

**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
BUDGET WORKSHOP
JULY 14, 2015
6:30 PM**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. AGENDA CONCERNS

Ed Wooley, 11038 Nashville Drive, opined regarding the proposed expenditures and suggested that any surplus in funds would be best spent to reduce the current ad valorem taxes by approximately 10%.

Ken Glazer, 8690 SW 51st Place, opined against the installation of artificial turf.

Benjamin Santana and Arian Milian from the Cooper City High School Sound of Pride Marching Band presented the Commission with a request of \$100,000.00 to fund the band's travel to participate in the Sugar Bowl.

Walt Jolliff, 11095 Bismarck Place, expressed concerns about converting 3 sports fields to artificial turf.

4. BUDGET DISCUSSION

A. Budget Memo

City Manager Loucks outlined the upcoming Budget Workshop and Meeting schedule and presented the proposed budget by explaining each item outlined in the Budget Memo provided as backup to the Agenda, including the following budget impacts:

- Fire Services are funded partially by a special assessment of \$161.28 per residence with no increase in the past three years.
- Water and Sewer rates will not increase in accordance with City policy, based on the most recent rate study.
- An increase to the Storm Water Assessment will be necessary to fund Capital Expenditures for improvements in the western portion of the City.

- The decreased Storage Lot rates will not provide funding for the West Lot expansion; therefore, a fee increase will be required.
- An increase to the Storage Lot Fund expenses of \$21,000.00 for additional equipment maintenance costs and surveillance camera monitoring services will necessitate a 20% rate increase in the upcoming years.

He explained that the memo did not show the \$1,600,000.00 Water Treatment Plant Control Systems upgrade, which was reflected in the proposed budget and will bring the Capital Projects expenditures for Utilities from \$7,385,000.00 to \$8,985,000.00.

B. Staffing Rescue 228 Memo

Chief Caruso provided an explanation of the memo he provided as backup to the Agenda.

MOTION: To direct the City Manager to create a line item in the proposed budget with \$50,000.00 from which Cooper City School factions with opportunities to compete or exhibit their accomplishments on a national level may apply for grants to assist with the expenses associated with such travel.

Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi.

Friendly amendment to the motion: For the program to include a "match funds" component in the grant application criteria.

Moved by Commissioner Mallozzi. Accepted by Commissioner Green.

MOTION: To continue Commission discussion of this motion to more than 2 times around.

Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi. Motion passed 3-1 with Mayor Ross dissenting.

MOTION: To direct staff to set a workshop within the next 30 days to iron out the details of this program.

Moved by Commissioner Mallozzi. Seconded by Commissioner Green.

Amendment to motion by maker: To extend the date of the workshop to 45 days to ensure there is enough time to establish the criteria for the grant application.

Moved by Commissioner Mallozzi. Seconded by Commissioner Green.

Friendly amendment to the motion: To direct staff to provided workshop date options to the Commission within the next couple of days to ensure there are no conflicts with the budget calendar.
Moved by Commissioner Sims. Accepted by Commissioner Mallozzi. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed as amended.

Discussion of Storage Lot Fund Budget

Unanimous consensus was received to accept the City Manager's recommendation as outlined in the Budget Memo.

Discussion of Storm Water Assessment

Utilities Director Mike Bailey described the storm water improvement project which will impact Natalie's Cove, Flamingo Townhomes and Countryside Shops.

Unanimous consensus was reached to accept the recommendation to fund the \$1,600,000.00 project by increasing the storm water rates as outlined in the Budget Memo.

Discussion of External Memo regarding staffing Rescue 228.

Chief Caruso responded to questions from the Commission regarding his memo, response times and mutual aid.

Unanimous consensus was reached to accept the recommendation in Chief Caruso's memo to provide staffing of R228 as a 2 person rescue unit with 1 Officer and 1 Firefighter Paramedic by hiring 4 Officers to cover all three shifts and move 1 existing Firefighter Paramedic from R28. The cost for the first year would be \$500,000.00 and both rescue units would be staffed with 1 Officer and 1 Firefighter Paramedic.

Discussion regarding the budget line item for replacing the grass in three soccer fields at the Cooper City Sports Complex with synthetic turf.

Mayor Ross allowed Agenda Concerns by those in attendance who had not previously spoken.

Mike Russo, Cooper City Optimists representative, clarified that the Optimist Club did not request the replacement of these fields, but is open to the idea pending further research.

MOTION: To extend the meeting past the hour of 9:30 PM to allow for further discussion of this subject.

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

Unanimous consensus was reached to continue the Budget Workshop at 6:30 PM on 07/15/2015 after the conclusion of a second time around discussion on the current subject.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 PM

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