CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 28, 2019 at 6:30 PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and Kyle Schlosser and Olivia Morgan from Cooper City Elementary led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL
Present were Commissioners Pulcini, Green, Curran and Mayor Ross. Commissioner Meltzer was absent.

3. CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS
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.
- Touch-A-Truck will be held on Saturday June 1, 2019 at the Cooper City Sports Complex located at 10300 Stirling Road.
- The Father & Son Adventure will take place on Friday June 14 at 6:30 PM at the Community Center located at 9000 SW 50 Place for $25.00 per couple. Please call the Cooper City Recreation Department at 954-434-4300 Ext. 233 for more information.
- The Household Hazardous Waste Drop off will be held on Saturday June 15, 2019 from 8:00 AM at the Wheelabrator located at 4400 S. State Rd 7, Davie, FL 33314.
- Dive-In-Movie Night at the Pool will be held on Saturday June 22, 2019 the pool opens at 7:00 PM and the movie starts at 8:00 PM at the Pool and Tennis Center located at 11600 Stonebridge Parkway. Please call the Cooper City Recreation Department at 954-434-4300 Ext. 233 for more information.
- Cooper City residents are now able to receive their utility bills via email. Call Utility Billing 954-434-4300 Ext. 239 or email utilitybilling@coopercityfl.org to sign up.
- Upcoming Commission Meetings: Regular Commission Meetings June 18, 2019, July 16, 2019 and August 20, 2019. Budget Workshops on July 9, 2019 and July 11, 2019. A Special City Commission Meeting will be held
on June 4, 2019 at 5:30 PM and a School Traffic Workshop will be held at 7:00 PM. Commission meetings are scheduled at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Auditorium located at 9090 SW 50 Place.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS
   a. A Proclamation was presented for Relay For Life
   b. A Proclamation was presented to Taniel Koushakijan and Arsine Kaloustian for Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day
   c. A Proclamation was presented to Anabelle Andon for National Gun Violence Awareness Day
   d. A Proclamation was presented to Commissioner Pulcini for Cities Connect/Cooper City and Arsoli, Italy
   e. Yard of the Month was presented to Carlos Delgado.
   f. Greg Stuart, James Cromar and Assistant County Administrator Gretchen Cassini have an update and presentation on the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization MPO

James Cromar spoke on MPO and how they provide funding for County projects. He also spoke on projects in or around Cooper City and CSLIP a program for the city to apply for smaller projects. The

Gretchen Cassini spoke on interlocal agreements between the county and municipalities. She spoke on having plans prioritized in a 5 year plan. She said Cooper City submitted 6 mobility projects.

Commissioner Green asked about projects submitted in 2016 based on the Surtax.

Ms. Cassini said there was opportunity to update the list after 2016.

Commissioner Green said we had submitted 6 projects and asked if there is an expectation that we will receive the funding and when?

Mr. Stuart said they are looking for projects that are ready to go and it will be a part of an analysis.

Commissioner Green asked if it’s safe to say that we are 3-5 years away from receiving funds?

That could not be answered.

Commissioner Pulcini said that surtax is available sooner than CSLIP.

Ms. Cassini said she cannot promise anything but it their expectation that of the 120 million a substantial amount of money will go to rehab and maintenance projects.
Mayor Ross said that the County is collecting the penny sales tax and we will not see the majority of money that will be focused on mobility. He asked if there will be an audit comparing how much of the penny sales tax Cooper City has given compared to what we will receive.

Ms. Cassini said they intend to do and would like to do that as soon as possible. She said that Cooper would do well in a project-based plan.

Mayor Ross asked about a video listed on a presentation.

Tony Huey said that this is a project is an advanced maintenance.

Mayor Ross asked if we can have this device for areas in our City.

Mr. Huey said that we can improve this and appreciate the ability to have this technology.

Mayor Ross and the Commission thanked MPO for their presentation.

g. Mauldin & Jenkins presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Trey Scott and Mr. Sansbury presented the result of the audits of the City’s 2018 financial statements. He said that a Mauldin & Jenkins issued an unmodified opinion, which means that our financial statements presented fairly as of September 30, 2018. He spoke on CAFR and the information received and then determined. He spoke on General Fund Fund Balance and the drop between 2017/2018. In 2018 expenditures, increases due to debris hurricane clean up.

Commissioner Pulcini asked about the financial indicators.

Mr. Scott said you want to bring up your favorable above 50%.

