



**CITY OF COOPER CITY  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 12, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:32 PPM and led the assembly in the Pledge. A moment of silence was observed for Renee Grutman.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were Commissioners Pulicini, Meltzer, Green, Curran and Mayor Ross.

**3. CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS**

None.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Curran advised food distribution at Suellen Fardelmann Sports Complex continues. Please contact the City for upcoming dates and if you know anyone who needs assistance.

Mayor Ross advised 412149008 is the meeting number to join on zoom.

Commissioner Green advised all passive parks are open from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily. Guidelines are as follows: Only passive activities are permitted – walking, jogging, biking, and individual exercises. No organized activities or sports. No groups of more than ten people shall congregate in any area of any park within Cooper City, and a minimum of 50 feet shall be maintained between all groups of up to ten people. Playgrounds, pools, outdoor exercise equipment, and other exercise courts, including basketball courts, shall remain closed to the public. All Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines regarding social distancing must be observed at all times by all persons using Cooper City Parks. Facial coverings must be worn at all times if CDC social distancing cannot be maintained.

Commissioner Pulcini advised Broward County is 31<sup>st</sup> statewide with 52.3% response rate in Census reporting. Congressional district 23 is at 53.1%.

Cooper City is number one in the state at 75.5%. Complete your census today. For assistance, call City Hall at 954-434-4300.

Commissioner Meltzer advised lets join together with residents all across Cooper City to flicker your lights in solidarity for our first responders, healthcare professionals, and essential service providers every Friday. Flicker your porch lights, home lights, or parked car lights for three minutes, from 8:08 PM to 8:11 PM. Residents can also visit [www.coopercityfl.org](http://www.coopercityfl.org) to sign up for emails and code red alerts.

Mayor Ross said earlier today the City collaborated with One Blood for donations. He thanked everyone who participated. Follow us online at [coopercityfl.org](http://coopercityfl.org) or call 954-434-4300 for upcoming dates.

## **5. PUBLIC SPEAKING**

### **a. Open Public Meeting**

David Nall, spoke on moving to districts for elections and the benefits for residents and candidates.

Marty Sherwood, commended the City on Covid updates.

### **b. Agenda Concerns**

## **6. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Cates advised we currently have four vacancies. Shop for Seniors is continuing call 954-435-2000 and ask for Deputy Don Reynolds for assistance. Safer at Home parades are continuing but next week they will be reduced as calls for services are increasing as crime rates are increasing with an increase of vehicle burglaries at parks and shopping centers. On April 8, 2020 in Country Address there were five burglaries a suspect was identified by video and he is now in custody. The Davie/Cooper City Rotary Club is honoring all essential workers tomorrow at 12:45 PM with a drive by at the station and City Hall. To date 103 employees agency wide have tested positive for Covid 19, no employees in our district have tested positive. Residents have been adhering to the CDC rules and he is very proud to serve this City. He reminded everyone to be patient and keep abiding by the rules.

Mayor Ross asked about plackerds that were made for burglary thefts.

Chief Cates said they would be handing more out soon.

## **7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Caruso advised cleaning protocols are continuing at the station. Safer at Home parades will be scaled back but over 50 have been completed. He

reminded all residents to not delay in calling 911 if you are suffering from chest pain or stroke related symptoms, hospitals are well equipped to respond. He also advised there are three patients at the City's ALF who have tested positive for Covid 19.

## **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **a. Minutes**

1. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2020

### **b. Resolutions**

#### **1. Resolution 20-1-5 - Finance**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE 2019 AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR THE DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX ON MOTOR FUEL, AND THE FIFTH CENT ADDITIONAL LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX ON MOTOR FUEL FOR TRANSIT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**MOTION:** To approve Consent Agenda. **Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Meltzer. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

## **9. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

### **a. Ordinance 20-5-1 – Growth Management**

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 25, ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS," BY AMENDING ARTICLE I ENTITLED "OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING," BY AMENDING SECTION 25-5 ENTITLED "DESIGN OF OFF-STREET PARKING," BY AMENDING SECTION 25-5(e), ENTITLED "PARKING FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTIAL USES," BY AMENDING SECTION 25-5(e)(1), ENTITLED "SINGLE FAMILY, TOWNHOUSE AND DUPLEX," TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF GARAGE AND CARPORT ENCLOSURES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 20-5-1. **Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

