



**CITY OF COOPER CITY  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
August 25, 2020 at 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 Pulcini, Meltzer, Green, Curran and Mayor Ross.

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

None.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Commission made the following announcements:**

- Recreation can assist with food provisions to any residents in need please contact [www.coopercityfl.org](http://www.coopercityfl.org) or 954-434-4300 for assistance
- August 25, 2020 was National Senior Citizen Day. The Recreation Department collected 125 letters from the community to be delivered to our senior citizens.
- Visit [coopercityfl.org](http://coopercityfl.org) to register or update your information for Code Red updates.
- Drive Up Movie Night was a success with 120 attendees and Kiwanis providing refreshments.
- Pool and Tennis Center guidelines are as followed. All participants must have their temperatures taken prior to access, including minor children. Any individual above 100.1 degrees Fahrenheit or who appear to have flu-like symptoms or other symptoms related to COVID-19 must be denied entry to the facility. Masks must be worn while in the facility, at all times, even while working out. Sessions/reservations will be scheduled each day. Patrons can call to book their desired time slots. Workout times will be limited to no more than a one-hour workout. Walk in guests cannot be guaranteed a reservation time. All guests are strongly suggested to call ahead. Staff will be properly disinfecting high touch equipment, bathrooms and counters throughout the course of the day. No use of equipment (Yoga mats, Fitness mats, and Balance balls) – patrons may bring their own although strongly discouraged.

Showers and Locker Rooms will not be open or available for use. All patrons must be at least 15 years of age, with a valid waiver.

- Census workers started door-to-door canvassing to boost Census response rates in Broward County communities. Cooper City residents should be advised that they may be visited by a Census worker in the coming weeks if they have not already completed the Census survey. The Census taker is wearing an ID badge that includes the Census taker's name, photograph, a Department of Commerce watermark, and expiration date. Cooper City currently has a 81.7% participation rate. Visit [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov) for more information.
- Hurricane preparedness is essential be sure to prepare now as we are in the hurricane season.
- Upcoming Commission Meetings: Regular Commission Meeting Tuesday September 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Special Fire Assessment Meeting Tuesday September 15, 2020 at 5:00 PM. First Budget Hearing Tuesday September 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Regular Commission Meeting Tuesday September 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Final Budget Hearing on Wednesday September 23, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Commission meetings are scheduled at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Auditorium located at 9090 SW 50 Place.
- Another successful Blood Drive was held today at Suellen H. Fardelmann Park. Check the City's website [www.coopercityfl.org](http://www.coopercityfl.org) for upcoming dates.

Mayor Ross thanked the Broward County Commission, City Managers Association, and the Broward League of Cities for their efforts involving the Cares Act Money.

Commissioner Pulcini thanked Mayor Ross for his efforts.

## **5. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

- a. A proclamation was read for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Women's Right to Vote Month.
- b. A Proclamation was presented to Growth Management Director Matt Wood celebrating his retirement.

## **6. PUBLIC SPEAKING**

### **a. Open Public Meeting**

Andrew Gross, 5010 Regency Isles Way asked how many children there are in the City and if there will be another Drive Up Movie Night.

Jennifer Goldfarb, asked if Public Works Tim Fleming was considered for Public Works Director. She also wants the Commission to read all the backup provided for Item 13-b before making a decision.

City Manager Napoli said Mr. Flemming was considered but not selected and he is a tremendous asset to the City.

Joshua Giancarlo, thanked Matt Wood for all his help as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board. He asked about the water bill billing cycle and also an update on a previously brought up code case. He also spoke on a non-profit Henderson Behavioral Health.

City Manager Napoli will look into the water bill cycle.

City Attorney Horowitz said the Insel property will go through a special special magistrate meeting to move forward on correcting the issues.

David Nall, spoke on the backup for Item 13-b and spoke on for profit businesses and tax exemptions.

Mike Bufalo, asked about the properties located in Davie that utilize City water. He also spoke on resident concerns with not being able to access fields.

City Manager Napoli said the City is following the County orders but parks are open for certain activities.

Utilities Director Mike Baile advised the Davie residents are paying sewer rates at a fixed fee.

Mike Bufalo asked the amount of the fixed fee.

