

CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with Student Council Vice President, Adrian Poitras from Embassy Creek Elementary leading the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Walt Joliff.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS

Commissioner Sims made a motion to move Item 11-A and 11-B to be heard before the Consent Agenda

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

The Commission made the following announcements:

- The Mayors Countrywide Chess Challenge will be held in the City of Dania Beach on December 16, 2017 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at CW Thomas Park, located at 100 NW 8th Avenue. Also in the City of Dania Beach on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at CW Thomas Park located at 100 NW 8th Avenue. Open Play Chess continues every 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Pool & Tennis Center. Instruction is available. For more information, call 954-434-7300.
- The Education Advisory Board dedicated two fully stocked Little Free Libraries for the residents of Cooper City located at the Cooper City Pool and Tennis Center and the North entrance to the Cooper City Sports Complex. No membership is required.
- Movie in the Park Holiday Edition will present a showing of Home Alone in Memorial Park on Friday December 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM. For more information, call 954-434-4300 Ext. 233.
- The Cooper City Recreation Center will begin renovations starting mid-January and is estimated to be completed in 4 months. The facility will close during the construction process and is estimated to stay closed through April 2018. Most programs typically held at the Community Center will relocate to the Pool and Tennis Center. For more information, please call the Recreation Department at 954-434-4300 Ext. 259.
- The Senior Advisory Board in conjunction with Cooper City's Adult Program division will host the fourth annual Senior Lifestyle Expo on Saturday, January 13, 2017 from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Cooper City High School.

- The Education Advisory Board will host their second annual Cooper City Education Funding Workshop in the media center of the Cooper City High School for more information contact Jena McClure at jenarae2@yahoo.com or 954-294-9504.

Commissioner Mallozzi made the following announcement:

- Please support military personnel stationed overseas by visiting www.forgottensoldiers.org.

The Commission made the following presentations:

- a. December Yard of the Month was presented to Dana and Jennifer Rushetsky.
- b. Arborist Jeanette Wolford and Sr. Administrative Specialist Dawn Deland were recognized for their work with the 25th Year Tree Care Workshop
- c. Jill Ankney was recognized for her selection as Broward County's Girls Swimming Coach of the Year. Kathleen Golding for her selection to the All County First Team, and the entire Cooper City High School Swim and Dive Team for their successful season
- d. Recreation Director Chris Garcia and Program Specialist Felicia Trainor presented first Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winners. The Flints won most creative home. The Borzens won the award for "Most Lights". Best decorated home went to the Haywards.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

a. Open Public Meeting

None.

b. Agenda Concerns

Mike Russo, 2510 Ambassador Ave, spoke about the new field and the expenses of the Optimist and charities they contribute too.

Bob Zweg, 3543 Lincoln Way, spoke about how the addition of a field would help the girls' softball team as they have limited access to fields for practice.

Roberto Ansourian, 3301 Ottawa Lane, spoke about his positive experience with the Optimist program as he grew up. He added that they need more space for practices.

Scott Reid, 10461 SW 50 Place, spoke about his support for Flamingo West Park and the need for them in Cooper City.

Sam Geha, 10701 SW 50 Street spoke about his support for the upcoming Flamingo West Park.

Genesis Reid, 11230 Rocking Horse Road, spoke about her support for Flamingo West Park.

Pete Schlang, 1088 Lakewood Drive spoke on his support of Flamingo West Park for the growing number of children coming into the city.

Brian Kraus, 5500 SW 98 Way, spoke about his support for the park and the need for the field for the growing number of participants.

Fred Holder, 4936 SW 80th Terrace, spoke about his support for the park for the growing number of children joining the sports groups.

Justin Moan, 5091 SW 90th Way, spoke about the need for additional fields to accommodate the children

Victor Holder, 4942 SW 90 Terrace, spoke about the great youth programs that this city has and the need for the new park.

Wayne Stofsky, 315 Ottawa Lane, spoke about the Optimist program and how it makes the City a better place. He added that adding a new field would greatly benefit the children.

Brendan O'Malley spoke about the need for the fields at Flamingo West Park due to lack of practice space for the teams.

Pantelis Klonaris, 11325 Lakeshore Drive, spoke about the need for the fields for the growing number of children in the community.

Michael Bufalo, 11648 SW 859 St, spoke about his concerns on the design of the park and asked the Commission to allow the community speak on the design process.

