

**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 8, 2016 at 6:30 PM**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:33 PM and 5th Grade Griffin Elementary School student Jonathan Fuentes led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 City Hall lobby remodeling project was completed last week. Utility Customer Service Operations and City Clerk functions have been returned to their offices and passport services will resume on Tuesday, March 15th.
- Wilton Manors will host the March Chess Challenge on March 19th from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. and Hallandale Beach will conduct its upcoming Chess Challenge on April 2nd, from 9-11 AM at the Hallandale Beach Cultural Community Center, 410 SE 3rd Street. Both these events are complimentary.
- The Charter Review Board is seeking community input at the next public meeting on Wednesday, March 16th at 6:00 PM in the City Hall auditorium, or submit your input via email to tinah@coopercityfl.org or call Tina Hudson in at 954-434-4300 ext #220.
- Cooper City is introducing a new local mobile business application which will function as a directory for our Cooper City businesses through Go Local Apps. Please contact Community Liaison Denise Lasarte at 954-434-4300 ext #263 to register your Cooper City business.
- The FDOT has awarded Interstate Construction, LLC the Sound Barrier Wall Project along Griffin Road from SW 19th Avenue to west of SW 87th Avenue. Construction is scheduled to begin this week and should be completed by the fall of 2016.
- Yellow Dot decals are available upon request at BSO Fire Rescue, the Community Center and during the Mayor's Chess Challenge.
- The next BSO/Special Olympics, Florida Tip-A-Cop event at Beef O'Brady's will be held on Wednesday, March 9th from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM.
- The Spring Community Book Swap will be held on Friday, March 11th at 6:00 PM with a "kids only" pre-swap period beginning at 5:30 PM.
- Broward 14th Annual Water Matters Day, which will be held Saturday, March 12th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Treetops Park in Davie. Park admission is \$1.50 but children 5 and under are free. For more information call 954-519-1270.

- Cooper City will host the annual Richardson 5K and One-Mile Run/Walk on Sunday, March 13th at the Cooper City Sports Complex. Registration forms are online and at the Cooper City Recreation buildings.
- The Business Advisory Board invites Cooper City business owners and managers to attend a complimentary breakfast event on Thursday, March 17 at 8:00 AM in the Community Center. This "Buy Local" event is designed to help our local business owners to promote their businesses to Cooper City residents. Reservations are required.
- The "Egg Hunt" in the dark for Cooper City resident middle school teens, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, on Thursday, March 24th from 7 - 9 PM at the Cooper City Pool and Tennis Center.
- The Annual Egg-citing Egg Hunt will begin at 10 AM for Cooper City residents and their guests on Saturday, March 26th at the Cooper City Sports Complex. Participants from toddlers through 5th grade are welcomed.
- The City Commission/City Hall Notable dates are as follows:
 - The next City Commission Meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd and Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30 PM.

Commissioner Mallozzi made the following announcements:

- Pioneer Middle School Band is requesting donations to fund the purchase of a projector. Please contact Mr. Euler if you can contribute a projector or a contribution to help fund one.
- Please support military personnel stationed overseas by visiting www.forgottensoldiers.org.
- An I-Zone Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9th at the Cooper City High School from 7:00 to 9:00 PM for all Broward County Public School students to address the issues that may cause undue stress and anxiety in children.

Commissioner Curran thanked everyone for their efforts on behalf of Relay for Life and advised that funds in the amount of \$88,000.00 have been raised to date and 71 teams have registered.

Commissioner Sims asked that everyone remember Walter Jolliff in their prayers as he is recovering from surgery and complications.

Presentation by Henry Sniezek, Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department Regarding Linkage Fee Program

Mr. Sniezek and Ralph Stone, Director of Housing, Finance, and Community Redevelopment Division presented information regarding the Linkage Fee Program. The PowerPoint presentation may be viewed online [here](#).

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

A. Open Public Meeting

Open Public Meeting speakers were combined with Agenda Concerns speakers.

B. Agenda Concerns

John Casey, 5662 SW 88th Terrace, expressed concern with the possibility of losing the BSO contract altogether. He asked that the Commission members address this issue impartially and support the BSO option for staffing the second rescue vehicle.

