

**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 28, 2015 at 6:30 PM**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:31 PM and Pioneer Middle School student Joshua Lopez led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. AGENDA CONCERNS

Neal de Jesus, address exempt by Florida State Statute, expressed support for the approval of the resolution to censure Commissioner Sims.

Brenda Kezar, 4979 SW 90th Way, spoke in opposition of the passing of the resolution and described the actions of the City Attorney and other Commissioners as inappropriate.

Deirdre Perry, 4976 SW 94th Terrace, spoke in support of Commissioner Sims and in opposition to the passing of the resolution.

4. RESOLUTION 15-12-9

City Atty. Richard Weiss read, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, CENSURING COMMISSIONER JOHN SIMS AND REPUDIATING AND RENOUNCING THE UNAUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENCE WHICH HE AUTHORED AND IMPROPERLY SENT TO THE CIRCUIT COURT IN VIOLATION OF THE FLORIDA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE; DIRECTING THAT COMMISSIONER SIMS IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST FROM THREATENING CITY STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIALS; CEASE AND DESIST FROM HIS RUDE, DEFAMATORY AND DISRESPECTFUL STATEMENTS ABOUT CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF; EXPRESSING FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE LEGAL ADVICE, GUIDANCE AND THE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE CITY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE," by title.

MOTION: To approve the resolution censuring Commissioner John Sims.

Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green.

All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

MOTION: To seek reimbursement from Commissioner Sims for recovery of the cost of attorney fees incurred by the City to prepare for and attend court proceedings to address the unauthorized letter.

Moved by Commissioner Mallozzi. Seconded by Commissioner Curran.

City Atty. Weiss confirmed with the City Clerk for the record that Commissioner Sims received advance notice of the meeting and the agenda, as did all of the Commission and the public. He explained that Commissioner Sims opted to forego the opportunity to be heard and/or represented at this meeting regarding the charges against him and advised that Commissioner Sims was notified on December 22nd that the firm would not be representing him. He advised that the amended resolution should include verbiage explaining that the exact dollar

amount of reimbursement to be assessed should be discussed at the next Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Mallozzi and Commissioner Curran agreed with the City Attorney's input to the amendment.

Mayor Ross advised that Commissioner Sims sent a message to the City Clerk advising that his absence was due to his wife's illness.

All aye on roll call vote to the amendment. Motion passed.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 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.