

**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES
MAY 17, 2017
6:30 PM**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. AGENDA CONCERNS

None.

4. BUDGET INPUT

- A. Chronology of Flamingo West Park
- B. 5-Year Capital Improvement Program

City Manager Loucks gave an overview of the backup documents provided, which were revised from the previous night's meeting per the Commission's directive. He explained that \$219,000 has been spent to-date on the Flamingo West Park and the costs for design, engineering and planning. He advised that there is currently \$3.5 million in the bank for use in developing the park.

Commissioner Curran requested a breakdown by date and amount of expenditures for work that has been done at the Christie Schafale Park over the years.

Commissioner Green suggested that, when the best concept for the Flamingo West Park is determined, provisions for the potential girl's college softball usage of the sports complex be considered. He asked about upgrades or renovations to the Pool & Tennis Center.

Mayor Ross advised that the artificial turf option may need to be revisited in the future. He also advised the City Manager that all transfers of BSO Law Enforcement personnel, except for promotions, are to be denied until the three vacancies are filled.

Commissioner Sims requested that the \$3.5 million shown on the backup material be consolidated to the current fiscal year and removed from future fiscal year allocations.

Each Department Director and BSO Chiefs was asked to provide their list of needs for the upcoming budget and suggestions for budget cuts.

Some recommendations were:

- Pesticide spray apparatus to spray the fields in house - Public Works
- Additional event funds; one full time staff person at Pool & Tennis Center; new vehicle; lounge chairs; new pump building - Recreation
- No additional staffing requests for Utilities, Public Works, Building, Growth Management, Finance, Administration or Clerk Departments
- City Attorney advised that no increase in hourly rates will be requested if the additional homestead exemption is passed and they will look at possibly using paralegals for some of the less critical issues
- BSO Police Department will be requesting fencing around the parking lot and a fixed sign board, which may come from the LETF funds
- BSO Fire Department will be requesting a small support vehicle for use by the Administrative Assistant or other personnel; communication devices
- The City Manager advised that the Commission's Assistant picks up things for the City and doesn't have the use of a City vehicle
- Suggestions for minor cuts to departmental budgets were made by various staff and administration

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.