Ray Briant, 12102 Park Drive, suggested that there was a breakdown in communications with BSO and asked that the Commission support the BSO option.

Michael Bufalo, 11648 SW 59 Street, expressed concern with implementing the Town of Davie option and what could happen when there are multiple emergencies at the same time.

Ray Hoecherl, 5813 SW 115 Avenue, spoke in support of accepting one of the BSO options.

Eric DeLotta, 9488 SW 50 Court, spoke in support of BSO.

Jason Smith, 10438 SW 49 Place, spoke in support of BSO.

Chris Foppiano, 11201 Sunview Way, spoke in support of BSO.

Vince Greico, 11230 Rockinghorse Road, spoke in support of BSO.

Martin Sherwood, 5529 SW 113 Avenue, spoke regarding Item 8-C and thanked the City Manager and Public Works Director Denise Yoezle for their work on this project. He asked that future roadway paving be uniform and consistent for entire streets.

Jeff Saunders, owner Retrofit (formerly Club Fit), advised that the health club was being renovated with top-of-the-line equipment and invited everyone to join.

6. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Lt. Brian Montgomery announced that longtime employee Sgt. Ronnie DeAngelo will be retiring on March 30th. He thanked Brent and Debbie Ginsburg of Beef O'Brady's for providing the venue for the Tip-A-Cop event. He thanked residents for their vigilance in reporting sightings and being instrumental in helping BSO apprehend burglary suspects.

7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Caruso advised that the basic CERT class continues and that BSO's Technical Rescue Team will be assisting this week's class. He further advised that CERT will also assist with the Richardson 5K Run. He reminded everyone that the clocks spring ahead on Saturday. He advised that BSO had attended the STEM Broward (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) event at Temple Beth Emet. He thanked the residents for attending the Kickball Bake Sale and Dunk Tank event last weekend which benefited Relay for Life.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

1. February 23, 2016--Regular Meeting
2. March 1, 2016 - Workshop on Staffing Second Rescue Unit

B. Resolutions

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 2015 UPDATE OF THE "UNIFIED REGIONAL SEA LEVEL RISE PROJECTION FOR SOUTHEAST FLORIDA" AS THE BASIS FOR SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE -**Res. No. 16-3-1**
2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE 41ST YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. - **Res. No. 16-3-2**
3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE 41ST YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. - **Res. No. 16-3-3**

C. Financial Matters

Request approval to award contract to Arrow Asphalt & Engineering, Inc. for resurfacing of various city streets in the amount of \$695,197 and also to create a street resurfacing project in the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$300,000 through a transfer from Contingency in said fund.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

9. SELECTION OF AGENCY TO STAFF SECOND RESCUE UNIT

Evaluation and selection of either Town of Davie or BSO to staff the second rescue unit.

MOTION: To approve BSO's 12-Person Dedicated option for staffing the second rescue unit.

Moved by Commissioner Sims. Seconded by Commissioner Green.

Commissioner Sims advised that his selection is not about the money, it is about what he knows and that's why he is supporting the BSO option.

Commissioner Green thanked Mr. Lemack and the Town of Davie for their professionalism and their efforts during this issue. He expressed disappointment in BSO's leadership staff and explained that he felt these

negotiations should have been much less contentious. He expressed his support of BSO's option at a cost of \$1,634,508.

Commissioner Curran reviewed the different options and cost proposals submitted by BSO over the past several months. He explained that these proposals were not what the City and residents asked for and that the Commission made several budget cuts in order to meet the original submittal from BSO for \$1.2 million dollars.

Commissioner Mallozzi expressed her belief that BSO's original proposal of \$1.2 million dollars was not logical and should have been analyzed and found to be lacking at that time. She expressed her reasons for supporting the BSO Dedicated Training option. She complimented Mr. Lemack of the Town of Davie for his professionalism.

Mayor Ross explained that this is not a political decision but rather is a decision in the best interest of the citizens. He further explained that the problem is BSO made an original offer of \$1.2 million dollars and that this amount is what the budget cuts and millage increase was based on.

MOTION: To call the question.

Moved by Commissioner Sims. Roll call vote on the motion to call the question without further discussion failed with a 4 to 1 vote with Commissioner Sims supporting the motion to call the question.

