

**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING AND
FINAL BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross opened the Meeting at 6:30 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS

None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Ross made the following announcements:

- Mom and Son Night of Fun will be held in the Community Center on Friday, September 20th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- The Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 5, from 7:00 a.m. until noon.
- The 21st Annual Tree and Plant Care Workshop will be held in the City Hall Auditorium on Saturday, September 27th at 8:00 a.m.
- A "Be Scam Smart" workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 8th at 11:00 a.m. in the Aston Gardens at Parkland Commons.
- The Community Book Swap will be held on Friday, October 11th at the Community Center. Receive details through the Community Center.
- The Recreation Department, in cooperation with Countryside Shops, is hosting the Annual Trick or Treat Shop to Shop and Costume Contest on Saturday, October 26th from 10:00 AM - Noon for children Fifth Grade and Under.
- The upcoming Commission Schedule will be as follows:
 - The next regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 p.m.
 - On October 17th there will be a workshop beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation from the FBI and followed by Palm Avenue Project Workshop at 7:30 p.m.
 - October 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. - Regular Commission Meeting

Commissioner Mallozzi made the following announcements:

- Girl Scout Troop #10765 continues to collect household linens and bedding materials for the Humane Society of Broward County. Contact Collette at 305-970-8284.
- Support military personnel stationed overseas through www.forgottensoldier.org

Commissioner Sims extended his condolences to the family of William Coutu who recently passed away and announced his service to be held on Saturday, September 21st at St. Mark's Catholic Church at 5:00 p.m.

Presentation - Mike Aldrich, Utility Department, 25 Years of Service
Mayor Ross and the Commission were joined by Utilities Director Mike Bailey to present Mike Aldrich with a service award in recognition for his 25 years of service to the City.

5. AGENDA CONCERNS

Gladys Wilson, 5155 SW 90th Avenue, discussed the budget and suggested that more of the budget be utilized to fund programs for seniors in lieu of parks for kids.

Pete D'Aversa, 5712 SW 118th Avenue, asked for explanations regarding ad valorem and non ad valorem taxes and franchise.

Dr. Joy Pyngolil, 12811 Country Glen Drive, offered some suggestions for recreation programs for seniors as well as youngsters.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolutions

1. Approving the Tennis Professional Contract with Bill Clark Tennis Academy, LLC – **Res. No. 13-9-7**
2. Designating and appointing members to the 2013/2014 Teen Council – **Res. No. 13-9-8**
3. Designating and appointing Patricia Martineau to the Green Advisory Board – **Res. No. 13-9-9**

B. Meeting Schedule

Request to schedule the following meetings:

1. Corruption Outreach Program Training Meeting/Workshop for Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Palm Avenue Construction Workshop for Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget and Taxes

Mayor Ross announced the opening of the public hearings.

A. Final Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Millage Rate – Ord. No. 13-9-1

(NOTE: Pursuant to the Florida TRIM Bill, the Millage Rate must be discussed and adopted prior to the adoption of the annual budget).

City Atty. Wolpin advised that this item provides for a final millage rate of 5.7087 mils, which is 2.57% above the rollback millage rate of 5.5659 mils and also provides for a voted debt service millage rate of 0.1685 mils.

City Atty. Wolpin read "FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR COOPER CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title only.

MOTION: To approve the Ordinance adopting the Millage Levy for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Sims dissenting.

B. Final Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget – Ord. No. 13-9-2

MOTION: To approve the Ordinance adopting and approving the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 and appropriating the funds required for the operation of the City, including the proposed amendment as indicated in the attached memorandum dated September 13, 2013.

City Atty. Wolpin read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, OFFICIALLY ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 AND APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title only.

Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi.

City Manager Loucks announced that a reduction in the cost of healthcare to BSO employees has resulted in a savings to the City of \$148,000.00. He suggested that the savings be utilized to fund the Management Pension Fund.

MOTION: To utilize the savings from the BSO contract to fund the pension.

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

Gladys Wilson, 5155 SW 90th Avenue, questioned the lack of back up and references that staff brings to the budget hearings.

Motion on the approval of Ordinance 13-9-2 passed 4-1 with Commissioner Sims dissenting.

8. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Cates reported that the department's Year-To-Date Crime Statistics show that crime is down in the City of Cooper City by approximately 16% from last year. He explained that vehicle burglaries have decreased by approximately 30% and residential burglaries are down close to 20% from 2012. He encouraged parents to register their children for the gun safety class.

9. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Sievers announced that the infant from the near-drowning incident on September 12th is home and well. He reported that District 28 hosted the EMS Quality Assurance Program for BSO and that representatives from the Highpoint Rehabilitation Center (HHC Focus Florida) were present to participate in establishing safety programs.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Loucks announced that the Commission Meeting schedule will return to normal in October and that the Commission will be asked to firm up the November/December meeting schedule at the next regular meeting.

11. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Gladys Wilson, 5155 SW 90 Avenue, reported on projects and discussions that the Senior Citizen Advisory Board participated in during their meeting of the prior evening and announced the Cooper City Civic Group will be meeting on Thursday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

12. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS/REPORTS

Commissioner Mallozzi announced that the Davie JCC Meals on Wheels program welcomes the participation of Cooper City residents and that the Cooper City Shuttle Transportation Program has plenty of space for anyone needing to utilize that service.

Commissioner Sims mentioned the Floodplain Management Report as published in the Flood Preparedness Newsletter sent to all Cooper City residents and received verification from the City Manager regarding the flood insurance savings to residents. He commented on advisory boards and recreation facilities.

Commissioner Curran commented regarding park and field development. He encouraged families with children to participate in the school board boundary meetings regarding Cooper City school enrollment.

Commissioner Green commented regarding resident participation in City-sponsored programs.

Mayor Ross announced the Palm Avenue Construction Workshop on Thursday, October 17th at 7:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ross adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

NOTICE: This meeting is open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Office of the City Clerk, 954-434-4300 ext. 220, not later than two days prior to such proceeding. One or more members of the City of Cooper City Advisory Boards may be in attendance and may participate at the meeting. Anyone wishing to appeal any decision made by the Cooper City Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Agenda items may be viewed online at www.coopercityfl.org or at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Cooper City, 9090 SW 50 Place, Cooper City, Florida, 33328, 954-434-4300.