



**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and Jayden Valdes and Samantha Gebert from Cooper City Elementary School lead 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/PRESENTATIONS

The Commission made the following announcements:

- Cooper City Open Play Chess continues each Saturday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Pool & Tennis Center with the Mayors Chess Challenge on each third Saturday. Instruction is available. For more information, call 954-434-7300. The next Mayor's chess challenge will be held by the City of Pompano Beach will host on February 1, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center. Cooper City hosts on February 8, 2020 at 9:00 AM at the Pool and Tennis Center.
- Cooper City Recreation will host The Senior Lifestyle Expo on Saturday February 1, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Cooper City High School. For more information call the Recreation Department at 954-434-4300 Ext. 272.
- In partnership with Broward County, FEMA Region IV is hosting three Broward County Flood Risk Open House Events. Monday, February 3, 2020 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Charles F. Dodge City Center. Thursday February 6, 2020 From 9:00 am to 12:00 PM at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center. Also on Thursday February 6, 2020 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Anne Kolb Nature Center.
- The Mr. and Mrs. Seniors Cooper City, the Miss Teen Cooper City, Little Miss Cooper City and Tiny Miss Cooper City pageants will be held on February 18, 2020.

- Cooper Academy will begin on Monday March 9, 2020. There will be 8 sessions from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. For more information, please call Denise Lasarte at 954-434-4300 Ext 263.
- Founders Day will be held on Saturday March 14, 2020. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 954-434-4300 Ext. 272.
- Census Day is April 1, 2020. Everyone in your household must be counted. You should receive a postcard in the mail between March 12-20, 2020. If you have any questions contact Lisa Emrekovic or Sydney Bleiweiss at City Hall.
- Cooper City Relay for Life will be held on April 25, 2020 at the Cooper City High School. Cooper City Water Bottles may be purchased for \$7.00 or 3 for \$20.00. For more information, please call Denise Lasarte at 954-434-4300 Ext 263.
- Join Commissioner Meltzer for a Walk in the Park on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at Flamingo West Park.
- Upcoming Commission Meetings: Regular Commission Meetings Tuesday February 11, 2020 at 6:30 PM and Tuesday February 25, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Commission meetings are scheduled at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Auditorium located at 9090 SW 50 Place.

The Commission made the following announcements:

- a. February Yard of the Month was presented to Luis Formso and Lazara Rivero.
- b. A Proclamation was presented to the American Legion Auxiliary for their 100th Birthday.
- c. Proclamation Cooper City School Choice Week No acceptance.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

a. Open Public Meeting

Inna Maor, President of Inna's Performing Arts Conservatory spoke on her school. She asked for support for tuition for any Cooper City resident who may be low income.

Mayor Ross thanked Ms. Maor and said it is something they could look at.

David Nall, spoke on the Public Safety Advisory Board and their next meeting date and time.

Brenda Kezar read a letter on behalf of a resident who had a concern about a Facebook post posted by Commissioner Curran about an investigation that could become costly to the City about a Commissioner authorizing and spending city funds without going through the proper channels as directed by the Charter.

b. Agenda Concerns

6. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Optimist Club Monthly Update – Administration

Pete Schlang Optimist President stated soccer is almost over with 1500 individuals participating. Coach's game is Friday February 7, 2020 at Flamingo Park. Soccerfest will take place Saturday February 8, 2020 at Flamingo West Park at 9:00 AM. 5 on 5 Soccer registrations will start soon. Softball will have 180 girls participating. Baseball has 700 participates. There are 200 volunteers signed up. Baseball and Softball will have an end of the season celebration in mid April. Volleyball adult season starts tonight with 135 players. Flag football starts february10, 2020 with 275 participants. Optimist Club will participate in Founders Day this year with games. May 3, 2020 is the annual golf tournament.

b. Monthly Financial Report – Finance

Mrs. Walker advised we started an agency fund. It was started mid-December so it does not have a full month of activity. The Building Services Fund has a negative balance because of the contracting out for the building official if this fund remains negative throughout the year the general fund will have to supplement it.