Mr. Bailey said over \$400 a month based on the amount of sewage they send the City.

Mike Bufalo believes that is not efficient.

Mike Bailey offered to sit with Mr. Bufalo and explain the issue.

Marty Sherwood, congratulated Matt Wood, spoke on the Public Works Director Appointment and wants to ensure there are no business related conflicts. He also spoke on item 13-b and wanted to know why Etna Florida Blue declined to quote. He also spoke on a 60 day delay on raising the storage lot rates.

## **b. Agenda Concerns**

### **7. LAND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

(Florida court rulings now require all land development matters to be considered by the City Commission in a quasi-judicial process. All persons who wish to give testimony or present evidence must be sworn in. Copies of the complete procedures are available in the Office of the City Clerk).

#### **A. ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING:**

##### **1. Ordinance No. 20-8-1 (Growth Management)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING REZONING PETITION NUMBER Z 11-1-19 FOR MONTErrA

PARCEL C-2 COMMERCIAL TRACTS, TO AMEND THE MONTERRA MASTER PLAN TO ESTABLISH THE DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE TRACTS, FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2 OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF UNIVERSITY DRIVE, SOUTH OF MONTERRA BOULEVARD; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Mayor Ross swore in all speakers.

Growth Management Director Matt Wood read the staff report.

Commissioner Curran thanked the applicant

Commissioner Green echoed Commissioner Currans comments.

Commissioner Meltzer spoke on the berm removal and indicated it so visibility from University drive is not obscured.

Commissioner Pulcini said he walked the property and the berm does need removed.

Mayor Ross walked the property and said the applicants did a great job with a unique piece of property.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing.

Nina, asked if there is opportunity to have a good quality organic grocery shop.

Dennis Mele answered a grocery store could fit there.

Howard Meltzer asked Mr, Napoli to have DRC highlight requests that are significant and present those to the Planning and Zoning Board as well as the Commission.

**MOTION: To approve Ordinance 20-8-1. Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

## **B. RESOLUTIONS**

### **1. Resolution No. 20-8-4: (Monterra Commons Site Plan Petition)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, GRANTING SITE PLAN APPROVAL PURSUANT TO SITE PLAN PETITION #SP 1-1-20 FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 6.99 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE MONTERRA PARCEL C-2 - SHOPPES OF MONTERRA COMMONS, GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF UNIVERSITY DRIVE AND MONTERRA BOULEVARD IN COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Mayor Ross opened the public meeting with no one wishing to speak. Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION: To approve Resolution 20-8-4. Moved by Commissioner Curran . Seconded by Commissioner Green . All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**2. Resolution No. 20-8-7:(Monterra Commons Site Plat Amendment)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PLAT NOTE AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO PETITION #PA 5-1-18 FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 6.99 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE MONTERRA PARCEL C-2 – SHOPPES OF MONTERRA GARDENS GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF UNIVERSITY DRIVE AND MONTERRA BOULEVARD IN COOPER CITY, FLORIDA TO AMEND THE NON-VEHICULAR ACCESS LINE ("NVAL") ALONG UNIVERSITY DRIVE BY ALLOWING FOR A FIFTY FOOT (50') SOUTH BOUND OPENING (RIGHT TURNS ONLY), WITH THE CENTERLINE TO BE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE FEET (165') NORTH OF THE EXISTING PLATTED OPENING; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Mayor Ross asked if a traffic light need in the center.

The traffic consultant was sworn in and said no traffic signal was required. A traffic study can be requested after a full build out.

Dennis Mele said D.O.T takes distance into consideration.

