



**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION**

**COMMISSION WORKSHOP SCHOOL TRAFFIC MINUTES
TUESDAY
June 4, 2019
6:30 PM**

1. Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call
Present were Commissioners Meltzer, Curran and Mayor Ross. Commissioner Pulcini and Commissioner Green were absent.
3. Public Comments (each member of the public is allowed to speak for four (4) minutes)
4. Presentation by BSO on School Zone Traffic Concerns

Deputy Gerry Wengert gave an overview of the presentation and started with Embassy Lakes. He believes a left turn signal is needed on Hiatus Road at SE Lake Blvd. He also recommended the school zone at SE Lake Blvd be extended past the school, the eastern portion is appropriate. He also recommended a cross walk at the entrance of the plaza if it is allowed.

Mayor Ross asked if extending the school zone on Sheridan will help elevate traffic to the other end.

Deputy Wengert does not believe that area is a concern.

Commissioner Curran asked if one of the three crossing guards at SE Lake Blvd could be moved.

Deputy Wengert said there needs to be a crossing guard where pedestrians are already crossing for safety reasons.

Commissioner Meltzer asked who employs the crossing guards and how much they cost in total.

Public Works Director Yoezle answered they are employed by the City and they cost at least \$100,000 a year overall. She believes 11 total.

Commissioner Meltzer asked for information on the amount of crossing guards we employ.

Commissioner Meltzer asked if there any complaints from the businesses.

Deputy Wengert answered yes from one business in regard to parking.

Mayor Ross asked about an establishment of a light at Hiatus and SE Lake Blvd.

Deputy Wengert answered that is where we are suggesting a left turn signal.

Deputy Wengert also suggested extending the left turn lane on SE Lake Blvd.

Commissioner Meltzer asked about the 1:50 PM moratorium for pickup and how the process went.

Deputy Wengert said they had violations. First, they give warnings, then a City Ordinance violation and then a third warning is a state citation.

Mayor Ross asked if Mr. Becker was supportive on expressing that information to parents.

Deputy Wengert said he knows he was helpful and supportive.

Commissioner Meltzer thanked BSO police because he has seen improvements.

Commissioner Curran said Mr. Becker was supportive. He did talk to Atlantis who runs Embassy Lakes about taking out the median and they are willing to work the City but there sprinkler lines are in those medians, which will incur a cost to Embassy residents.

Deputy Wengert also mentioned a tree that is blocking the School Zone sign.

Pioneer Middle School was addressed next.

Deputy Wengert spoke about the no turn left sign and replacing it with a right turn only sign. He believes the right turn only will elevate a lot of the traffic.

Lieutenant Tianga said another issue is U-turns in the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Curran asked Mr. Consaul from Pioneer about this next year, which is expected to be a large enrollment year and additional portables.

Mr. Consaul said it may be a busy area but they do not have a specific drop off and pickup time for the portables.

Commissioner Curran said the children's are in the Be Right Back Program that will add to the amount of children in the area.

Mr. Consaul thanked BSO police for their help and offered to send any traffic notifications needed.

Commissioner Meltzer spoke on concerns he received that cars are parking from 90th Ter down 53rd and 54th. He prefers parents to come at 3:20 PM. He asked that we use the same non-stopping and standing procedure at Pioneer Middle School.

Commissioner Curran asked Growth Management Director Matt Wood if the new changes to the swale Ordinance will affect this issue.

Mr. Wood answered it depends on the direction we will take to the Ordinance, it's ultimately a policy decision and it would be a City wide Ordinance.

City Attorney Horowitz answered he will do some research but Ordinances usually pertain to the entire City.

Commissioner Meltzer said that letting parents know that they can't arrive until 3:20 PM will help aid in the traffic concerns as it does at Embassy He said that traffic concerns at Pioneer is a number 1 issue he is called or emailed with weekly.

Deputy Wenger asked about potential use of the virtual school parking lot.

Mayor Ross asked when was the bridge on 90th Avenue inspected last and what is the capacity in time that it will continue to be in use.

Public Works Director Denise Yoezle answered they are inspected biannually and we are current.

Mayor Ross asked how much longer we can we use it with an increase in cars that we are expecting.

