

**CITY OF COOPER CITY  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 13, 2016 at 6:30 PM**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and Brady Hicks from Embassy Creek Elementary along with Amanda Safrin, Sofia Parker, Lauren Rinella Samantha Liberman, Ella Shuster, Hailey Delgado, Victoria Batista, Hailey Maiere, and Leyla Perez of Girl Scout Troop #10604 led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was also observed for long time Cooper City resident and WWII Veteran, James Atherton, who passed away last Wednesday in a tragic accident at the age of 93.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

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

None.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATION**

Mayor Ross made the following announcements:

- The Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Drop off will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM, located at Wheelabrator, 4400 South State Road 7 in Davie. Proof of Cooper City residency is required.
- The Countywide Mayor's Chess Challenge will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Coral Glades High School cafeteria located at 2700 Sportsplex Drive in Coral Springs.
- The Florida League of Cities is sponsoring an essay contest titled "If I were Elected Mayor." All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, January 13, 2017. Call Linda Bridges at 1-800-342-8112 for more information.
- Inna's Hall of Fame Performing Arts Conservatory of Cooper City will perform the Nutcracker on Sunday, January 8th, 2017 at 5:00 PM at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center located at 3100 Ray Ferrero Jr. Boulevard in Ft. Lauderdale, visit [www.nova.edu/miniaci](http://www.nova.edu/miniaci) for tickets.
- Cooper City's Adult program will host The Senior Lifestyle Expo to be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at Cooper City High School. Please call 954-434-4300, Ext. 255 for details.
- City offices will be closed on Friday, December 23, 2016 and Monday, December 26, 2016 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Offices will again be closed on Friday, December 30, 2016 and Monday, January 2, 2017 in observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Upcoming Commission Meetings: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 and Tuesday January 24, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Commissioner Sims made the following announcements:

- Sent condolences to the family of James Atherton and reminding citizens to stay aware when driving.

Commissioner Mallozzi made the following announcements:

- Please support military personnel stationed overseas through [www.forgottensoldiers.org](http://www.forgottensoldiers.org), wished everyone a happy holiday and cautioned everyone to be aware when driving.

Commissioner Curran made the following announcements:

- Last month, Relay International awarded Davie/Cooper City Relay with the National Award for Children Involvement in Relay for Life last year. Of 1596 Relays, Davie/Cooper City finished 1<sup>st</sup> with 83% being raised by children's organizations.

Commissioner Green made the following announcements:

- Thanked Commissioner Curran and Chad Burgess for a job well done last year in all their efforts for Relay for Life.

The Commission made the following presentations:

- A. Troy Baker was presented with January Yard of the Month.
- B. Stan Bostic, National Director of VIP Sales & Community Relations from Rick Case Automotive Group was presented with the Cooper City Proclamation proclaiming December 13, 2013 as "Rick Case Bikes for Kids Day".
- C. Alba Diaz, Store Manager of the Sunoco Gas Station located at 12200 Griffin Road in Cooper City was recognized for her act of heroism in during an attempted robbery at her store.
- D. The Student Government Oath of Office Ceremony was conducted for the following schools: Cooper City High School, Pioneer Middle School, Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City, Embassy Creek Elementary, Griffin Elementary and Cooper City Elementary.
- E. Teachers of the Year and Non-Instructional Employees of the Year Awards were presented to educators from the following schools: Cooper City High School, Pioneer Middle School, Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City, Embassy Creek Elementary, Griffin Elementary, Cooper City Elementary and Franklin Academy.

## **5. PUBLIC SPEAKING**

- A. **Open Public Meeting**  
None.
- B. **Agenda Concerns**  
None.

## **6. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Cates recognized Alba Diaz for her heroic response to the attempted robbery of her store, and reminded all citizens to always remember "if you see something, say something." The FBI held a child Abduction Exercise conducted with Macy, the canine Bloodhound, which went extremely well. The Holiday Ops plan is in full effect for the current holiday season and is being conducted at several local shops and banks. Chief Cates also offered his thoughts and prayers to the families of the tragic car accident claiming the life

of James Atherton and wished all Cooper City residents a safe and happy holiday and New Year.

## **7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Caruso advised that a bicyclist was injured in an accident with a vehicle at 106<sup>th</sup> and Stirling Road and that a structure fire was reported at Cooper City Elementary that was ultimately found to be an odor from a belt on an air handler unit; there was no damage to the school. The CERT holiday dinner and the Santa program were a huge success raising almost \$7,000 dollars towards scholarships and the CERT team. Chief Caruso also mentioned that everyone needs to be aware of bicyclists in the area and tree hazards during the holiday season. He wished all citizens a safe and happy holiday season.

## **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Minutes**

November 22, 2016 - Commission Regular Meeting

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1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING OR REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE - **Res. No. 16-12-1**
  2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING OR REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE - **Res. No. 16-12-2**
  3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING OR REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE GREEN ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE - **Res. No. 16-12-3**
  4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING OR REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE - **Res. No. 16-12-4**
  5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING OR REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE - **Res. No. 16-12-5**
  6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING OR REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE - **Res. No. 16-12-6**
  7. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A WATER AND SEWER DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT FOR WATER SERVICE FOR XIOMARA GALLEG0, 3850 NORTHWEST 94 AVENUE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE - **Res. No. 16-12-7**

8. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WHEELABRATOR ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, INC. FOR OPTIONAL WASTE SERVICES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE - **Res. No. 16-12-8**

**MOTION:** To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

## **9. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

City Atty. Wolpin read, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COOPER CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 23-72 "PCD, PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT" TO PROVIDE FOR PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE," by title. - **Ord. No. P16-10**

Mayor Ross opened the public speaking portion of the public hearing with no one wishing to speak.

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance No. P16-10.

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

## **10. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

A consensus was reached authorizing the City Commission to issue a formal letter to the Broward County School Board requesting that the children of Country Glen be permitted to attend any public schools in Cooper City. Mayor Ross also requested that a request that transportation be made available to all students be included in the letter.

## **11. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Loucks advised that the FEMA 2016 Community Rating System Recertification is complete and that this participation helps citizens save on flood insurance and reduces property risk of flooding. He also wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

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

Commissioner Sims wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Commissioner Mallozzi wished everyone a safe and happy holiday and thanked everyone for a job well done at Brunch with Santa and Light up Cooper City.

Commissioner Curran requested the Commission's support changing the name of 49th Place in Cooper City to James Atherton Place.

**MOTION:** To place the question of whether to change the name of 49th Place to James Atherton Place on the upcoming agenda.

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

Commissioner Curran also wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Commissioner Green thanked Recreation Director Chris Garcia for a job well done at Light Up Cooper City, and also thanked the Commission's Administrative Specialist Tina Hudson for putting together the brochures for tonight's presentation. He also thanked Chief Caruso and his staff for helping a bedridden resident of Rock Creek get out of bed and to her doctor's appointment. He also wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Mayor Ross thanked the Public Works and the Recreation Departments for a job well done at Light Up Cooper City and Brunch with Santa. Lastly, he wished everyone a happy and safe holiday and New Year.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.