

**CITY OF COOPER CITY  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING AND  
FIRST BUDGET HEARING AGENDA MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016, 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. A moment of silence was observed in recognition of Patriots Day, September 11, 2016, and in gratitude for all those who have dedicated their lives to protecting this nation and its citizens from impending danger.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS**

None.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Ross made the following announcements:

- The Cooper City Mayor's Chess Challenge will be held on Saturday, September 17th from 10:00 AM until noon in Davie, located at 3801 South Pine Island Road.
- Family Ceramics Night will be held on September 16th at the Community Center, cost is \$10.00 per family plus a \$10.00 material fee for each child. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (954)434-4300 extension #233.
- The Active Adult Program will be holding many events throughout the month of September. For more information on how to get registered call the Recreation Department at (954) 434-4300 #255.
- The fall Community Garage Sale will be held on October 8th from 7 AM until noon at the Cooper City Sports Complex. Please call (954)4344300 ext 233 for details.
- Upcoming Commission Meetings: The Final Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday September 20th at 6:30 PM.
- The Teal Pumpkin project kicks off this October providing non-food treats to trick-or-treaters. Visit [Tealpumpkinproject.org](http://Tealpumpkinproject.org) for more information.

Commissioner Mallozzi made the following announcements:

- Please support military personnel stationed overseas through [www.forgottensoldiers.org](http://www.forgottensoldiers.org).

The following presentations were made:

- A. A Proclamation was given to Ligia Santos from Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to recognize Blood Cancer Awareness Month.

**5. PUBLIC SPEAKING**

**A. Open Public Meeting**

Michael Mogerman, 11529 SW 51 St, thanked the City for the involvement in the Teal Pumpkin Project.

Sharon Oorbeek, 10388 SW 50 Ct, addressed her concerns involving Code Enforcement and bulk pickup issues.

Roni Sterin, 5040 SW 119 Ave., spoke about Shop Local, a organization supporting local businesses throughout the City.

Christopher Colonnese, 5019 Waters Edge Way, addressed concerns about traffic enforcement and code enforcement in his gated community of Country Glen.

Christine Timmon, 850 NW 1st Ave #7, addressed her concerns about immigration.

**B. Agenda Concerns**

Roni Sterin, 5040 SW 119 Ave., expressed her concerns on traffic and speeding in her neighborhood.

Brett Rosenberg, 5200 SW 90 Ave., addressed his concerns with speeding on SW 90th Ave.

David Nall, 3620 NW 89th Way, voiced his concerns with speeding in the Diamond Head area, and issues on the budget.

Amy Rosen, 5247 SW 120 Ave., addressed tax increases and the possible purchase of the Postal Service property.

Brenda Kezar, 4979 SW 90 Way, addressed the Homestead Exception for senior citizens.

**6. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Cates addressed the traffic control surrounding the start of school and advised that 79 tickets were written in school zones. A young boy was hit by a car while walking to school. The driver asked him if he was okay and left the scene, with a description of the vehicle the driver was later found. Over Labor Day weekend 83 speeding violations were given out, with one narcotics arrest. Chief Cates also addressed the speeding concerns on 118<sup>th</sup> Street, 356 citations were written involving traffic control. The speeding concerns regarding Country Glen were also addressed last year with 135 citations written. Chief Cates advised speed operations are continuing throughout the city. Over 500 citations were written this past month with speeding being a chronic problem in this area. Chief Cates would like to conduct an Active Shooter course to promote gun safety in Cooper City.

**7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Caruso advised the CERT team attended the 2016 CERT Conference where they were trained in many drills. For Patriots Day Chief Caruso and fellow firefighters attended two Houses of Worship in honor of September 11th.

Commissioner Mallozzi thanked Chief Caruso for helping Cooper City Elementary mothers become prepared to handle medical situations at the school due to the loss of the school nurse.

## **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Minutes for Approval**

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### **B. Financial Matters**

1. Approving a contract extension with H&H Liquid Sludge Disposal Inc. for sludge hauling and disposal services.
2. Approving a contract with Allied Universal Corporation for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite.
3. Approving the renewal of Bid #2013-3-PW for a 1-year period for court resurfacing.

### **D. Meeting Schedule**

Confirming the scheduling of a Commission Workshop for Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to review a presentation on improvement options for the area around the apartments located at SW 90th Way and SW 91st Avenue (from SW 52nd Court to SW 53rd Street).