Amendment to the Original Motion: To amend the motion to approve BSO's Dedicated Training Model at a cost of \$1,634,508.

Moved by Commissioner Sims. Accepted by Commissioner Green.

The Commission proceeded to consider and discuss the motion as amended.

Commissioner Curran explained that the Town of Davie has responded to 105 calls in Cooper City this year. He confirmed that cost for the option presented by the Town of Davie would not increase even if the number of calls exceeded the proposed 64%. He further explained that the future cost of providing BSO rescue services will result in a much higher cost to residents.

Commissioner Mallozzi expressed her belief that the Town of Davie Rescue provides phenomenal service and that staff from all these entities are well trained. She explained that the trainer model came out in discussions and did not happen in 20 minutes. The changing of the shared truck is what happened at the last meeting.

Commissioner Curran asked the City Manager when he became aware of the proposed trainer model. The City Manager responded that he first heard about it at the workshop. He then asked Mr. Gunzburger for details, which he received via an email late Friday evening and forwarded to the Commission on Monday morning.

Mayor Ross advised that the contract provides that 4 out of 12 firefighters (25%) will be experienced, which results in 8 staff with 3 years or less of experience with BSO.

MOTION: To allow the Commission members to speak a third time around.
Moved by Commission Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion passed with a roll call vote of 4 to 1 with Commissioner Sims dissenting.

Commissioner Curran asked for and received an explanation from Chief Caruso as to how the training staff will be "sprinkled" into the existing staff. Chief Caruso confirmed that the 8 staff with 3 or less years of experience will be filling positions on the Rescue Truck, Rescue 28, Quint 28, and Engine 28, depending on staffing for that day.

Commissioner Mallozzi advised that negotiating for the next police/fire contract needs to start now. She further advised that the Town of Davie has not provided a contract and the Town Council has not approved said contract.

Mayor Ross advised that the negotiations started six months ago and Cooper City was provided with options. He expressed that Cooper City residents win whether the Town of Davie option or the BSO option is selected.

Consensus was reached to include in the amended motion authorization for the Mayor and City Manager to sign the applicable Fifth Addendum to the BSO Contract.

All aye on roll call vote on the motion as amended. Motion passed.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Loucks explained that Cooper City will be receiving used rescue vehicles purchased by BSO from the City of Weston. He further explained that the vehicles will not be available for four months due to them being painted at a cost of \$25,000 per vehicle. He requested the Commission's consensus to investigate the possibility of accepting the vehicles without repainting and receiving the \$25,000 per vehicle for the City to do necessary painting and repairs. The Commission gave consensus to open discussions.

He advised that the sale of the Post Office property on Stirling Road, west of the Marathon station, fell through and it is still for sale at \$3.9 million dollars. He proposed to bring the issue to the Commission on the next agenda for discussion on whether to purchase the property for future City use.

He explained that the installation of the bus shelters is progressing and the utilities location is expected to be complete within the next few days. Once complete, the concrete pads will be poured.

11. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS/REPORTS

Commissioner Green advised that he is glad that the approval for staffing the second rescue unit is complete. He expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Curran and the Purple Posse on their efforts at the dunk tank event to further support the Relay for Life cause.

Commissioner Curran read an email that he received during the meeting regarding a resident whose mother was just taken to the hospital by BSO. The email urged the Commission's support of staffing the second rescue unit with BSO personnel. He advised that he had struggled with this issue and he hopes that communication can be restored.

Commissioner Mallozzi expressed concern with a comment that was allegedly made by the Mayor to the effect that if she sponsored a BSO option then it would not be passed. She explained that she is pleased that BSO will be staffing the second rescue and advised that BSO is now aware that in the future the Town of Davie Fire/Rescue is willing and able to provide this service to Cooper City. She thanked the Purple Posse for their efforts to support the Relay for Life and added her support for the Tip-A-Cop event.

Commissioner Sims advised that communication is the key to resolving problems and he is glad that the hurdle for staffing of the second rescue unit is passed.

Mayor Ross clarified that BSO has always had his support but that he had problems with the administration and their lack of accepting responsibility for their errors. He advised Commissioner Mallozzi that he never made the alleged comment and suggested that she review the previous meeting video. He expressed his appreciation for being allowed to participate in the dunk tank event.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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.