Mayor Ross opened the public meeting with no one wishing to speak. Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION: To approve Resolution 20-8-7. Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**3. Resolution No. 20-8-5: (Monterra Commons Variance Petition)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR VARIANCE PETITION #V 1-1-20, FROM CC BROWARD PROPERTY VI, LLC / CRAVEN THOMPSON AND ASSOCIATES (AGENT) FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 6.99 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF UNIVERSITY DRIVE AND SOUTH OF MONTERRA BOULEVARD IN COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Mayor Ross opened the public meeting with no one wishing to speak. Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION: To approve Resolution 20-8-5. Moved by Commissioner Curran . Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**4. Resolution No. 20-8-6: (Monterra Commons Sign Package)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SIGN PACKAGE (#SI 2-2-20) FOR THE MONTERRA COMMONS COMMERCIAL PLAZA (MONTERRA PARCEL C-2), GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF UNIVERSITY DRIVE AND MONTERRA BOULEVARD IN COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Mayor Ross opened the public meeting with no one wishing to speak. Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION: To approve Resolution 20-8-6. Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green . All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**5. Resolution No. 20-8-8: (Brightstar Credit Union Site Plan Petition)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, GRANTING SITE PLAN APPROVAL PURSUANT TO SITE PLAN PETITION #SP 1-2-20 FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 4.34 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE MONTERRA PARCEL C-2 - BRIGHTSTAR CREDIT UNION CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF UNIVERSITY DRIVE AND SOLANO AVENUE IN COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Commissioner Curran welcomed the business.

Mayor Ross opened the public meeting with no one wishing to speak. Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

Mayor Ross said he met with the Brightstar President and he looks forward to welcoming them.

**MOTION: To approve Resolution 20-8-8. Moved by Commissioner Curran . Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**6. Resolution No. 20-8-9: (Brightstar Credit Union Variance Petition)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR VARIANCE PETITION #V 3-1-20, FROM CC BROWARD PROPERTY VI, LLC / CRAVEN THOMPSON AND ASSOCIATES (AGENT) FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 4.34 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF UNIVERSITY DRIVE AND SOUTH OF MONTERRA BOULEVARD IN COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE' by title.

Commissioner Meltzer asked about box trucks making deliveries and asked if there is space for 2 trucks behind the buildings or away from traffic.

Dennis Mele answered there is room for 2 trucks.

Mayor Ross opened the public meeting with no one wishing to speak. Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION: To approve Resolution 20-8-9. Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

### **C. MOTIONS TO APPROVE**

**1.** Motion to approve a Sign Waiver Petition for Monterra Commons (Monterra Parcel C-2)

Commissioner Meltzer asked about the sign size that is being requested. He also again asked that requests this substantial should be brought to the attention of both Planning and Zoning and the Commission.

Dennis Mele said Culvers will advertise their flavor of the day.

Mayor Ross asked about the 6 to 18 feet change on the monument signs.

Mayor Ross asked about tenant panels

Growth Management Director Matt Wood answered there are 10 tenant panels requested.

Mayor Ross said this is how we help businesses.

Commissioner Meltzer said it is time to look at the code

Commissioner Pulcini said its time to update the code.

Commissioner Curran said its time to update the codes as they were written 30-40 years ago.

Mayor Ross said we need to update the code.

Mayor Ross opened the public Meeting with no one wishing to speak. Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION: To approve a Sign Waiver Petition for Monterra Commons (Monterra Parcel C-2). Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**2. Motion to approve a Sign Waiver Petition for Brightstar Credit Union**

Commissioner Meltzer said such a large increase should be mentioned in DRC. He also asked about the different types of monument signs.

Commissioner Green asked if DRC was provided this information

Growth Management Director Matt Wood said DRC identifies what does or does not meet code. The Planning and Zoning Board does have the information.

Commissioner Green said so everyone did receive all required information.

Growth Management Director Matt Wood answered absolutely.

Commissioner Meltzer said he wants to clarify that DRC should point out out of the ordinary requests.

**MOTION:** To approve a Sign Waiver Petition for for Brightstar Credit Union.  
**Moved by Commissioner Curran . Seconded by Commissioner Green.**  
**All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**8. BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**a. Monthly Financial Report – Finance**

Finance Director Sherry Walker advised the general fund revenues are 94% to date. We are due to receive 1.1 million from FEMA. The State asked for additional information from our temporary debris sight and that information was sent.. Some departments are currently coming in under budgets due to covid effects. In Parks we have not spent funds for overseed and so.d Recreation \$296,000 in savings due to covid and cancelations of annual events and part time employee savings. We are still pending invoices for the end of this fiscal year. Public safety is a million dollars under budget due to pensions that are pending the receipt of premium tax. The fire assessment invoice has not been paid yet as well but the invoice was just received.

Commissioner Curran asked if the Parks sod and seeding monies will roll forward.

Finance Director Sherry Walker said some supplies will be bought.

