

**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
JULY 18, 2012**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eisinger opened the Budget Workshop at 5:03 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. AGENDA CONCERNS

Ed Wooley, 11038 Nashville Drive, opined regarding the budgeting process and offered suggestions as to additional projections for staff to provide.

Skip Klauber, 10241 Guatemala Street, suggested that the prices the City charges for storage lot spaces should be raised, that the development of another park is not necessary and criticized the Special Magistrate system.

Bonnie Simpkin, 5022 SW 93rd Avenue, explained that she has been anticipating the development of the City's 27-acre park property and suggested that the park have an area set aside exclusively for senior housing.

4. BUDGET DISCUSSION

City Manager Loucks presented the schedule of meetings relative to the adoption of the 2012/2013 Proposed Budget. He described the budget process, provided deadlines and an overview of the proposed budget. He illustrated the method employed for balancing the General Fund Budget, including the use of reserves and the ongoing moratorium on filling vacant positions and merit and/or COLA pay increases; reviewed the water and sewer rates; and fire assessments as previously determined. He dispelled misconceptions regarding the amount of reserve funds by clarifying the differences between various governmental funds and disbursements, including: the General Fund, reserves, impact fees, the Road and Bridge Fund, capital projects, the Police Confiscation Fund, the Debt Service Fund, the Enterprise Fund, the Water & Sewer Fund and the Storm Water Fund. He provided an outline of future projects and suggested funding methods and demonstrated the end-of-year projections.

The Commission directed questions and concerns to the City Manager and Department Directors.

MOTION: To increase the proposed millage rate by .5 mils to 5.6866 mils to allow for capital projects.

Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Green: Yes

Commissioner Curran: Yes

Commissioner Sims: No

Commissioner Mallozzi: Yes

Mayor Eisinger: Yes

Motion passed

MOTION: To incorporate into the proposed budget, a COLA increase to the payroll, not to exceed 2%, at an estimated cost of \$160,000.00.

Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Curran.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Green: Yes

Commissioner Curran: Yes

Commissioner Sims: No

Commissioner Mallozzi: No

Mayor Eisinger: No

Motion failed.

MOTION: To incorporate into the proposed budget, 2% across the board payroll bonus to employees on a one-time basis, utilizing a portion of the \$170,000.00 savings established through competitive insurance benefits negotiations.

Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

MOTION: To reduce the proposed budget for City Attorney's fees by \$50,000.00.

Moved by Commissioner Sims.

Motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: To remove the \$12,000.00 towable turbine blower from the proposed budget.

Moved by Commissioner Sims. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Green: No

Commissioner Curran: No

Commissioner Sims: Yes

Commissioner Mallozzi: No

Mayor Eisinger: No

Motion failed.

MOTION: To reduce the proposed budget by \$15,000.00 by removing the purchase of new computers.

Moved by Commissioner Sims. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi.

Motion withdrawn by maker

Staff will provide additional details regarding the specific computer needs of the City, including software and licensing.

Unanimous consensus was reached to direct staff to submit a grant application to the Community Foundation of Broward to participate in the "Re-engage for Good" program.

Mr. Loucks asked for and received direction to investigate the opportunity for the City to provide an electric car charging station at its community facilities.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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