



**CITY OF COOPER CITY  
CITY COMMISSION**

**COMMISSION REVIEW BUDGET WORKSHOP  
TUESDAY  
MAY 7, 2019 at 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 Pulcini, Meltzer, Green, Curran and Mayor Ross.

3. Public Comments (each member of the public is allowed to speak for four (4) minutes)

None

4. Report on FY 20 Budget Public Input

Customer Service Supervisor Bob Anathan spoke on the presentation. He first went over the comments made at the prior Public Input meetings those comments were regarding the increased mileage rate, increased personnel growth and the need to budget for necessity. Mr. Anathan spoke on considerations for the upcoming 2020 Budget. Mr. Anathan said his presentation is not a recommended budget.

Commissioner Pulcini said that at the last meeting residents and Commission input was to lower the budget, he asked why the mileage rate was not changed in the presentation.

Mr. Anathan said that it is the same presentation as the last meeting.

Commissioner Meltzer asked the new Finance Director Sherry Walker if this presentation is premature and if she needs more time to look over information.

Mrs. Walker said the purpose of this meeting is to gain Commission input so she can bring that ideas forth in the budget.

Commissioner Meltzer would like to see her recommendations.

Mr. Anathan said the presentation is a planning tool not recommendations.

Commissioner Pulcini said that Mr. Anathan previously stated in an email that lowering the mileage to 6.5 would not be appropriate and that was a recommendation.

Mr. Anathan said that was based on a set of assumptions and those numbers have changed.

Commissioner Pulcini said the email was sent today. He also said that the BSO actual price listed in Mr. Anathan numbers were listed at 26 million and it is 24 and change.

Mr. Anathan said that those were not recommendations.

Commissioner Pulcini said that if the correct numbers were used the final numbers used for the mileage rate increases would have changed.

Mr. Anathan said those were based on a previous thought process.

Commissioner Pulcini said that numbers were not correct in regards to the mileage rate.

Commissioner Curran said that he knows the Commission spoke on lowering the mileage rate to 6.3 and does not believe three members gave that direction.

Commissioner Meltzer said he was speaking for himself with a number of 6.43.

Commissioner Curran said that the mileage increase was one of the two elephants in the room. The second was the BSO increase. He said that the Commission said in the past they would use that increase to offset the BSO increase. He also said that we need the BSO numbers before we can make some decisions. He believes moving forward we need to make sure we can still fund the big equipment pieces.

Commissioner Green said that the discussion that the Commission had back in July of 2017 did deal with the increases from BSO. The year before the Commission had increases the mileage to fund the second EMS vehicle. He said he knows collectively he knows the Commission is in favor of lowering the mileage rate but the key is to find the correct amount. He would like to

see if we can set aside monies for hurricane, for example the monies from FEMA.

Mayor Ross would like to see options and to keep the City running. He would like to see options with different mileage rates including some capital projects and removing some capital projects.

Mr. Anathan said that would be a part of the budget process.

Commissioner Meltzer said that he believes the Finance Advisory Board is working under an assumption to use a 6.43 mileage baseline. He would like to recommend a 20-year spreadsheet for projects and start planning now.

Commissioner Curran said that we have stay aware that we have no BSO contract. He has not seen any backup for costs and he wants the Commission to keep that in mind.

Interim City Manager Sims said that we received a preliminary number but it not a contract.

#### 5. Commission Discussion

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

Andrew Gross, 5010 Regency Isles Way, spoke on last week comments of having a 2-man crew on rescue and his concerns if that becomes an option. His concerns include response time and the need of the additional third personnel.

David Nall, spoke on his frustration with the reasoning behind raising the mileage rate and not including the park on flamingo road. He recommends the Commission to attend the FAB meetings. He said that the residents deserve a lower mileage rate.

Felicia Trainor, 5264 SW 92 Ter, spoke on her concerns with exploring outsourcing. She said that many employees are Cooper City residents who have investment in the community. She believes that the City will lose control on certain services that outsourcing will take over.

Commissioner Curran said that vendor services could not compare to City staff dedication. He also believes that if you put services out to bid you lose control. He does not support outsourcing.

Mayor Ross said that a majority of our services is outsourced and that is BSO. He said that a balancing act is needed you give up control but you are being financially responsible.

Commissioner Green said he has been in this City for 20 plus years and the staff here in the City does a phenomenal job. He supported the BSO contract and they are a part of this community as well. He would not support losing any staff to bring in individuals who may not have the best interest of the City. He asked the Interim City Manager how many full time employees we have. He said he have had roughly the same amount of employees over the years and they are cross-trained performing many functions?

Interim City Manager Sims answered yes.

Commissioner Green said if we consider outsourcing we need to understand that cross training will be at a cost.

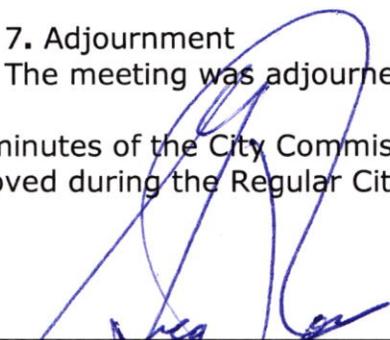
Ryan Shrouder, said we should think about raising the fire assessment fees and we should tax not exempt properties that are non-profit. He believes we should do an assessment compared to what we provide to the properties.

Commissioner Pulcini would like a workshop to meet individually and speak about pensions with the pension attorney.

#### 7. Adjournment

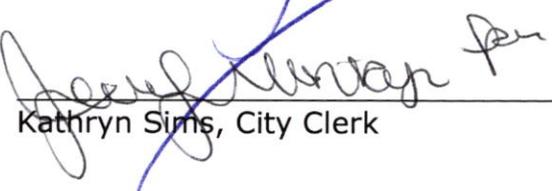
The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

The minutes of the City Commission Workshop Meeting of May 7, 2019 were approved during the Regular City Commission Meeting of September 10, 2019.



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Greg Ross, Mayor



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Kathryn Sims, City Clerk

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