Commissioner Meltzer asked about an update with the debt service fund.

Finance Director Sherry Walker will speak to the bond service council.

Mayor Ross asked about revenue loss of sales tax due to Covid.

Finance Director Sherry Walker will get that information.

Finance Director Sherry Walker also advised we are working on balancing the budget and they do have a draft and it is balanced without using fund balance. Health insurance decrease if adopted what is proposed.

b. Encumbrances Rollover Report – Finance

Finance Director Sherry Walker advised this report was a request by Ordinance from direction by the Commission. This is an estimated amount of will be rolled over. The amount may increase with new purchase orders.

Commissioner Pulcini said the purpose for this Ordinance is to know what is being rolled forward for the budgeting process.

Commissioner Meltzer thanked Commissioner Pulcini for creating this. He asked why projects in the road and bridge fund are being rolled forward and not completed for Timberlake and Flamingo Gardens Phase 1.

Finance Director Sherry Walker said it's a potential roll forward.

Tim Flemming, Public Works Interim Director, said the contractor for sidewalks did pull out due to covid which was a setback. The asphalt work has been completed in Phase 1.

Commissioner Curran believed Ordinance was to find any purchasing orders that are not completed or have money left over.

Commissioner Pulcini answered he wanted to make sure the encumbrances being rolled forward had monies available to fund.

**9. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Lieutenant Tozzie advised Brian Piccolo Park is open as a testing site Monday thru Friday by appointment only. We had a residential burglary, the suspect was arrested and items were recovered.

**10. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT said 551 reside**

Chief Crauso advised the City has had 551 residents testing positive for Covid 19 to date. Three of the Fire Rescue employees that did test positive are recovered and back to work. Chief Caruso reminded residents to be vigilant in hurricane preparations.

Commissioner Grenn asked if we have a number of recoveries from the 551 cases.

Chief Caruso said the state does not report recoveries.

City Manager Napoli said he can see if those stats are available.

Commissioner Curran asked about a cow that is roaming Embassy Lakes.

## **11. REGULAR RESOLUTIONS**

### **a. Resolution No. 20-8-2: (Finance)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON EXHIBIT "A," ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, AS SURPLUS PROPERTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-202 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY; DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Finance Director Sherry Walker advised a declaration is need to dispose or sell any items in the City.

Commissoner Meltzer asked if this an annual item.

City Manager Napoli said this is done on as as needed basis.

Mayor Ross asked if the RFP is a piggyback.

Finance Director Sherry Walker answered yes the RFP for this item is a piggyback.

**MOTION: To approve Resolution 20-8-2. Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Meltzer. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

### **b. Resolution No. 20-8-3: (Finance)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 17-3-6, ADOPTED ON MARCH 28, 2017; PROVIDING FOR A RATE INCREASE FOR THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Commissioner Green asked if we are as competitive as other rates in neighboring cities.

Finanace Director Walker answered with the raise we are still well under for a commercial lot.

Commissioner Green asked if there is currently a waiting list.

Finanace Director Walker answered a 3 year wait.

Commissioner Meltzer asked if there has been an improvemnets to the lots since the last rate increase.

Finance Director Walker advised \$21,000 was spent to fix damages due to a lightning storm and it decreased reserves in that fund. In FY20 working capital in that fund is \$8000.

Commissioner Meltzer said the raise will bring us in line with Pembroke Pines and Hollywood. It's great to see a long list of residents waiting to be in complaint with code and in the future maybe we can look at expansions.

Commissioner Pulcini said the lots should pay for themselves.

Mayor Ross said if we raise the fee will it cover costs of operation and we can put it in reserves. He also asked how the City deals with subletting issues.

City Manager Napoli said we do a monthly inspection of the lots and if anyone is subletting we hope to catch that issue.

Mayor Ross asked can we crosscheck ownership records.

Mr. Napoli will obtain that information.

Commissioner Curran said the storage lot on Griffin was full in days. He would like to look at subleasing the lots or selling them.

City Manager Napoli said he looking into a study with 4 options, the same as today, a management agreement, a partnership or selling.

Commissioner Curran asked to add a item for alternatives for the lots in the future.