**MOTION:** To approve the Consent Agenda

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

## **9. FINANCIAL MATTERS - PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget and Taxes**

**City Atty. Wolpin announced that the proposed millage rate is 6.3847 mils which is 12.55% above the rollback millage rate of 5.6727 mils and the proposed voted debt service millage rate is 0.1425 mils.**

### **A. First Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Millage Rate – Ord. No. 16-9-1**

City Atty. Wolpin read, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR COOPER CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE," by title.

**MOTION:** To approve the Ordinance adopting the Millage Levy for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

**Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi.**

Mayor Ross opened the public speaking portion of the public hearing.

Paula Mancino, 4908 SW 90th Ter., addressed her concerns about her tax bill.

David Nall, 3620 NW 89th Way, addressed his concerns with taxes and the surplus.

Mayor Ross closed the public speaking portion of the public hearing.

**All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**B. First Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget – Ord. No. 16-9-2**

City Atty. Wolpin read, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, OFFICIALLY ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 AND APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE," by title.

**MOTION:** To approve the Ordinance adopting and approving the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 and appropriating the funds required for the operation of the City.

**Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Curran.**

Mayor Ross opened the public speaking portion of the public hearing.

Christine Timmon, 850 NW 1st Ave., #7, addressed her concerns with Congress.

Paula Mancino, 4908 SW 90th Ter., addressed her concerns with the budget increase for BSO services.

Roni Sterin, 5040 SW 119 Ave., addressed her concerns of contracts, and the increase of taxes.

Christopher Colonnese, 5019 Waters Edge Way, expressed his concerns on the fire truck addition.

Sharon Oorbeek, 10388 SW 50 Ct., addressed the penny surtax.

David Nall, 3620 NW 89th Way, expressed his concerns about pending lawsuits.

Mayor Ross closed the public speaking portion of the public hearing.

**Roll Call Vote was Commissioners Green, Curran, Mallozzi, and Mayor Ross, Yes. Commissioner Sims, No. Motion passed.**

**C. Public Hearing on Final Adoption of Fire Assessment – Res. No. 16-9-1**

City Atty. Wolpin read, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; IMPOSING FIRE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE," by title.

**MOTION:** To approve the Resolution relating to the provision of fire services, facilities and programs in the City and imposing a fire assessment.

**Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green.**

Mayor Ross opened the public speaking portion of the public hearing.

Christine Timmon, 850 NW 1st Ave. #7, Fort Lauderdale, voiced her feelings on how Cooper City is a pleasant place.

**Roll Call Vote was Commissioners Green, Curran, Mallozzi, and Mayor Ross, Yes. Commissioner Sims, No. Motion passed.**

**10. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

- A.** Commissioner Mallozzi reviewed information regarding the sports fields maintenance and costs. The fields are being used non-stop and maintenance needs to be kept up on these facilities. Public Works Director Denise Yoezle advised the City staff has been working hard to maintain the field and tend to pest control. She also advised field maintenance costs are adequate but better equipment can be purchased to help with the constant use of the fields.

**MOTION:** To extend the meeting.

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

- B.** City Manager Loucks explained that the U.S. Postal Service property at 10300 Stirling Road is for purchase. City Attorney Wolpin explained the legal conditions on making a non-binding letter of interest.

**Roll Call Vote to direct the City Manager to issue a Letter of Interest was: Commissioners Green, Mallozzi, and Mayor Ross, Yes. Commissioner Curran and Sims, No. Motion passed.**

- C.** Commissioner Curran discussed the traffic issues on 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He offered the option to conduct a workshop to better communicate with the residents and BSO about speeding problems.

**MOTION:** Take the funds that were directed to the traffic study to obtain detail officers, fund a campaign regarding the strict enforcement of speeding in Cooper City and get a price on electronic signage.

**Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Sims.**

It was requested that Captain Cates provide a plan of action at the Commission Meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> and, based on that request, **Commissioner Curran withdrew the motion.**

- D. Commissioner Curran advised that there is an additional Homestead Exemption for Seniors and that he has asked that an ordinance be prepared for the Commission's consideration.

#### **11. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Loucks advised of a \$60,000 grant from the South Florida Water Management District for an electronic meter and software applications.

#### **12. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS/REPORTS**

Commissioner Sims addressed the speeding issue in Cooper City and advised that a solution needs to be put into motion.

Commissioner Mallozzi addressed the speeding issue and a need for a solution.

Commissioner Curran thanked Roni Sterin and Mr. Rosenberg for their presence at the meeting. He also addressed the speeding issue and his support for local businesses.

#### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 PM.