Commissioner Pulicini asked if there were any changes in the yellow book standards.

Mr. Scott answered no.

Commissioner Pulcini asked in your opinion is it best to credit EMS receivables to deferred inflows rather to revenues?

Mr. Scott answered if they are uncollectable you book an allowance. You would credit revenue.

Commissioner Pulcini spoke on a memo sent by Management and spoke on an allowance that misstated.
Commissioner Pulcini asked if he recommends encumbrances be credited to Fund balance.

Finance Director Sherry Walker said they are rolled forward.

Mr. Scott answered that is correct.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if there should be note explaining negative unassigned or unrestricted fund balance.

Mr. Scott answered only in total.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if we carefully monitor our overall financial position.

Mr. Scott said yes.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if there has been a significant decrease in Fund Balance of the General Fund that warrants monitoring.

Mr. Scott answered yes.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if does the Government Finance Office Association recommend general fund unassigned fund balance equal 3 months or general fund expenditures.

Mr. Scott said yes.

Commissioner Pulcini said our fund balance should be around 10.5.

Mr. Scott answered that is recommended and FEMA reimbursements were factor in as the date of this report.

Mayor Ross said that Mr. Scott stated there were misstatements that have been corrected. What were the misstatements and who brought the misstatements to your attention.

Mr. Scott answered there were no misstatements. There were audit adjustments.

Mayor Ross asked if Mr. Scott is he could explain the financial condition assessment. There are 12 items. Could you explain why in 2017 we did not have this information and 2018 we do.

Mr. Scott answered the significant increase in expenditures and it is over a 5-year period. He said the increase was due to hurricane debris cleanup.
Commissioner Curran said that is not uncommon to build a fund balance up and then use it.

Mr. Scott answered it's not uncommon to see a decrease, no.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if it healthy have a negative Fund Balance

Mr. Scott answered no. The negative unassigned fund balance is negative.

Commissioner Pulcini asked about the restricted Governmental.

Mr. Scott answered governmental is a credit of $4.9 million and this is for September 2018.

**h.** A certificate of appreciation was presented to Robert Martin upon his retirement.

**5. PUBLIC SPEAKING**

**a. Open Public Meeting**

Fernando Nunez gave the Commission information on the Special Olympics Florida- Broward County in which the Mayor read is held at Nova Southeastern University located at 3301 College Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314. They are looking for involvement.

Lisa Magaro, 11650 Strand Way is the owner of Lisa’s Closet located in Countryside Shop’s spoke on bringing forth the Ordinance on sidewalk signs allowing a-frame signs.

Mayor Ross asked Ms. Magaro if she had been in contact with the owner of Vienna Café because he did hear from him in regards to the same matter.

Ms. Magaro answered yes and it would be nice for the businesses there to have the easel signs.

Commissioner Curran said these signs were allowed in 2009 and he is in full support of allowing signs if they do not obstruct the sidewalks.

**A consensus was reached to bring the sign Ordinance forward.**

David Nall, 3620 NW 89th Way, spoke about the $8 million in expenses over revenue and the whole $8 million not being attributed to hurricane expenses alone. He asked about the expense differential.

Commissioner Pulcini answered that is from the Capital Improvement Fund.
David Nall asked what those were.

Commissioner Pulcini answered the Community Center and the park.

David Nall said he believes $4.2 was spent on the park and wants to know why do we attribute the over budgeting to the hurricane alone and do not mention the projects. He wants everyone to speak on all areas we spent money on.

Commissioner Pulcini said we received the warning in time from the Auditor the situation is not desperate. The park is built and paid for and we will not have the expense next year.

Commissioner Curran said the park was planned, all the capital projects were planned. There is no way to possibly plan for a hurricane when you run a City on 28% of the budget. The plan of the park has been a 14-year wait. There was $4 million in the bank that could not be used for anything but a new park. The Commission has heard everyone’s concerns and will address those concerns in the budget.

Commissioner Green said he does not view the park as a mistake and what he heard during the campaign last year was to improve the cities infrastructure. The capital improvements preformed on the Community Center, Building Department have not been improved in 20 or so years. For a community that continues to be a desire placed to live we must spend money to improve.

Bob Sands, 10582 Grove Place, said the issue is fiscal irresponsibility. He said for 2 or 3 of the Commissioners sitting on the dais it has been several issues, including raises and $100,000 given to the schools. He also spoke on Commission benefits and money spent on the bond. He then mentioned shirts previously worn by some members of the Commission.

