



**CITY OF COOPER CITY  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
January 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with Tahreer Afaneh and Haithem Afaneh of Franklin Charter leading the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were Commissioners Meltzer, Pulcini, Green, Curran and Mayor Ross.

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

Item 6-A-1 was withdrawn by the applicant.  
Item 4-B was postponed to the next meeting.  
Item 10-B was moved up to the beginning of the meeting.

**MOTION:** To approve interim legal services with Goren, Cherof, Doody, & Ezrol P.A.

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

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

The Commission made the following announcements:

- The countywide Mayors' Chess Challenge will be held on Saturday February 9, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Cooper City Pool & Tennis Center. The Open Play Chess continues every third Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Pool & Tennis Center. Instruction is available. For more information, call 954-434-7300.
- The Senior Lifestyle Expo will be held on Saturday January 12, 2019 from 10:00 AM TO 1:00 pm at the Cooper City High School. There will be refreshments, vendor giveaways, door prizes and health screenings.
- Applications for Cooper City's Annual pageants are now available at the Community Center and [www.coopercityfl.org](http://www.coopercityfl.org). The pageant will be held on Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Cooper

City High School. This year scholarships will be offered to the winners. For more information, call 954-434-4300 Ext. 233.

- The Cooper City Business Advisory Board in conjunction with Amplification Inc. will host a Small Business Expo on Thursday January 24, 2019 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Cooper City Pool and Tennis Center.
- Eat to the Beat will be held on Friday January 18, 2019 at 5:30 PM located at the Sports Complex.
- Touch-a-Truck will be held on Saturday January 26, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Cooper City Sports Complex. For more information, call 954-434-4300 Ext. 233.
- The Richardson/Cooper City 5k will be held on Sunday February 3, 2019. For more information, call 954-434-4300 Ext. 233.
- Vendor applications are now available for the 60<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Founders Day Parade this year's theme is "Through the Decades." For more information, call 954-434-4300 Ext. 233.
- Upcoming Commission Meetings: Commission Meeting Tuesday January 22, 2019. Commission meetings are held in the auditorium of City Hall at 6:30 PM.

**a.** Carol Westmoreland from Florida League of Cities, presented an overview of FLC services to the city.

**b.** Proclamation for DRW Magazine – Commissioner Curran – (*postponed to the next meeting*)

## **5. PUBLIC SPEAKING**

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

Edward Hoch, 12206 Park Drive spoke on his concerns with the budget and increase in his taxes.

David Nall, 3620 NW 89th Way, spoke on his concerns with not forming the Finance Review Committee and his concerns on obtaining the appraisal of vacant land from the City.

Bob Sands, 10582 Grove Place, spoke on a statement made by the Mayor in a previous Commission meeting and his concern with responsibility about money being spent.

Brenda Kezar, 4979 SW 90 Way, spoke on the progress of the assessment.

### **b. Agenda Concerns**

Ryan Shrouder spoke on Items 7-A, 7-D and 7-E. He spoke on his concerns relating to the deputy at Renaissance Charter School and traffic concerns. He also spoke on his opinion that an attorney should draft resolutions. He advised that Franklin Charter School has made changes to their deputies as well.

At this time, the Commission decided to bring back the approved conditional uses for both Renaissance Charter School and Franklin Charter School for reconsideration.

The Commission moved the February 12, 2019 Commission meeting to February 19, 2019. An item to reconsider or revoke the conditional uses for both schools for will be placed on the February 19, 2019 Commission meeting agenda.

## **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. Resort Lifestyles Land Use Plan Amendment Petition (First Reading)**

#### **1. Ordinance No. 19-1-1**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING PETITION #LUPA 6-1-18 AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COOPER CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM LOW 5-RESIDENTIAL 3-5 UNITS PER ACRE AND O, OFFICE DESIGNATIONS TO M-RESIDENTIAL 10-16 UNITS PER ACRE FOR AN APPROXIMATELY 9.8 ACRE PARCEL GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF STIRLING ROAD AND SW 103<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE, COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

***Withdrawn by applicant***

### **b. Royal Estates New Model Site Plan Amendment Petition**

#### **2. Resolution No. 19-1-1:**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SITE PLAN AMENDMENT PETITION #SPA 8-1-18 FOR THE ROYAL ESTATES OF COOPER CITY, LOCATED AT 5281 SW 106<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SUBJECT TO STIPULATIONS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution 19-1-1

**Moved by Commissioner Meltzer. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

## **7. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Police Chief Cates advised that a holiday plan was deployed with extra resources and this year was very successful. Over 400 visits of specific locations went well with no robberies or thefts in parking lots. Arrests were made at one bank; a suspect was sitting outside a bank and picked up for a traffic infraction. In another incident, deputies picked up an individual stealing mail with a device. In the community of Rock Creek on Lakeshore Drive, individuals were found committing vehicle burglaries; one subject was suspected of hiding in an attic, later it was discovered he had fled on a bicycle. Chief Cates advised of a reduction in Part One crimes, last year there were 55 part one crimes, this year, 41. The final numbers are

not in but there will be a crime reduction in this year compared to last year. There are currently three vacancies in the city, 400 vacancies in Broward County, and 5000 vacancies in the State of Florida.

a. Renaissance and Franklin Schools Students

Chief advised that Renaissance Charter School did go into contract with BSO with the option of overtime pay. Franklin Charter previously had a detail for security and a detail for traffic. Recently Franklin removed the traffic detail and the school detail. The sheriff placed a district body in the school.

**8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

a. Transport Services Report

Fire Chief Caruso advised that a commissioner requested transport numbers for the city. The transport percentage is 70.85% and for the Sheridan Assisted Living Facility is 53.16%.

