

**CITY OF COOPER CITY  
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP AGENDA  
AUGUST 27, 2015  
6:30 PM**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ross opened the workshop at 6:30 PM, and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. AGENDA CONCERNS**

Walt Jolliff, 11095 Bismarck Place, opined in on government funding of extracurricular school programs and advised caution regarding travel to New Orleans.

Jerilyn Habenicht, 4800 SW 119<sup>th</sup> Terrace, spoke in support of and the need for a grant program for funding school groups, projects and programs; and described the need for an FCAT Explorer and/or Quizmo program for Pioneer Middle School.

**4. SCHOOL EVENT GRANT PROGRAM**

City Manager Loucks described the budget workshop discussions that led to the creation of a budget item in the amount of \$25,000.00 intended to assist the Cooper City High School Sound of Pride in their efforts to raise funds for their appearance at the Sugar Bowl. He further explained that a criteria outline for future applicants is to be established and reviewed by the Education Advisory Board. He detailed the considerations detailed in his backup memo to the Commission.

Commissioner Curran clarified his intentions for proposing this program and spoke in support of the efforts by the Cooper City High School Sound of Pride Marching Band to raise funds for their prospective travel to play in the Sugar Bowl. He explained that the objective is for other school programs with similar travel and/or recognition opportunities to be able to apply for assistance through the criteria as described by the City Manager. He explained that he does not feel that the City should attempt to fund school curriculums as that should be left to the School Board.

Commissioner Green explained that his understanding of the program is similar to that of Commissioner Curran and that he is not in support of augmenting the School Board's budget, but is in favor of aiding specific fund raising efforts of the students.

Commissioner Mallozzi expressed her support for a grant-funding program that would be available to any student programs with travel-related opportunities, regardless of the number of students traveling or the perception of exposure.

Commissioner Sims agreed with the recommendation by the City Manager to direct the Education Advisory Board in the review of the grant criteria. He further suggested involving the Business Advisory Board and possibly having them assist in seeking local business sponsorships for applicants.

Mayor Ross questioned the elements of the criteria evaluation and whether an organization would have to obtain a particular score in order to be considered for a first funding in the grant program or if the scoring would be used to assess an organization's eligibility to apply for a grant at all.

City Manager Loucks suggested addressing the initial request for funding by the Cooper City High School Sound of Pride Marching Band, which stands as the impetus for the creation of the budgeted line item, and directing the voluntary advisory boards to establish the criteria for a funding grant program to be available to eligible groups in the future.

**MOTION:** To allow a third round of Commission discussion.

**Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. Unanimous consensus was reached. Motion passed.**

**Consensus was reached to direct the City Manager to present a resolution to school officials directing the funding of \$25,000.00 to the Cooper City High School Sound of Pride Marching Band based upon contingencies set within the resolution as negotiated by the City Manager.**

## **5. REQUEST TO RECONSIDER**

Requesting Commission consensus to reagendaize a Resolution to amend Section 1.20 of the Manual of Personnel Policies, on the September 15, 2015 Commission Meeting (originally considered at the August 18, 2015 Commission Meeting) - **Commissioner Curran**

**Commissioner Curran clarified that the resolution which was tabled at the last Commission Meeting was not clearly understood and should be reconsidered.**

**MOTION:** To place the resolution amending section 1.20 of the Manual of Personnel Policies on the Agenda for September 15, 2015.

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

### **City Manager Matters**

- The Budget Hearing of September 15, 2015 was advertised to begin at 6:30 PM in the TRIM Notice, but in observance of Rosh Hashanah, budget items would be heard after 7:00 PM.
- A new Charter Review Board will need to be formed for review of the City Charter in the upcoming fiscal year.
- Chief Cates has reported that a death occurred in the Embassy Lakes community earlier this day, which is under investigation.
- The City has begun hurricane preparations for City buildings and establishing an employee plan for reporting to work on the day of or night before the storm is expected to arrive. He clarified that the City will follow the School Board's recommendations for opening their facilities for business.

### **Commissioner Concerns**

Commissioner Curran asked for clarification of the Charter Review Board recommendations and how they are implemented by the Commission.

Commissioner Sims requested an official City Attorney Opinion regarding Charter Review Board recommendations.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

**The workshop was adjourned at 8:26 PM**

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