Commissioner Curran said that five Commissioners voted on the money given to the schools. He said he benefits nothing from anything that is given to the schools. He said that if we cut or diminish salaries we will not see anyone willing to serve. He said he does not use any of the Cities money besides salary and benefits. Commissioner Curran said he is transparent and would like all votes by all members of the Commission to be addressed when brought up.

Commissioner Green said that he did support the raise and in complete transparency Cooper City was the first or second lowest paid Commission in the county and they continue to be one of the lowest paid Commissions in the county. A city comparable in size to Cooper City, Dania Beach is earning $3500 plus expense accounts and the City is contributing to FRS for their retirement. The current Commission earns $1000 a month and Commissioner Green said he does take the stipend in lieu of insurance. He
said also any time he has traveled outside the City he never has asked for mileage reimbursement. He believes activities in relation to his job, as a Commissioner is taxing and time consuming, which he knows is what he signed up for and he if he is here for four more years he will continue to do graciously. He will not take advantage of the City and never has done so, he also said he serves on the PTA for his son’s high school because there is a need to serve the children of Cooper City High School and has also donated money from his own pocket.

Jen Goldfarb, 11869 SW 55 St, thanked the Commission for their service and not asking for reimbursements. She asked about the t-shirts made by three commissioners.

Commissioner Curran said he represents 20 cents of the vote and it meant he is 20% of the Commission; the shirts had nothing to do with how he would be voting.

b. Agenda Concerns
Richard Power, 3705 Beach Way spoke on item 11-a and his concerns with cross walks being needed on Stonebridge Pkwy.

Tiffany Mosca, 3601 Bridge Rd, spoke on item 11-a and her support of the passing of the Ordinance. She said there was a traffic study completed in the past either by the County or the City.

Public Works Director Yoezle said she did not find anything that the City conducted. However, we will follow up with the County.

Alfonso Tello, 3302 West Island Road, spoke on his support of item 11-a but would like criteria to be more lenient so that the City Engineer can waive conditions for specific needs.

Mayor Ross asked City Attorney if he reviewed the Ordinances and if it properly addresses concerns between a straight roadway and a curved.

City Attorney Horowitz said he did work with the City Engineer and deferred to the City Engineer for the substance.

Utilities Director Mike Bailey answered he did author the changes based on compassions from our neighboring municipalities. He said the Ordinance does give the City Commission flexibility.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if traffic studies are needed.
Utilities Director Mike Bailey answered there is liability involved and studies are needed.

6. **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. Variance Petition

1. **Resolution No. 19-5-7**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR VARIANCE PETITION #V 2-3-19 FROM JAMIE JAVORSKY FOR THE PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 10653 ZURICH STREET, 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 hearing.

Commissioner Curran stated he spoke with Mr. Javorsky previously.

Petitioner Jamie Javorsky spoke on his request for the Variance.

Commissioner Pulcini disclosed he was present at the Planning and Zoning Meeting Mr. Javorsky presented at.

Growth Management Director Matt Wood read the staff report.

Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution 19-5-7. Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

b. Site Plan Amendment for McDonalds

2. **Resolution No. 19-5-8**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SITE PLAN AMENDMENT PETITION #SPA 1-1-19 FOR MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT AT PINE LAKE PLAZA LOCATED AT 10260 GRIFFIN ROAD IN COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.
Growth Management Director Matt Wood read the staff report.

Commissioner Pulcini said that he was present at the Planning and Zoning Meeting this was presented at.

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

Commissioner Curran is in full support of this item.

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution 19-5-8. Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

c. Sign Waiver for McDonalds

3. Resolution No. 19-5-9
City Attorney Horowitz read “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SIGN WAIVER REQUEST (#SW 1-1-19) FOR THE MCDONALD’S RESTAURANT AT PINE LAKE PLAZA GENERALLY LOCATED AT 10260 GRIFFIN ROAD IN COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE” by title.

Growth Management Director Matt Wood read the staff report.

The applicant Jason James from CPH Incorporated had a visual sign to show to the Commission.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing.

Fernando Nunez, said the McDonalds need to be updated.

Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution 19-5-9. Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Curran All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

7. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT
Chief Cates advised there is a new transfer that is coming back into the district. And there is also a cadet assigned to our district he will start the academy next month. A Memorial Day aggressive driving plan was assigned for the holiday weekend on the main corridors of the cities, there was 1 narcotics arrest and 100 tickets were issued. On May 21, 2019, the Broward County Benevolent Association hosted their Officer of the Year Awards; out of 1500 deputies, two Cooper City deputies were chosen. On May 24, 2019,
an individual with Alzheimer’s was reported missing and with the help of the Cooper City COP’s the individual was found safely.

Mayor Ross asked them to be brought to the Commission for acknowledgement and to also keep me in mind CERT is available as well.

Commissioner Pulcini asked Chief if there are any updates with him receiving budgets.

Chief Cates answered the Finance Director was on vacation last week but she is back in the office and he will contact her.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if there is a way to have the lobby open longer hours.

Chief Cates answered not with his current staffing.

Commissioner Pulcini asked the City Manager to look into that issue with negotiations.

8. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT
Chief Caruso advised BSO Fire will participate in the upcoming Touch-A-Truck event and looks forward to the occasion. Hurricane season officially starts on July 1 and wants residents to remain vigilant. Chief also answered Mayor Ross’s question from a previous meeting about the Quint. In fiscal year 17/18 the quint was out of service for 70 days. In fiscal year 18/19 the Quint has been out of service for 84 days. The reserve apparatus is in place and we are waiting for a ladder truck.

9. CONSENT AGENDA
a. Minutes
   1. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2019

b. Resolutions
   1. Resolution 19-5-6 – Administration/Finance
   A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE 2018 AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH BROWARD COUNTY FOR THE DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX ON MOTOR FUEL, AND THE FIFTH CENT ADDITIONAL LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX ON MOTOR FUEL FOR TRANSIT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

c. Motion to Approve
   1. Approval of Broward County School Board Lease Agreement for Cooper City Elementary School – Recreation

MOTION: To approve consent agenda
Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

10. **REGULAR AGENDA**

   a. Approval of a contract with Florida Technical Consultants, LLC (FTC) to update, maintain and improve the City’s Geographical Information System (GIS) – Utilities

   **MOTION:** To approve Item 10-a
   Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

   b. Approval of Air Conditioning Maintenance Contract with Master Mechanical Service, Inc. as the Primary Vendor, and to AC Power & Comfort, Inc. as the Secondary Vendor – Public Works

   Commissioner Curran asked the Public Works Director if she has worked with these companies before.

   Ms. Yoezle answered she has not worked with them but they have been responsive and excellent.

   Mayor Ross asked if it is necessary, budgeted and was it bid out.

   Ms. Yoezle answered yes to all questions.

   **MOTION:** To approve Item 10-b
   Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Curran. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

   c. Agent of Record Request for Qualifications – Finance Advisory Board/Finance/Administrative Services

   Commissioner Green asked Interim City Manager Sims if we currently have an agent of record.

   Mrs. Sims answered that we use Florida Municipal Insurance Trust there are not technically an agent of records but that is who we use.

   Mayor Ross said that he attended the Finance Advisory Board Meeting and fully understands the Boards direction and believes they are doing it the right way.

   **MOTION:** To approve Item 10-c
   Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Curran. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.
11. **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**  
- **Ordinance 19-5-3 - Utilities**

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 17 "TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES" OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES"; PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Commissioner Curran asked Utilities Director Mike Bailey about the process, traffic studies and criteria.

Mr. Bailey answered some of the criteria was reduced.

Commissioner Curran asked if Mr. Bailey is going to look at all requests and make recommendations.

Mr. Bailey answered yes he will make a recommendation to the Commission.

Commissioner Curran asked if we could use signboards to gather data.

Mr. Bailey said he could look into the signs being used and said that he intends to have Broward County conduct the studies.

Commissioner Curran asked about HOA's and traffic studies.

Mr. Bailey said that the private owners in most cases Home Owners Associations would pay to have a study done and he would then review it.

Commissioner Green asked if HOA's will have the ability to contact Broward County for the study or does it have to be a public road.

Mr. Bailey said he was not sure but the Public Works director said it would need to be a public road.

Commissioner Pulcini asked the liability without traffic studies.

The City Attorney said there is an amount of liability if we issue permits without traffic studies being done.

Commissioner Pulcini asked about reducing the distant from 750.

Mr. Bailey answered he would like to ask the traffic consultant.
Commissioner Pulcini asked if that can be amended in the future.

The City Attorney answered yes.

Mayor Ross asked if the County conducts traffic study's for state roads.

Mr. Bailey answered he was not sure.