### **b. Ordinance 20-5-2 – Administration/Charter Review Board**

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE VII, ENTITLED "CHARTER AMENDMENTS;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 7.02 ENTITLED "CHARTER REVIEW BOARD;" PROVIDING FOR THE CITY'S CHARTER REVIEW BOARD TO MEET EVERY SIX (6) YEARS; ESTABLISHING A PROCESS TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 20-5-2. **Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**10. ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING)**

**a. Ordinance 20-4-1 – Growth Management**

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 25, ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS," BY AMENDING ARTICLE I ENTITLED "OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING," BY AMENDING SECTION 25-5 ENTITLED "DESIGN OF OFF-STREET PARKING," AND ARTICLE VII ENTITLED "DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS," SECTION 25-100 ENTITLED "DRIVEWAY STANDARDS," TO PROVIDE FOR SECONDARY DRIVEWAYS AND DRIVEWAY STANDARDS FOR SINGLE-FAMILY AND DUPLEX USES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak.

Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 20-4-1. **Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**b. Ordinance 20-4-2 - Administration/Charter Review Board**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE I, ENTITLED "POWERS OF THE CITY," AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 1.05 ENTITLED "BOARDS AND AGENCIES"; ELIMINATING THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN PERMANENT BOARDS AND ADVISORY BOARDS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH ADVISORY BOARDS, AS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING THAT NO INDIVIDUAL SHALL SERVE SIMULTANEOUSLY ON MORE THAN TWO (2) ADVISORY BOARDS, SUBJECT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 5(a) OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Curran asked if the Charter Review Board will be still seen as a temporary board.

City Attorney Horowitz said all boards would be considered advisory and any one member can serve on two boards only.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing.

David Nall, said the intent of the Charter Review Board was to limit the participation of any 1 residents to 2 boards at a time due to the amount of time that is required with boards.

Commissioner Curran asked if this rule is already active.

City Attorney Horowitz said this eliminates permanent and temporary boards.

Mayor Ross asked about the Planning and Zoning Board.

City Attorney Horowitz said the Planning and Zoning Board is different, as it is required by statute.

David Nall, said the Charter Review Board cleaned up the Charter with this amendment stating no residents can serve on two or more Boards at one time.

City Attorney Horowitz said this amendment would not eliminate the creation of a temporary board.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 20-4-2. **Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**c. Ordinance 20-4-3 - Administration/Charter Review Board**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE I, ENTITLED "POWERS OF THE CITY," AND, IN PARTICULAR, CREATING SECTION 1.07 ENTITLED "REMEDIES FOR VIOLATION OF CHARTER"; PROVIDING THAT RESIDENTS SHALL HAVE STANDING TO BRING LEGAL ACTION TO ENFORCE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Green does not support the item, as there is already a mechanism in place.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing.

David Nall, said any resident can sue the City at any time currently. This amendment gives the residents cause.

Commissioner Green said there is a mechanism currently in place with the Office of the Inspector General. He believes this will cause contentions with Advisory Board members.

Mayor Ross said this gives the residents an avenue and process that we do not have currently.

Ryan Shrouder said accountability is the right thing to do.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 20-4-3. **Moved by Commissioner Meltzer. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. Commissioners Pulcini, Meltzer, Mayor Ross, Yes. Commissioner Green and Commissioner Curran, No. Motion passed.**

**d. Ordinance 20-4-4 - Administration/Charter Review Board**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "LEGISLATIVE;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 3.01 ENTITLED "CITY COMMISSION, POWERS AND COMPOSITION"; AMENDING SECTION 3.02, ENTITLED "QUALIFICATIONS, ELECTIONS AND TERMS;" PROVIDING THAT, COMMENCING WITH THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2022, CITY COMMISSION CANDIDATES RESIDING IN DISTRICT 1 AND DISTRICT 2 SHALL QUALIFY AND RUN FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT COMMISSION SEATS AND SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMISSION DISTRICT; PROVIDING THAT, COMMENCING WITH THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2024, CITY COMMISSION CANDIDATES RESIDING IN DISTRICT 3 AND DISTRICT 4 SHALL QUALIFY AND RUN FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT COMMISSION SEATS AND SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMISSION DISTRICT; PROVIDING THAT CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR SHALL CONTINUE TO QUALIFY AND RUN AT-LARGE; REQUIRING ALL CANDIDATES FOR CITY COMMISSIONER TO RESIDE CONTINUOUSLY IN THEIR DISTRICT FOR ONE (1) YEAR PRIOR TO QUALIFYING AS A CANDIDATE; REQUIRING ALL CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR TO RESIDE CONTINUOUSLY IN THE CITY FOR ONE (1) YEAR PRIOR TO QUALIFYING AS A CANDIDATE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Meltzer still believes we should eliminate the districts and he will not support this item.

