

**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2011**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eisinger called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Green, Curran, Sims, Mallozzi, and Mayor Eisinger.

5. AGENDA CONCERNS

Ed Wooley, 11038 Nashville Drive, commented regarding Fire and Rescue Services, contracts and equipment.

Walt Jolliff, 11095 Bismarck Place, commented that the number of rescue calls and hospital transports far outweigh fire calls in Cooper City.

Gladys Wilson, 5155 SW 90th Avenue, expressed the need for an additional ambulance in Cooper City.

3. SOUTHWEST RANCHES CONTRACT FOR RESCUE SERVICES

Mayor Nelson of Southwest Ranches explained that a cooperative agreement between Cooper City, Southwest Ranches and BSO was to take effect upon delivery of a hybrid rescue vehicle, but that delivery has been delayed. He heralded the advantages of cooperative agreements between neighboring cities and declared this agreement to be mutually beneficial. He highlighted some of the terms of this agreement explaining that it places a new EMS unit in operation and divides the cost of manning the unit in half between the two municipalities while providing for all maintenance associated with the vehicle.

Mayor Nelson further addressed some concerns that were previously discussed between BSO and Southwest Ranches including the possibility of increased calls to Cooper City units, the cancellation of the automatic aid agreement between Davie and Cooper City and the prospective development of a correctional facility in Southwest Ranches. He declared that any expressed concerns are strictly based on hypothetical scenarios and should be treated as such.

BSO Fire Chief Neal de Jesus explained that the scenario for Cooper City has changed since both the Town of Weston and the Town of Davie have cancelled their automatic aid agreements with the City of Cooper City. He added that the impact prospectus in Chief Sievers' evaluation was based upon the current agreements in place as well as those recently discontinued. He further explained the differences between automatic aid and mutual aid and offered an explanation as to why the Fire Chief from the Town of Davie may have withdrawn his agreement for automatic aid with Cooper City.

City Manager Bruce Loucks offered further clarification of mutual aid as well as regional (countywide) coverage by fire and rescue service providing agencies. He shared the details of the notification of cancellation he received earlier in the day from the Town of Davie Fire Chief/Interim Town Administrator dated February 17th and explained that the agreement previously entered into with Southwest Ranches was to take effect upon the delivery of the hybrid vehicle, which is now anticipated to be some time in July.

Consensus was reached to discuss the terms of the agreement with Southwest Ranches, and/or the possibility of formally withdrawing from the agreement, at the upcoming Commission Meeting of March 22, 2011.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Eisinger adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.