Mayor Ross said he has concerns with an increase in traffic studies. Mayor Ross asked if we have a definition of a straight road.

Mr. Bailey said he could get one and one for a curved road.

Commissioner Green asked if lowering the distance could affect curvatures.

Mr. Bailey answered that a smaller distance will help streets qualify.

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 19-5-3
Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

b. Ordinance 19-5-4 – Mayor Ross/Commissioner Green
City Attorney Horowitz read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 05-5-1, AS AMENDED, BY DELETING SECTION 2.1 THROUGH 2.3, PERTAINING TO THE NAMING OF CITY BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND RECOGNIZING INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY; AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION,” ARTICLE I, ENTITLED “IN GENERAL,” BY CREATING SECTION 2-7, TO BE ENTITLED “NAMING AND RECOGNITION PROCEDURES,” ESTABLISHING AND CODIFYING A PROCESS FOR THE NAMING OF CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND RECOGNIZING INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF COOPER CITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE” by title.

Commissioner Curran spoke on his concerns with having no specific criteria. He believes we need to do our due diligence and have criteria in place.

Commissioner Green asked the City Attorney if we had criteria in place prior to this. The only change is the deceased clause.
City Attorney Horowitz answered that is correct the only change is deletion of the requirement that the individual be deceased and the adding of a Resolution when the Commission wishes to name a building after an individual.

Commissioner Green asked if then an individual would need to be in good standing.

City Attorney Horowitz read the following from the Resolution: Considerations of the following in naming properties, buildings, structures and facilities is encouraged: Historical sign Geographic identifiers; Natural characteristics, Including flora and fauna and Individuals making significant, non-financial, Humanitarian contributions to the City. Any proposal to name a property, building or structure or a facility after a person must be placed on the City Commission’s printed agenda at least one month before it is considered for final approval. Community response is to be solicited early in the process and local homeowners’ associations or other appropriate community groups should be notified in writing of the proposal and their input solicited.

Commissioner Pulcini said that he would in general agree with Commissioner Curran but in this case this particular individual has dedicated a lot of time in the City.

Mayor Ross said that this is not particular to one person it is an Ordinance change.

Commissioner Curran said that he believes that a background check should be done for all candidates.

Commissioner Green asked if we can include a background check in the ordinance.

City Attorney Horowitz answered yes.

Commissioner Green made a motion to amend to include language that anyone whose names be submitted must be subject to a background investigation check and be in good standing at level 2.

Commissioner Curran seconded.

Commissioner Pulcini said the Commissioners do not go through background checks and he does not see it necessary, as they are nominating people with accomplishments.

Mayor Ross told a story of the naming of Broward County and how there are are possible issues with any naming either named after death or before. He also believes that the deceased clause should be removed and each case should be handled individually.
MOTION: To approve Ordinance 19-5-4 amend to include language that anyone whose names be submitted must be subject to a background investigation check and be in good standing at level 2. Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Mayor Ross. Commissioners Pulcini and Green, Yes. Commissioner Curran and Mayor Ross, No. Motion fails.

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 19-5-4. Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Curran. Commissioners Pulcini and Green, Yes. Commissioner Curran and Mayor Ross, No. Motion fails.

12. ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING
   a. Ordinance No. 19-5-1 – Building
      City Attorney Horowitz read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ENTITLED “SOLICITORS, CANVASSERS AND TRANSIENT VENDORS;” PROVIDING FOR THE CITY’S BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CITY PROCEDURES RELATED TO SOLICITORS, CANVASSERS AND TRANSIENT VENDORS; PROVIDING FOR CONSISTENCY THROUGHOUT CHAPTER 15 OF THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING 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 Ordinance 19-5-1
      Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

   b. Ordinance No. 19-5-2 – Growth Management
      City Attorney Horowitz read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 25, ENTITLED “DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS,” SECTION 25-23 ENTITLED, “PERMANENT SIGNS,” BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 25-23(b)(1), ENTITLED “WALL OR CANOPY SIGN” BY PROVIDING FOR REVISED SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS AT SHOPPING CENTER CORNER BUSINESSES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE” by title.

      Commissioner Pulcini said it’s time for this code change.

      Mayor Ross said agreed it is time.

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

**MOTION:** To approve Ordinance 19-5-2  
Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

13. **BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**  
   a. Public Safety Advisory Board Update –Finance  
   b. Finance Board Update – Finance  

David Nall thanked the staff for the adding the minutes and recordings but would like the minutes to be added more timely. He asked how many a quorum is when you have nine members.