Public Works Director Denise Yoezle answered indefinitely unless there was a weight exhaustion from heavy equipment.

Commissioner Curran said years ago in 2012 or 2013 we wanted to use virtual school parking lot and the City was going to asphalt it to stack cars and we ran into HEPA issues.

Mrs. Yoezle we did ask about that again in 2017 and we hit a road block when we found out we needed a traffic study and also privacy issues came into play.

Commissioner Curran asked who asked for the traffic study.

Mrs. Yoezle answered Broward County Schools due to it being there property.

Commissioner Meltzer and Mayor Ross thanked Mr. Consaul for his attendance and cooperation

Deputy Wengert next spoke about Cooper City High School. The Church allowing school traffic helps tremendously. The only issue he saw was potentially putting a crosswalk on Dudley Road. A crossing guard on Dudley will be helpful. Parking blocking the roadway was addressed but parking in the park cannot be enforced.

Lieutenant Tianga suggested installing a crosswalk that senses motion if having another crossing guard is not possible.

Commissioner Curran said that the crosswalk was never installed on the right side of the road and you cannot put the high rise sidewalk near the canal side so the cross walk has always been out of place. He believes we should be proactive about the shopping center coming. He would like a crosswalk near the softball field before the shopping center is open.

Commissioner Meltzer said he had a few residents contact him in Darlington Park on the east side of 90th with parents are blocking the roads.

Deputy Wengert said he did not see anything in the afternoon, maybe the issue is in the morning but he did stop 3 cars for stopping and standing.

Commissioner Curran asked about the shopping center and if they are in need of any variances.

Matt Wood answered no.

Mayor Ross would like to know how the crosswalk was handled previously.

Captain Cates said that he has a concern with having a light and a crosswalk that may block traffic.

Commissioner Curran said its 1086 feet from the front of the school to the woodshop.

Deputy Wengert mentioned exiting the school where there is a right turn only. He would like a solution to closing the left turn lane.

Commissioner Curran said he could work on it this summer.

Deputy Wengert next spoke on Cooper City Elementary. He spoke on adding a crossing guard on SW 92nd avenue. All the crossing guards are on the north side of the school but 92nd is lacking one.

Mayor Ross asked if there is an alternative to that.

Deputy Wengert said he would look into it.

Deputy Wengert also said that a raised curb will help on 50th Place where there are visibility issues due to vehicles parking on the swale. Another issue is the change to the traffic pattern but no change to the signs. Removing the sign at SW 91st Avenue could help and it is not a traffic issue. In addition, opening gates consistently will help.

Commissioner Meltzer noticed that cars would not pull up completely in the pickup area. He also sees cars backing up to 90th and cars going down the opposite lane of traffic. He would like to enforce the 1:50 PM pickup time.

Captain Cates mentioned if we enforce the 1:50 PM rule traffic will be backed up and people need to be patient.

Commissioner Meltzer said he believes that will limit the time of congestion and education is important.

Deputy Wengert said that Embassy has improved with the 1:50 PM pickup rule.

Commissioner Curran said that he has seen damaged swales in front of homes across from Griffin Elementary School.

Deputy Wengert said signs are needed in the residents side not the school side. Lastly, the American Legion would like signs to help blocking of their entrance. He also said that Griffin traffic flows pretty well just swale parking issues on residents sides need addressed.

5. Commission Discussion

6. Additional Public Comments (each member of the public is allowed to speak for an additional two (2) minutes)

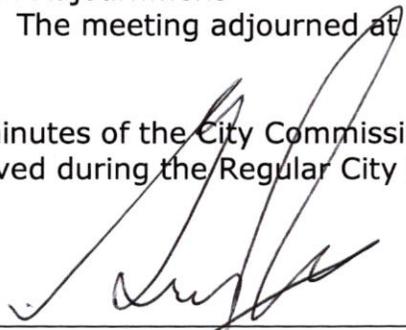
None.

Mayor Ross thanked Deputy Wengert for the presentation and believes many things can be done internally to address issues. He would also like to place this item on the agenda to keep up with the concerns.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

The minutes of the City Commission Workshop Meeting of June 4, 2019 were approved during the Regular City Commission Meeting of September 10, 2019.



Greg Ross, Mayor



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