Mayor Ross said this as it stands is not inclusive it is divisive as it limits

opportunity with candidates.

Commissioner Curran asked the Mayor why he motioned for this item.

Mayor Ross said he would support this over districts. This was a hybrid to challenge the Commission. This can be added to the agenda and this eliminates any Commissioner helping all districts, as they are now limited.

Commissioner Curran said all Commissioners serve all residents. Single districts will not affect serving all the residents of the City.

Mayor Ross said the way this is written the residents are limited to go to their representatives only. This is divisive.

Commissioner Curran said any Commissioner could help in all districts.

Mayor Ross said districts mean one Commissioner represents that district alone and needs to be added to a future agenda.

Commissioner Green said we want equal representation throughout the City. Districts have been in place for many years and there has been no issues. All Commissioners help everyone throughout this City. This ensures equal representation. Cooper City residents can contact any Commissioner they please as taxpayers.

Mayor Ross said this is limiting the choice of people who can run and the residents who want to contact him maybe out of his district. The original amendment is dead and this hybrid is a compromise, is he happy about it, no.

Commissioner Meltzer asked if we did not have districts could any incumbent run for at the same seat.

City Attorney Horowitz said we currently have districts in 2021 we will redistrict. An incumbent needs to identify what seat they are running for.

Commissioner Meltzer said he believes all four Commissioners should know what is going on in every district. He does not see the need for districts. He is disappointed the original amendment did not pass

Commissioner Curran asked if this fails and does not go in effect everything, we have currently stands.

City Attorney Horowitz said the non-prevailing side would need to wait 6 months to bring the item back.

Commissioner Pulcini said when we go to legislature everyone in any district speaks to them no matter where they are from.

Commissioner Meltzer said he believes districts were established in 2006. He would like to review the Charter on when they were established.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing.

David Nall, said there is no need for districts if the whole City votes. The current system is broken, we need to let the residents decide. He said he could call any Commissioner and they would help him with any issue.

Michael Stamm, 5210 SW 101 Ter, likes the current amendment and supports districts representing districts. This allows a more friendly financial way of running and allows one Commissioner to be able to better understand their area. It is very difficult to be familiar running citywide. He was on the team that drew the districts in the past. In 2021 we can redraw new districts and this will be more representative.

Mayor Ross asked what year was redistricting.

Mr. Stamm said 2013.

City Attorney Horowitz said the Charter references district's existing since 1994.

Mayor Ross said this limits participants who can run.

Mr. Stamm said cities without districts have one particular area dictating the entire dais.

Commissioner Curran asked if he is elected for district 4 he is still a representative of the entire City.

Mr. Stamm said the idea of him representing the entire community will continue. He has done a lot of research on districting.

Mayor Ross asked the City Attorney if he loses in any district, can he move and run again.

City Attorney Horowitz said yes if he lived there for at least 1 year.

Commissioner Meltzer read a text from resident Brenda Kezar she wants the neighbors in her district to vote for her representation.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 20-4-4. **Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**f. Ordinance 20-4-6 - Administration/Charter Review Board**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "LEGISLATIVE," AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 3.12 ENTITLED "PROCEDURE AND MEETINGS"; PROVIDING FOR AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TO SWEAR-IN NEWLY ELECTED CITY COMMISSIONERS TO BE HELD AT 6:30 P.M. ON THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS FROM THE BROWARD COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF

ELECTIONS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak.

Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 20-4-6. **Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**g. Ordinance 20-4-7 - Administration/Charter Review Board**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 4.01 ENTITLED "CITY MANAGER"; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER BY MOTION OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE CITY COMMISSION; CLARIFYING THE NECESSARY CREDENTIALS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak.

Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 20-4-7. **Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**h. Ordinance 20-4-8 - Administration/Charter Review Board**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 4.01 ENTITLED "CITY MANAGER;" AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPOINT AND TO REMOVE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT HEADS, INCLUDING THE CITY CLERK, WITHOUT CITY COMMISSION APPROVAL; AMENDING SECTION 4.02, ENTITLED "CITY CLERK; APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES"; PROVIDING FOR CONSISTENCY BETWEEN SECTION 4.02 OF THE CITY CHARTER AND SECTION 4.01 OF THE CITY CHARTER RELATED TO THE APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT

SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak.

Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 20-4-8. **Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**i. Ordinance 20-4-9 - Administration/Charter Review Board**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 4.03 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT;" ELIMINATING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FROM THE CITY CHARTER AS A POSITION THAT REPORTS TO THE CITY COMMISSION; AMENDING SECTION 4.01 OF THE CITY CHARTER, ENTITLED, "CITY MANAGER;" PROVIDING FOR CONSISTENCY IN THE CITY CHARTER REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing.

David Nall said this is amendment is needed to put this job title under the City Manager.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 20-4-9. **Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Meltzer. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**j. Ordinance 20-4-10 - Administration/Charter Review Board**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "FINANCIAL PROCEDURES;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 5.02 ENTITLED "SUBMISSION OF BUDGET AND MESSAGE;" REQUIRING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A BUDGET TO THE CITY COMMISSION ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15 OF EACH YEAR; REQUIRING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE (1) PUBLIC MEETING PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL OF THE BUDGET AND REQUIRING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE (1) PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE CITY COMMISSION FOR PURPOSES OF REVIEWING THE BUDGET, IN

ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak.

Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 20-4-10. **Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**k. Ordinance 20-4-11 - Administration/Charter Review Board**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "FINANCIAL PROCEDURES;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 5.10 ENTITLED "INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF CITY ACCOUNTS;" PROVIDING THAT NO CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT OR PARTNER AT A FIRM OF SUCH ACCOUNTANTS WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CITY'S AUDIT SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY'S AUDIT IF THAT INDIVIDUAL HAS PERFORMED AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE CITY IN EACH OF THE FIVE (5) PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak.

Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 20-4-11. **Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**l. Ordinance 20-4-12 - Administration/Charter Review Board**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "FINANCIAL PROCEDURES;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 5.15 TO BE ENTITLED "REQUIREMENTS FOR REFERENDUM AND EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS;" PROVIDING THAT, UNLESS INCLUDED IN THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR A PARTICULAR FISCAL YEAR, NO CAPITAL PROJECT SHALL EXCEED FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE CITY OPERATING BUDGET OF THE GENERAL FUND, AS ADOPTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MOST RECENT FISCAL YEAR, UNLESS

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT A REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak.

Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 20-4-12. **Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Green. Commissioners Pulcini, Meltzer, Green and Mayor Ross, Yes. Commissioner Curran, No. Motion passed.**

#### **11. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City manager Napoli advised we have opened the passive parks and golf courses. On Monday it is looking that the County will allow the opening of restaurants, salons and stores at 25% inside capacity. We will be providing guidance for restaurants utilizing outdoor capacity. He did caution we still need to adhere to CDC guidelines.

Commissioner Curran asked if he could look at gyms opening with social distancing requirements.

Commissioner Green asked about places of worships as they are an important part of the community.

Mr. Napoli said he would work with the City Attorney. He is waiting on guidance from the Governor. They will now allow drive up services for places of worship.

Commissioner Pulcini wants to reach out to resident that are suffering.

Commissioner Meltzer supports Commissioner Pulcini and wants to do the same. We need a vigorous education campaign with our transition.

#### **12. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Horowitz said last week the City began to abate a home in the City that was a threat to health, safety and welfare of the community. The City executed the order last week the resident at first was cooperate but issues did arise. The code offers the option to convert the special magistrate order to a circuit court order and he would like the Commission's approval.

**MOTION:** To approve the issuing of the Circuit Order. **Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

City Attorney Horowitz also advised a memo on an amendment to code of ethics amending charitable fundraising with new provision has passed. The Broward League of Cities will hold a virtual training on May 22, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

**13. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT AGENDA**

None.

**14. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS/REPORTS**

Commissioner Meltzer advised all residents to continue to be safe and abide by the guidelines. The City's Facebook page has Commission videos with helpful tips and information.

Commissioner Pulcini prefers to write memos instead of making videos. He also thanked the residents, City and staff.

Mayor Ross said he had the honor of working with Potential Church at their food destitution and they served just under 1000 families and they were a pleasure to work with. They also helped a resident in Cooper City with a home drop off. He also thanked Tin Cup for donating food. He also said that opening up still needs to be done with caution and it is a balancing act. Please continue to abide by the CDC guidelines. Virtual Chess is now open and thanked the Recreation Department for their help.

**15. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES)**

David Nall, commended the Commission for their debate on the Charter amendments put forward. He also said residents are suffering and we should let the residents dictate what they need to do. Small business need to open.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

The minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of May 12, 2020 were approved during the Regular City Commission Meeting of May 26, 2020.

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Greg Ross, Mayor

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*Joseph Pulcini for*

Kathryn Sims, City Clerk