City Attorney Horowitz responded five.

Mr. Nall asked what procedure is when a member has missed four meetings, 3 in a row.

The Mayor responded the Chair would relay that to the Commission.

Mr. Nall said the attendance record is available and would like the Commission to look at it.

Mayor Ross asked that it be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Nall said at the March 26, 2019 meeting Mr. Sherwood made a motion to recommend a 6.385 baseline mileage rate rollback. The recommendation will be a baseline without public safety. Mr. Sherwood also made a motion for staff do a survey regarding our rates of fees. Mrs. Goldfarb made a motion to recommend that the Commission charge what the average neighboring communities charge for permitting. Mr. Sherwood made a motion that the Storm water survey commence immediately for 2019 and the Water and Sewer survey in 2020 to include revenue expansion capabilities. Ms. Goldfarb made a motion that we increase Optimist non-resident fees to $50.00 per registration and $5 per registration for residents. Fees will be received by Optimist and then given to the City. Mr. Nall suggested the Commission listen to the audio recording of that meeting. The net revenue would be about $130,000 with no funds going back to the Optimist. A motion was recommended to have an Agent of record that was established tonight. There was a motion made for plan options for the health insurance included employee, employee and spouse, Employee and children, and family. We currently have 2 options. There was a motion the selection and negotiating of the the audit firm include a Commissioner and 2 Finance Board members.
Mayor Ross asked if the Board looked into the the percent of what the City pays for employee health insurance.

Mr. Nall answered that they recommended we look at neighboring Cities and see if we are in line with those.

Mayor Ross said those items need to be placed on an upcoming agenda.

c. Optimist Club Monthly Update – Administration/Commissioner Curran

Commissioner Curran advised Rec soccer five on five is finishing up in the next few weeks. Basketball starts June 6, 2019. Football and Cheer starts around July 6, 2019. Optimist recently purchased a sand tiller for the volleyball courts to keep the sand turned. Summer Volleyball has over 350 registrations including adults and children. The Optimist plan to renovate the East Concession stand and they want to thank everyone who supports the Optimist Club.


Finance Director Sherry Walker presented the general overview of the March financials. All revenues are set to meet or exceed revenues budgeted except the building bond that was adjusted due to an error. Expenditures are on track with the Finance Recovery Plan. They are also working on the budget amendment that will be brought to the Commission for adoption.

14. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager Sims advised the Growth Management Department will be attending a complete streets workshop with the Broward MPO. There is also a City Manager Special Meeting scheduled for June 4, 2019.

Commissioner Pulcini will be traveling and cannot attend the meeting and believes it will help the City best if all Commissioners are present.

Mayor Ross understands having all Commissioners present but delaying the process is a disadvantage.

MOTION: To move the City Manager Special Meeting to June 19, 2019. Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini.

Commissioner Pulcini made an amendment to include Commissioner Meltzer’s availability.

Commissioner Green said he agrees with Mayor Ross and does not want to delay the process. There is a police contract and budget that needs to be
taken care of by September and he believes we need a permanent City manager in place.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if he can speak with Mr. Slavin before the meeting.

Interim City Manager Sims said Mr. Slavin would like to speak with him after the Special Meeting.

Commissioner Curran said without Commissioner Pulcini here it makes voting tougher and would like to move the meeting.

Mayor Ross said when you balance the need of having all 5 voices heard.

**MOTION:** To move the City Manager Special Meeting to June 19, 2019.
Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

Interim City Manager Sims advised a contact from the Royal Palm Ranches Development reached out concerning the roads which are private roads, he at first wanted to dedicate it to the City and then decided he would like to sod in the road. The City Attorney’s Office is looking into the matter. Additionally now he would like to dedicate the road back to City.

Interim City Manager Sims advised at the last Commission meeting there was a consensus to start a list of Commission requests. She has completed that list and passed it out to the Commission.

Mayor Ross advised there is a correction to that list he only received a list of the players. Not a list of the coaches and volunteers. But the list was not completed.

Mrs. Sims answered she thought that was resolved but she will look into it.

Commissioner Pulcini said he also asked for the information to be emailed to all the Commission.

Commissioner Curran asked if it is not an agenda item or a foreseeable item why it is being shared with the entire Commission.

Commissioner Pulcini answered so when an item is discussed everyone is aware of it.

