

**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 27, 2015
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.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS

None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

A. Open Public Meeting

Ed Wooley, 11038 Nashville Drive, commented regarding the budget, the millage rate and the non ad-valorem assessment and suggested specific budget cuts to avoid increasing the millage rate.

Walt Jolliff, 11095 Bismarck Place, commented regarding the news of an alleged crime that occurred in the City by a City resident and volunteer of the Optimist organization.

Skip Klauber, 10241 Guatemala Street, reminded the Commission that in May of 2014, he suggested that members of the Commission resign from their affiliations with the Optimist organization; he suggested that a legal opinion should have been rendered on the subject.

Jason Smith, 10438 SW 49th Place, offered his input regarding Items 7C and/or D, if needed.

B. Agenda Concerns

Ed Wooley, 11038 Nashville Drive, advised against purchasing synthetic turf and use the money otherwise allotted for that to give the citizens of Cooper City a tax break or rebate.

Walt Jolliff, 11095 Bismarck Place, made suggestions regarding the budget, tax levies and assessments.

Skip Klauber, 10241 Guatemala Street, spoke regarding the difficulties of small businesses and budget considerations. He suggested redirecting funds which currently support other programs to aid small businesses

and suggested that advisory boards be evaluated with respect to participation and effectiveness.

Neal de Jesus, exempt address, spoke in support of increasing the millage rate, if necessary, as staffing both rescue vehicles with 3 firefighter/paramedics at all times is essential to optimum effectiveness.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

MOTION: To move Item 8 in front of Item 7 so the petitioner would not have to sit through the lengthy discussion that is customary with tax levies.

Moved by Commissioner Sims. Seconded by Commissioner Curran.

All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

8. LAND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Electric Flamingo Tattoo Parlor, located in the Timberlake Plaza at 8668 Griffin Road

Conditional Use Petition #CU 5-1-15 – Res. No. 15-7-4

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing and administered an oath to the following intended speakers:

James Bennett - Petitioner
Matt Wood - for the City

City Atty. Wolpin read, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, ISSUING A CONDITIONAL USE PETITION #CU 5-1-15 TO ELECTRIC FLAMINGO TATTOO PARLOR, LOCATED IN THE TIMBERLAKE PLAZA AT 8668 GRIFFIN ROAD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE." by title only.

Ex-Parte' Disclosure

Commissioner Green	Mr. Bennett
Commissioner Curran	Mr. Bennett
Commissioner Mallozzi	Mr. Bennett, Michelle Dillon, Owners or management of Havana's, ASM Music and Roman Oven and residents of the homes located behind Timberlake Plaza.
Commissioner Sims	Mr. Bennett
Mayor Ross	None

MOTION: To approve Resolution No. 15-7-4.

Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi.

Matt Wood read an abbreviated staff report.

John Justino, Timberlake resident, spoke in opposition to the Conditional Use Permit.

James Bennett, 5806 SW 120th Avenue, spoke on behalf of the approval of the Conditional Use Permit and described the future plans.

MOTION: To ensure that there shall be no visibility into the shop from the sidewalk by any passerby and to make approval of the permit contingent upon this stipulation.

Moved by Commissioner Mallozzi. Seconded by Commissioner Curran. Maker of the original motion agreed to incorporate this motion into the original motion for one vote as a friendly amendment.

Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Green dissenting.

7. FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 TAX LEVIES

A. Setting 2015/2016 Proposed Operating Millage Rate (Form DR-420), (Form MMP)

MOTION: To set the proposed Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016, as recommended by the City Manager.

Moved by Commissioner Mallozzi. Seconded by Commissioner Curran.

City Manager Loucks provided an explanation of the recommendation based on the outcome of budgetary discussions and workshops and incorporating scenarios which would keep the Millage Rate from either increasing, or to increase it to a lesser degree with proposed reductions to millage considerations.

Original motion withdrawn.

MOTION: To set the proposed Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016, as recommended by the City Manager.

Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi.

MOTION: To remove the synthetic turf funding from the budget to allow for fully staffing both rescue vehicles with 3 firefighter/paramedics for all shifts without raising the millage rate.

Moved by Commissioner Sims. Motion held with no second for further discussion of the original proposal.

MOTION: To reabsorb the Code Enforcement Division of District 16 to reemploy the City's original staff as Cooper City Code Enforcement Officers.

Moved by Commissioner Mallozzi. Seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion failed 1-4 with Commissioners Green, Curran, Sims and Mayor Ross voting no.

All aye on roll call vote to accept the proposed Millage Rate of 5.9293 mils for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016, as recommended by the City Manager.

B. Setting the 2015/2016 Proposed Debt Levy

MOTION: To set the proposed Debt Service Levy for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016, as recommended by the City Manager

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

C. Adopting Initial Assessment for Non-Ad Valorem Assessment – Res. No. 15-7-3

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; DESCRIBING THE METHOD OF ANNUALLY ASSESSING FIRE PROTECTION COSTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A MAXIMUM ASSESSMENT; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE," by title.

MOTION: To approve the Resolution adopting Fire Assessment Services Fees.

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

D. Approving the Budget/Millage/Special Assessment Adoption Schedule

MOTION: To approve the public hearing schedule relative to the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 budget and taxes.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

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.