**MOTION: To approve Resolution 20-8-3. Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Curran. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**c. Resolution No. 20-8-10: (Administration)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROWARD COUNTY AND THE CITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSOLIDATED REGIONAL E-911 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROWARD COUNTY AND THE CITY PROVIDING FOR COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY INTRANET, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Mayor Ross is disappointed in E-911 as they don't know how to route calls properly. There are issues with routing calls to Davie and long waits for services.

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution 20-8-10. **Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Curran. Commissioners Pulcini, Mletzer and Mayor Ross, Yes. Commissioner Curran, No. Motion passed.**

**12. ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING)**

**a. Ordinance No. 20-3-3: (Growth Management/Utilities)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES WORK PLAN AND TO AMEND THE CITY OF COOPER CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO STRENGTHEN COORDINATION BETWEEN WATER SUPPLY AND LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING BY AMENDING THE TEXT CONTAINED IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE, CONSERVATION, FUTURE LAND USE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND ALL OTHER UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AS REQUIRED UNDER CHAPTER 163, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Commissioner Curran thanked Utilities Director Mike Bailey for his help.

Commissioner Meltzer asked Utilities Director Mike Bailey about the disposal of waste water.

Utilities Director Mike Bailey answered the state statute has allowed us to enter into an agreement with a agency. That is a 30 year agreement.

Mayor Ross asked when is the 30 years is up.

Utilities Director Mike Bailey answered the clock starts in 2025.

Mayor Ross asked why the second reading took so long to come back.

Utilities Director Mike Bailey said responses from the state agencies took long due to Covid delays.

Mayor Ross opened the public Meeting with no one wishing to speak. Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION: To approve Ordinance 20-3-3. Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**13. REGULAR AGENDA**

**a.** Motion to approve an agreement with Bidera, LLC. for surplus auction services – **Finance**

Commissioner Green asked if this item was a piggyback.

Finance Director Walker answered yes and it meets all the requirements.

Commissioner Meltzer asked if there is a list of City Managers procedures and for it to be shared with the Commission.

City Manager Napoli will share that list.

Mayor Ross asked if this service will cost the City anything.

Finance Director Walker answered no.

**MOTION:** To approve an agreement with Bidera, LLC. for surplus auction services. **Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Curran. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**b.** Presentation, discussion, and motion to approve group insurance for Fiscal Year 21 – **Administration/Admin Services/Finance**

Rommi Mitchell from the Gehring group gave a presentation on the recommendation. There were 12 total respondents for the various lines of coverage. In the budget there was a 15% to 20% increase based on the plan the City currently has. The current plan Plan 1 is no longer offered by FMIT. AvMed, Cigna, FMIT and Humana provided quotes for medical coverage. AvMed had the most competitive pricing with the most limited network. Cigna's quote was in line with FMIT but offered no medical supplements. Humana's copay plan quote was the highest priced. The renewal with FMIT will provide no disruption to provider network or covered services. The transition will be from Plan 1 to Plan 2. Member cost share for services increase by 7% and generates a \$25,840 in savings. Another recommendation is a high deductible Health plan. There will be a \$50/month Employee only plan premium for Plan 2. The Family premium will revert back to a 70% subsidy. Alternate tiering plans were looked at but were a larger cost to employee and the City. Dental was also solicited with 9 carriers responding. The recommendation is to transition to Humana. This offers \$12,000 in savings to the City. Nine carriers were solicited for vision and the recommendation is to continue Vision benefits with Humana. Seven carriers responded to the Life and Disability RFP. The proposals were evaluated and the recommendation is a transition to Cigna with \$8,875 in savings. The total combined savings for all recommendations is \$46,825.

Mayor Ross disclosed he does sit on the Board of FMIT. This will have no effect on this item.

Commissioner Curran had concerns with a higher increase for Individuals than Family. He believes the Family Plan would cost more as the coverage covers family members.

Ms. Mitchell said there is an increase for the Family as well.

Commissioner Green asked if the City's current plan is discontinued.

Ms. Mitchell said yes but the City can renew the plan.

Commissioner Curran asked if we renew it would represent an increase at 9.9% and if we move to the Plan 2 we will save the City 7%.

Ms. Mitchell answered yes.