Commissioner Curran does not want items he will not be on the agenda.

Mayor Ross asked to be provided the information.
Commissioner Green said he believes all Commissioners should be provided with information but also see's Commissioner Curran's point that he receives information without knowing what Commissioner submitted the request.

Mayor Ross asked that the Commissioner requesting the information be named.

Mrs. Sims answered she will provide that information. She also spoke on the spreadsheet referring to the list of FEMA projects and stated project 24482 was obligated. We now have $178,000 in obligated funds from FEMA reimbursement and also, project 17229 is in its final review and we are hoping for the project to be approved.

Commissioner Green asked the Interim City Manager if she is adequately staffed to address the list of requests from the Commission, the Boards and address the budget and the BSO contract.

Mrs. Sims answered many requests are delayed due to lack of staff which we are working on now that we have a permanent Finance Director.

Commissioner Green asked if we had adequate staff when we had the previous Interim City Manager.

Mrs. Sims answered no.

Commissioner Green stated his concern is these requests are coming in and we have the budget and BSO negotiations at the forefront.

Commissioner Pulcini said that most requests are related to the budget and BSO and the satisfaction of these requests will work in conjunction with these matters.

Mrs. Sims stated we are statutory required to have a budget in place and that is our priority and also BSO negotiations are moving forward.

15. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT
   None.

16. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT AGENDA
   None other than what was requested earlier.

17. COMMISSIONERS’ CONCERNS/REPORTS
   Commissioner Curran spoke on the disconnect between Code and the review of Ordinances being placed on the agenda. Some Ordinances are going to Planning and Zoning and they should be going to Code Enforcement. Commissioner Curran would like code issues to be
addressed and include Code in the process. He also wants the City to become more business friendly. There is an individual who wants to build in Embassy Lakes Shopping Center and we have several issues deterring him.

Commissioner Green thanked all military past and present and for everyone who sacrificed for this nation and nations around the world. He also congratulated his son Joseph for graduating Cooper City High. He also thanked Cooper City High School principal and staff who helped Joseph along the past 4 years.

Commissioner Pulcini wished Ryan Shrouder a Happy Birthday. He also agreed with Commissioner Curran and believes Code needs to work along side us in the revision of Codes. Code Enforcement should be looking at planning and Zoning codes.

Interim City Manager Sims advised Code Enforcement enforces the code. Planning and Zoning makes recommendations.

Commissioner Pulcini said that in conjunction with Planning and Zoning Code needs to be looking at the issues as they do enforce the code and they know what will work and will not.

Mayor Ross said he asked for Code to be involved from the beginning.

Growth Management Director Matt Wood said the Growth Management Department did me with Code after the Code Workshop.

Mayor Ross said that Code Enforcement and Planning, and Zoning should be present at the Planning and Zoning Meetings. Mayor Ross also asked that the Jersey Johns issued be placed on the agenda to address issues that are not business friendly.

18. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES)
Bob Sands, 10582 Grove Place said that it was mentioned that he meet with Commissioners individually and he did do that in the past when he didn’t get the satisfaction of being listen to he went public. He said he agrees they have one of the lowest paid Commission salaries but also we have one of the highest mileage rates. He said that if someone is willing to put in all his or her money for a campaign and be a proven leader he supports that. He said Dania Beach has a University, more businesses and connected to the airport so we can compare ourselves to Dania.

David Nall, 3620 NW 89th Way, said he would like to set the record straight and the City has not done background checks on candidates since 2010. He could not attend the previous Commission meeting where cell phones were addressed and he believes the Commission should set an example.
He applauded Commissioner Green for not taking the health insurance and he addressed a comment made earlier by Commissioner Curran that he does not use the health insurance plan that residents pay for. He would like past and current Commissioners to set an example.

Commissioner Curran said the cell phone item was not the agenda item being addressed the issue voted on was not on the agenda.

Mayor Ross said that when the phones were brought up you can not take everything apart, phones, pay, insurance. It is a packaged deal. The package in a whole needs to be looked at entirely once the Finance Advisory Board looks at the items entirely.

Mr. Nall said that the Commission does not need to wait for a FAB recommendation.

Mayor Ross said he would like input from the Board.

19. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 PM.

The minutes of the City Commission Meeting of May 28, 2019 were approved during the Regular City Commission Meeting of September 10, 2019.

Greg Ross, Mayor

Kathryn Sims, City Clerk

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