Commissioner Meltzer asked about the sanitation agency fund the \$98,758 is that per an invoice.

Ms. Walker said it comes from the billing module there was no invoice received.

c. Appointments to City Boards Update – Administration

Mrs. Sims advised Commissioner Meltzer appointed Mark Holmes to the Business Advisory Board and Commissioner Pulcini appointed Barry Brodsky to the Green Advisory Board.

d. Charter Review Board Update by Chair Sands

Chair Bob Sands thanked the Commission for great appointments. He thanked Mrs. Sims and the City Attorney as well as the Board members and Ms. Lori Green. The Board has been looking at what is best for the residents. He said there has not been any close votes. He said that all minutes of the Board are on the website. Rumors are the Board has support for a strong Mayor, which is incorrect. The Board has worked through the full Charter and they are going to look at options and prioritize.

City Attorney said there are 5 or 6 proposals that will be brought back to the Board.

Mr. Sands said they would bring items as they are brought forward.

Commissioner Curran said he has never heard anything about a strong Mayor.

Mayor Ross said he has never mentioned that either.

7. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Cates advised Eat to the Beat was a great event with no incidents reported. Touch-A-Truck was also a great event with no incidents. The Senior Expo will have BSO presence with and having diving fit for the elderly and literature. Soccerfest will also have BSO presence. This past weekend the Sun Sentential did an article on Deputy Kelly Cavet and our bloodhound Macy. He also spoke on an email from a mortgage company moneygeeks.com The email ranked Cooper City as the safest city in Florida. The crime rate is down due to Detective Ryan Zimmer. Ryan is part of the CST team. The CST team goes around every month and checks all gas stations for skimmers. Detective Zimmer said the skimmers are now inside the pump. Never use your ATM card at the pump.

Commissioner Pulicin asked if it is better to use a credit card rather than a debit card.

Detective Zimmer said yes.

Commissioner Curran asked if the owner of the gas station could look for these devices.

Detective Zimmer said when you open them a tech needs to come out so it is best that a trained professional open the pump.

Mayor Ross said that this is a subject he talked to Nikki Fried our Commissioner of Agriculture about and there are special agents looking into these skimmers.

Commissioner Pulcini asked for the crime data he previously requested.

Chief Cates will have it by the end of this week and there are three vacancies.

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Caruso advised CERT was activated at the events Eat to the Beat and Touch-A-Truck. The life safety educator and rescue 228 will be at the Senior Expo. CERT classes have begun. The 2019 annual report will be presented soon. The hydro maintenance was completed.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes

- [1.](#) Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2019
- [2.](#) Commission Meeting Workshop Minutes of December 9, 2019

- [3.](#) Special Commission Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2019
- [4.](#) Student Government Recognition Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2019
- [5.](#) Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2019

MOTION: To approve Consent Agenda. **Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Meltzer. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

10. REGULAR AGENDA

- [a.](#) Motion to approve ownership of the water and wastewater systems for the Ranchette Isle development – **Utilities**

MOTION: To approve ownership of the water and wastewater systems for the Ranchette Isle development. **Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Curran. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

- [b.](#) Motion to approve ownership of the water system for the Cooper City Storage Plaza development– **Utilities**

MOTION: To approve ownership of the water system for the Cooper City Storage Plaza development. **Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Meltzer. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

- [c.](#) Motion to approve a release of a maintenance bond for Mill Creek – **Utilities**

MOTION: To approve release of a maintenance bond for Mill Creek. **Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

- [d.](#) Motion to reduce Performance Bond to a 25% maintenance bond for Cooper City Storage Plaza – **Utilities**

MOTION: To reduce Performance Bond to a 25% maintenance bond for Cooper City Storage Plaza. **Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

- [e.](#) Motion to approve agreement with ADP, LLC through The Cooperative Purchasing Network – **Finance**

MOTION: To approve agreement with ADP, LLC through The Cooperative Purchasing Network **Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

Mayor Ross welcomed Mr. Napoli in the audience and thanked him for attending the meeting as we are looking forward to February 17, 2020.

11. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

a. Ordinance 20-1-2 – Growth Management

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 9 "BUSINESS TAXES", ARTICLE III "SPECIAL EVENTS AND OUTDOOR SALES", BY AMENDING SECTION 9-28 "SPECIAL EVENTS; REGULATIONS; ENFORCEMENT", TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SPECIAL EVENTS PER CALENDAR YEAR AT ANY ONE LOCATION FROM FOUR TO EIGHT SPECIAL EVENTS A YEAR LIMIT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Mayor Ross asked if each store at the shopping center could hold eight events.

City Attorney Horowitz answered it is each address.

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 20-1-2. **Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

12. ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING (Public Hearing)

a. Ordinance 20-1-1 – Growth Management

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY FLORIDA AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 6 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE V FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION, TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO BRING THE REGULATIONS INTO CONFORMANCE WITH THE MOST CURRENT FEMA-APPROVED, FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE FOR FLORIDA COMMUNITIES THAT IS COORDINATED WITH THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

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

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

13. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager Sims asked for a workshop for Optimist to discuss the draft agreement the City prepared.

Mayor Ross said staff will provide an answer.

Mr. Bufalo said in summer it is a major concern.

Jennifer Goldfarb, said Cooper City High School will hold a college fair on February 18, 2020.

David Nall, spoke on Ms. Kezar's comments said that some residents won't speak due to fear of retribution. He also said the information is disturbing and he requested a public records request about the matter. Commissioner Curran did not respond to questions on the matter. He asked the city attorney what regards does the commissioner have on binding the City to costs at his sole discretion.

City Attorney Horowitz answered he cannot absence authority.

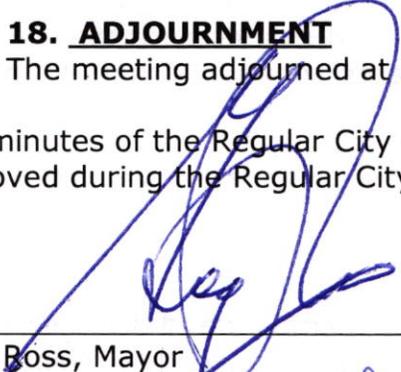
Mr. Nall asked what will we do.

Mayor Ross wants to place this item on the next agenda.

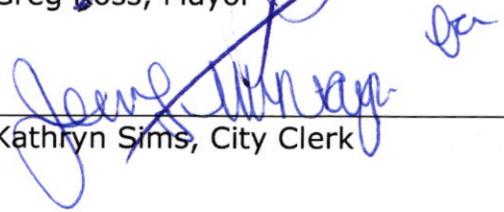
18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

The minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of January 28, 2020 were approved during the Regular City Commission Meeting of February 11, 2020.



Greg Ross, Mayor



Kathryn Sims, City Clerk

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

Mayor Ross asked for consensus.

Consensus was reached for a workshop.

Mrs. Sims said she would hold the workshop after Mr. Napoli is on board.

14. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

The City has an item pending before the Central Broward water control district in regard to an easement agreement for Natalie's cove. His law office serves a general counsel for the Central Broward Water control district and it is not a conflict but he would like the Commissions informed consent being made aware.

Consensus was reached.

15. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT AGENDA

16. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS/REPORTS

Commissioner Green advised the will not be able to attend the upcoming Senior Expo as he is working this weekend. He also thanked everyone for the work on events this weekend. He also spoke on a residents comments that Mr. Wood works great with the businesses.

Commissioner Meltzer thanked Ms. Weiss, Mrs. Yoezle, BSO Police and Fire and Brandon for their work on the events this weekend.

Commissioner Pulcini thanked the COP and CERT members and also everyone who helped with the events this weekend. He also thanked Mr. Napoli for attending the meeting.

City Attorney Horowitz advised he read the Ordinance one more time and clarified commercial centers are one location.

Mayor Ross advised went to Tallahassee for Broward Days and they did a great job. Everyone spoke on his or her issues and the legislature is following the Governors policies on environment and education.

17. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES)

Mike Bufalo, 11648 SW 59 St, spoke on Flamingo Gardens West from the lake to the canal. He would like information on ownership of the canal.