Steve Lawson, 10485 Grove Lane, spoke about the Flamingo West Park and on his thoughts that the park at Palm Avenue and SW 55th Court should be named after Optimist and Resident Jerry Morgan.

Pablo Lopez, 10458 SW 49 Place, spoke about the need for the new field for safety concerns with the current fields.

Herminio Molina, 5084 SW 88 Ter, spoke about the need for the fields at Flamingo West Park for the sports programs in the City.

Samuel Saad, 5140 SW 89 Ter, spoke about how Flamingo West Park can be a great investment for the City.

Bob Romano, 3760 NW 84 Way, spoke about the need to approve the Flamingo West Park plan.

Jennifer Lopez, 10458 SW 49 Place, spoke about all the sports programs and how the City needs more practice fields.

6. LAND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS **NONE**

7. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Lt Aimee Russo thanked everyone for his or her support as she is starting anew position outside Cooper City. Holiday Ops is in full effect to deter vehicle

burglaries in parking lots and near homes. Lt Russo asked residents to be aware and do not leave your keys in your vehicle. The Vacation Watch program is ongoing to help with residents leaving on vacation for more information call the station. False alarms are becoming a growing number and BSO is educating all on being more careful. The digital public safety initiatives in purchasing LPRs are moving forward also the Explores placed first in West Palm Beach. In addition, Deputy Derick Gordon was selected of a SRO of the year.

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Caruso advised the Santa Program will make 50 stops on December 16, 2017 and 50 stops on December 17, 2017 all money raised goes to the scholarship program at Cooper City High School as well as the CERT team and the station Pride fund. A basic CERT class will be held on January 18, 2017 meeting for 9 weeks at 6:00 PM at the Pool and Tennis Center. Chief Caruso also advised to make sure in the colder weather everyone is exercising caution in heating your home and wished everyone happy holidays.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes for Approval

1. Regular City Commission Meeting of November 28, 2017

a. Financial Matters

1. Motion to approve Task Order 2017-06 to Calvin Giordano & Associates Inc., for certain engineering services – **Utilities**
2. Motion to approve an agreement for Plan Review and Inspection Services with Calvin, Giordano & Associates – **Building**

MOTION: To approve Consent Agenda

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

10. ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

City Atty. Wolpin read, "N ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE III "CITY COMMISSION", DIVISION 2 "EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT", BY AMENDING SECTION 2-34 "TRAVEL EXPENSES", TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF CITY COMMISSION APPROVAL FOR CITY-RELATED TRAVEL FOR CERTAIN EVENTS, AND AMENDING SECTION 2-39 "ADVANCEMENTS", TO ALLOW RETROACTIVE AUTHORIZATION OF ADVANCEMENTS WHEN NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE." by title.

MOTION: To approve on first reading

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

11. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. Presentation and request for a Motion to Approve on the final site plan for Flamingo Park West

**MOTION: To approve final site plan for Flamingo Park West
Moved by Commissioner Mallozzi Seconded by Commissioner
Curran.**

Jeff Cruz from Stantek Consulting presented a final site plan on the Flamingo West Park.

All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed

b. Motion to approve the naming of park

**MOTION: To name the Park - Jerry Morgan Park
Moved by Commissioner Curran Seconded by Commissioner Sims
All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

c. Discussion, direction and approval an ad-hoc committee for review of public safety options

Consensus was reached to have the City Manager and City Attorney draft a resolution with the framework for the ad-hoc committee for the January 23, 2017 Commission Meeting.

Motion to Extend meeting

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

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Loucks advised that the previous permit fee waived days due to Hurricane Irma should be extended for another 60 days due the delays residents are having with their insurance.

13. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS/REPORTS

Commissioner Sims wished all a Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas

Commissioner Mallozzi advised of a resident with a neighbor who has an unsafe tree in their yard and wanted the City Arborist to look at it.

Commissioner Curran advised that Embassy Lakes is having issues with tree removal. He also wished everyone a Happy Hanukah and Merry Christmas

Commissioner Green wish everyone a Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also wished Lt Aimee Russo good luck in her new position and thanked her for her service here.

Mayor Ross advised he received a response from the Broward Superintendent about a letter sent and Police and Fire are discussing ways to fix the issue. He also wished everyone happy holidays.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 PM.