Commissioner Meltzer asked under plan 2 individuals will pay \$50 a month and family will pay a 70%.

Ms. Mitchell answered yes.

Commissioner Meltzer asked if the model has any employees opting for the higher deductible plan.

Ms. Mitchell answered the model is based on savings with all employees taking Plan 2. There would be \$840 in savings for employee only on the high deductible plan. Family would equal \$2,300 savings per family unit.

Commissioner Meltzer said Ms. Mitchell advised the average municipalities cover for their employees are 80%. He did research and found cities that cover zero and one that covers 50%.

Commissioner Pulcini said we have no way to control claim costs. We can increase deductibles to combat claims.

Ms. Mitchell said health carriers offer onsite screenings and wellness checkups at no cost to encourage preventive health care.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if we can balance the budget with our current insurance.

City Manager Napoli said we based the budget on the current plan but we would have to make more cuts if the current plan is kept.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if we can have separate plans for the Commission and Directors and one for employees.

Ms. Mitchell said we can class out those individuals. But all plans have to be offered to all employees.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if we can have contribution based on pay.

Ms. Mitchell answered yes.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if the Commission would consider a sliding scale.

Mayor Ross asked for the information that other cities provided and the breakdown of individuals, individual plus one and then a family plan as that was not provided in the presentation. He also asked if we except the recommendations as made what is the fees we would pay Gehring.

Finance Director Walker answered \$55,000 for the previous year.

Ms. Mitchell answered \$104,000 for the entire year as an estimate.

Mayor Ross said we can control costs by not having a rich plan. His difficulty is when something is offered as free it is not utilized. When you have a copay you think more about costs. He said we need to look at what the other cities are doing. Also do we need to pay for lifetime benefits for Commissioners or medical benefits for families. He wants more investment by the employees, to be more fair to the residents, the individual employees and not carry such a rich plan.

Commissioner Curran said if we offer a higher stipend to go off the City insurance it may be more beneficial. He also doesn't believe Individuals should pay a higher amount. He believes there are more routes we can take to save money. He also believes we should have had employee recommendations.

Commisisoner Meltzer said we may need to give incentatives for employees to go on the high dedutable plan. He said the Commission needs to be considerate of the residents when they vote.

Commisisoner Pulcini would like all the questions answered from tonight before making a decision.

**MOTION:** To table Item 13-b. **Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commisioner Meltzer. No vote called.**

Commisioner Meltzer would like to give Ms. Mitchell a list of what they would like when she returns.

Commisioner Green said the agent of record was hired by the Commission based on the Finanace Advisory Board. The plan recommended does have the employees investing as Individuals will now be charged \$50 monthly and the family coverage will rise by \$14 monthly. He said the residents pay for the costs of the cities and we need incentatives to atract employees. He also said he does not hear anything about cuts for BSO that is 70% of the Citys budget. He understands that the City will recognize savings with the

plan recommended and he believes the employees would support that. But we also need to address the BSO contract as we address employee cuts.

Mayor Ross said he does not have from staff what was requested from the Gehring Group. He said all of the options listed tonight need to be addressed.

Commissioner Curran said he does not want this issue to be delayed. He supports the recommendation with no more out of pocket reimbursements, raising the stipends and with the Families paying more of the costs than Individuals.

Mayor Ross asked when a decision is needed.

City Manager Napoli said the decision is needed for the budget on September 15, 2020. Also open enrollment starts in 2 weeks and this plan was shown to all employees with little negative feedback.

Commissioner Green said currently families pay \$165 every two weeks and singles pay zero. If we encourage stipends it may not be beneficial as the plan here may be more beneficial for certain families.

Mayor Ross said the City is subsidizing too much currently. Mayor Ross recommends Individuals pay zero and Families pay 50%.

Commissioner Green said if we may have an employee who is the sole breadwinner and we are asking them to pay more. We have 108 employees and some are residents we need to look out for our employees who look out for all the residents of the City.

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

Ms. Mitchell advised looking at families paying 50% it comes out to \$271 a pay check. That would be \$116 more than what they pay today. The savings to the City would be \$168,000 on medical alone.

Mayor Ross asked about the price difference between the high deductible plan and Plan 2 for the City.

