mayor Ross explained that the proposed ordinance contains specific requirements that speak directly to need, which is essential. He explained that he did not feel comfortable with the figures that BSO provided as the residents would have an additional 50% increase to their tax bill.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 PM.

NOTICE: This meeting is open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Office of the City Clerk, 954-434-4300 ext. 220, not later than two days prior to such proceeding. One or more members of the City of Cooper City Advisory Boards may be in attendance and may participate at the meeting. Anyone wishing to appeal any decision made by the Cooper City Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Agenda items may be viewed online at www.coopercityfl.org or at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Cooper City, 9090 SW 50 Place, Cooper City, Florida, 33328, 954-434-4300.