Chief Caruso advised that a CERT basic training class would start on January 24, 2019. There are currently six residents registered with space available for the 9-week program at the Pool and Tennis Center. On Monday January 7, 2019 the Chief along with two life safety educators and crews from Station 28 were at Cooper City High School to administer Stop the Bleed training for teachers and staff. Chief advised Rescue 228 will be present at the Senior Expo this year.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Minutes

1. Workshop City Commission Meeting of December 11, 2018.
2. Regular City Commission meeting minutes of December 18, 2018.

b. Financial Matters

c. Resolutions

**1. Resolution No. 19-1-2 – Utilities**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A WATER AND SEWER DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE AND KRISTINA AKOURI AT 3419 NW 91 AVENUE, ROYAL PALM RANCHES, COOPER CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**2. Resolution No. 19-1-3 – Education Advisory Board**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING, APPOINTING, REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO OR REMOVING MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**MOTION:** To approve consent agenda

**Moved by Commissioner Meltzer. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

## **10. REGULAR AGENDA**

### **a. Public Safety Advisory Board Update – Finance**

Chair Ryan Shrouder advised of open seats on the Board and mentioned his concerns with a compliance issue with Renaissance Charter. Consensus was reached that a full time SRO familiar with the school be assigned to the school, not a detail officer.

### **b. Approval of interim legal services with Goren, Cherof, Doody, & Ezrol P.A – Administration – (*moved up to the beginning of the meeting*)**

### **c. FEMA Status Update – Finance/Commissioner Meltzer**

Interim City Manager Elianor advised of updates and the status of projects and contracts.

### **d. Status of Compliance with Conditional Use Approval of Renaissance Charter School – Growth Management (*discussed previously under Agenda Concerns*)**

### **e. Administrative Procedures and Policies – Administration/Commissioner Pulcini**

**MOTION:** To reduce speaking time for Commissioners on 2<sup>nd</sup> time around to 3 minutes.

**Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. No Second.**

**MOTION:** To institute open dialogue with Commissioners and remove 5-minute limit.

**Moved by Commissioner Meltzer. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. Commissioners Pulcini and Meltzer, Yes. Commissioners Green, Curran and Mayor Ross, No. Motion Failed.**

**MOTION:** To institute 4 minutes to the Commissioners, 4 minutes to the residents and a 2-minute rebuttal to the residents.

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

**MOTION:** To remove verbiage that says shall provide notice to the City Clerk's office to the Commission with regards to telephoning in to a Commission Meeting or Workshop, 3 times max. **Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Curran. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

The City Attorney advised that a revised resolution will be brought back to the Commission for approval at the next commission meeting.

## **11. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

a. BSO Contract Negotiation

Interim City Manager Elianor advised the last discussion with BSO was held on December 10, 2018. Vacancy credits, staffing levels, deployment positions, lobby coverage hours and pension issues are all in open discussions. Discussion on capital replacements of fire apparatuses for Fire was also discussed. Interim City Manager suggested inviting the Public Safety Advisory Board Chair to be a part of the BSO contract negotiations.

**MOTION:** To appoint Ryan Shrouder to assist in BSO negotiations answering directly to the Interim City Manager. **Moved by Mayor Ross. Seconded by Commissioner Meltzer. Commissioners Pulcini, Meltzer, Curran and Mayor Ross, Yes. Commissioner Green, No. Motion passed.**

b. Utility Billing - Account Maintenance

Interim City Manager stated that a memorandum was on the dais that contained information on utility billing issues.

c. Future Workshops Topics

Interim City Manager suggested workshops on topics of infrastructure and code.

**MOTION: To Extend.**

**Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All ye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

**Consensus was reached to workshop infrastructure and code.**

Interim City Manager Elianor advised the City did receive reimbursement for staff time during Hurricane Michael. Also veterans parking only signs have been installed in City Hall, Community Center and the Pool and Tennis Center parking lots. All streetlights reported at the last meeting have been repaired and staff is doing a nightly inspection of lights. Broward County Traffic Engineering has not yet completed the traffic signal study near Morris Cooper Avenue.

## **12. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS/REPORTS**

Commissioner Meltzer thanked Recreation Director Chris Garcia for all her service. He also would like to review code in regards to trees in the swales.

Commissioner Green thanked Recreation Director Chris Garcia for all her hard work in contributing to the City.

Commissioner Curran asked that the City Manager position be advertised on the City website. Commissioner Curran thanked Chris Garcia for all her hard work as a Director and dedication to the City.

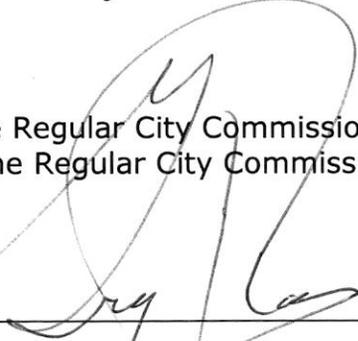
Mayor Ross thanked Recreation Director Chris Garcia for all her work in the City. Mayor Ross advised his concern with trees in the swales and the need for Ordinances to be reviewed on the agenda.

Consensus was reached to advertise the City Manager position on the website.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

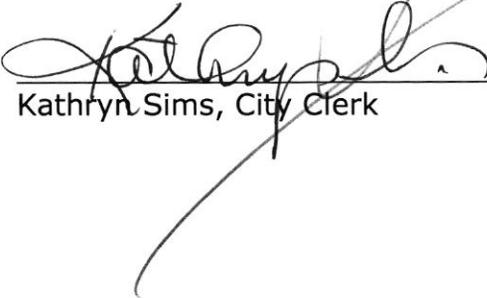
The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 PM.

The minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of January 8, 2019 were approved during the Regular City Commission Meeting of January 22, 2019.



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Greg Ross, Mayor



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Kathryn Sims, City Clerk