Ms. Mitchell answered on an employee only basis it's a difference of \$120 a month. Family contribution at 50% is \$180 a month.

Mayor Ross said maybe 60% is more palatable and we can maintain the rich plan.

Ms. Mitchell said at 60% family would cost \$217 a pay check. At \$130 more a month. A \$79,000 savings for the City. She also said we can look at more cost sharing models.

Mayor Ross appreciates all the work everyone has done but asked why this was presented so close to the deadline.

City Manager Napoli answered once the results were received we presented it as fast as possible.

Mayor Ross asked if we can have these questions answered at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Meltzer asked for a Special Meeting on September 1, 2020.

**Consensus was reached for a Special Meeting on September 1, 2020.**

Mayor Ross asked Ms. Mitchell to repeat the information that was requested.

Ms. Mitchell responded, benchmark data by neighboring cities, Opt out benefits, benefit design options with increased copays, reducing cost sharing to 60% for families, remove cost sharing on individuals or a lesser cost.

Commissioner Meltzer asked for single employee increases up to 10%.

Commissioner Curran asked what the City pays towards family coverage currently

Ms. Mitchell responded \$1,919 a month.

Commissioner Curran again said we need to look at opt out benefits.

**c. Motion to approve the appointment of Steven Williamson as Public Works Director – Administration**

Commissioner Meltzer welcomed Mr. Williamson.

Commissioner Curran supports the City Managers choice.

Commissioner Pulcini welcomed Mr. Williamson.

Mr. Williamson thanked the Commission for meeting with him and he looks forward to working with the staff and the residents.

Mayor Ross said he enjoyed reading his resume and welcomes Mr. Williamson.

**MOTION:** To approve appointment of Steven Williamson as Public Works Director. **Moved by Commissioner Meltzer. Seconded by Commissioner Curran. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**14. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

a. MPO Complete Streets Project Update – Sheridan Street

City Manager Napoli advised he has engaged with Optimist in regard to the contract and believes he can bring forth a contract shortly. BSO negotiations are continuing. He wants to close out everything on Friday and bring forth a contract in September to the Commission. He also asked for Commission approval for a transitioning plan for movement of the Executive Assistant to the Commission.

**MOTION:** For a transition plan for the Executive Assistant to the Commission.  
**Moved by Commissioner Curran. Moved by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote.**

Commissioner Curran wished Tina Hudson good luck.

Commissioner Pulcini thanked Ms. Hudson for her work.

Mayor Ross echoed his sentiments.

Growth Management Director Matt Wood gave an update on the Sheridan project. He said he has received a sketch and legal description from the missing ride-a-way property for the project to move forward.

**15. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

None.

**16. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS/REPORTS/ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT AGENDA**

Commissioner Green thanked Matt Wood for his dedicated service it has been a pleasure to work along side him. He appreciates all his help toward his maturing as a elected official.

Commissioner Meltzer wished Matt Wood a great retirement.

Commissioner Pulcini wished Matt Wood a great retirement.

Mayor Ross said he started out in Planning and Zoning and he thanked Matt for all he taught him.

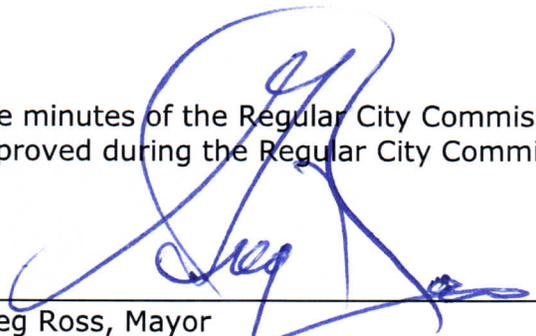
**17. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES)**

David Nall, said the timing of the insurance presentation was not appropriate and more information needs to be presented. This was brought up 14 months ago by the Finance Advisory Board.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

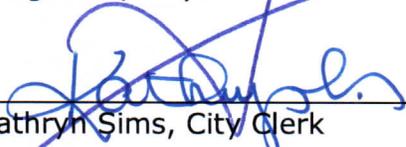
The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 PM.

The minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of August 25, 2020 were approved during the Regular City Commission Meeting of September 8, 2020.



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Greg Ross, Mayor



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Kathryn Sims, City Clerk

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