



**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION**

**COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES
December 9, 2019
6:30 PM**

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Presentation by Interim City Manager and staff on the Capital Projects Priorities for FY21

Finance Director Sherry Walker began the presentation.

Public Works Yoezle explained the general fund capital projects priorities. 2021 Budget Assumptions used are a decrease in tax base by 4.0%. No change in millage rate and a \$503,000 fire assessment revenue improvement.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if we are not planning to absorb the fire assessment in the millage rate.

Mrs. Walker answered the assumption is we will keep the millage rate the same and increase the fire assessment. Meetings will be scheduled.

Commissioner Meltzer asked the \$160,000 is that on top of the \$343,000. That is about \$30.00 a home?

Mrs. Walker answered yes.

Mayor Ross asked if that money is limited to fire.

Mrs. Walker answered the fire assessment is for the fire fee. The monies for the millage is free to use in the general fund.

Mrs. Walker is assuming the staffing level will stay the same and tight costs controls will continue. We are also assuming a merit and COLA and a small general CIP plan. A reduction in Road and Bridge and BSO contract will increase 5%.

Mayor Ross asked about the percentage of COLA and merit.

Mrs. Walker said 5%.

Commissioner Meltzer asked how much is payroll.

That information will be obtained.

Mrs. Walker continued the storm water rates will increase and water and sewer rates will increase.

Commissioner Pulcini if we budgeted for the new water meters being more accurate.

Mrs. Walker said she could include that.

Public Works Director Denise Yoezle spoke on a prioritized list of capital projects for FY 2021. The first item is the citywide AC replacement. The AC units are on a replacement schedule. The second item are the impact windows and doors for the Pool and Tennis Center. It is a part of the grant received. Court resurfacing is on a 6-year cycle. If the court does not need resurfacing, they will be deferred. The weight room equipment and renovations are half of the updates.

Commissioner Meltzer asked about the prices in particular.

Mrs. Yoezle answered it is about \$40/45 for the equipment, 10 each for the flooring and ceilings and then permit and painting costs. Next is the backstop and fencing at the Sueellen Fardlemann Sports Complex. The large playground replacements are on a cycle. The playground is safe but it is due to be replaced before it gets beyond repair. The Pool and Tennis parking lot resurfacing needs updated. The card access and videoing system is proposing to install card access and video monitoring. She also spoke on the grants that will aid in the Pool and Tennis generator and impact windows and doors.

Commissioner Meltzer said the weight room is a priority. He believes if we improve the gym, we can break even on it.

Commissioner Pulcini said the AC replacement we have to do.

Consensus number 1 AC replacement

Commissioner Meltzer asked the \$103,000 is that our out of pocket?

Mrs. Yoezle answered yes. There should be \$308,000 for the Pool and Tennis Center with grant money.

Consensus was reached to keep the impact windows and doors at the Pool and Tennis Center as well as the generator at number 2.

Mayor Ross asked how many years has it been since our resurfacing

Mrs. Yoezle answered yes.

Commissioner Pulcini said we can decide to due half the courts.

Mrs. Yoezle said these courts are on schedule for replacement.

Commissioner Curran said every year past six more money may need to be spent.

Consensus to leave court resurfacing at number 3.

Commissioner Green asked if we raised the Pool and Tennis Center recently and his opinion is to complete the project fully.

Commissioner Curran said the flooring is necessary. He said it is time to complete the project in whole.

Commissioner Meltzer said we should look at how many members we have and how much we raised the fees.

Mrs. Yoezle said additional grants could come into play.

Commissioner Meltzer said he would love to fund it but if money is tight we need to look at other options.

Mayor Ross asked are we in favor of keeping number 4 as priority and if we receive additional grant money for the Pool and Tennis Center funded to finish the project.

Commissioner Meltzer wants the amount for the flooring and equipment alone.

Mrs. Yoezle said around \$50,000 – \$57,000.

Consensus was reached to leave the remainder of the money in the weight room number 4.

Mayor Ross said the remaining projects we should look at. He asked about the fencing at the Sports Complex. He asked if the fencing can wait.

Mrs. Yoezle answered yes.

Mayor Ross asked about the playground equipment.

Mrs. Yoezle said they are keeping it repaired.

Mayor Ross asked about the Pool and Tennis Center resurfacing.

Mrs. Yoezle said it will need to be done.

Mayor Ross asked about the card access.

Commissioner Curran said that number eight the card access is important. He would rather take a chance on some of the AC units as AC and a weight room is a luxury. Card access is not a luxury.

Commissioner Meltzer said the item was listed as 8 on the priority list and he said that if it's listed last there must be some rational.

Mrs. Yoezle answered many people have not lent support to the item.

Commissioner Pulcini asked for technically specifications for the proposed and current system. He said the safety ratings were the same for both systems.

Mrs. Yoezle said she is not familiar with safety ratings for the systems but she will look into it.

Commissioner Curran asked the safety of the buildings.

City Attorney Horowitz said a definition would be what a reasonable person believes is safe.

Mayor Ross said no building is safe against a potential shooter. Is the building safe against burglaries. A secure building. Video that is not live means it is a tool after the fact and the access may be a card that is much easier. Is the building secure currently he believes so.

Mrs. Yoezle said the buildings are secure.

Commissioner Curran said safety is his priority.

Interim City Manager Lynn said there is no full proof method to secure safety. Commissioner Pulcini asked Mrs. Walker about listing a capital assets as an item with a cost of \$1000 and an estimated life of one year is that the norm.

Mayor Ross said for the last 40 years we have supported this organization. He has been asked by Nan Rich to speak to the Commission about the good works they do with matching funds. He asked the Commission to speak to Ms. Rich.

Mrs. Walker said the line item was \$31,300 for donations.

Commissioner Curran said he will support all or none. He said he agrees with Commissioner Pulcini as well.

4. Public Comments (each member of the public is allowed to speak for four (4) minutes)

David Nall, said as a tax payer it is his choice who and what cause he wants to donate to. He does not believe the Commission should distribute funds as donations.

Commissioner Curran said maybe not all residents are aware that money comes back in return.

Mr. Nall said then when it be more feasible for the City to do a fundraiser for that. Also matching grants do not guarantee that money benefits Cooper City.

Mayor Ross said it is his belief it does.

Jim Federici, 3751 Ottawa Ln, spoke about the perimeter fencing at Bill Lipps and the need for replacement.

Commissioner Meltzer spoke on an incident at a prior park.

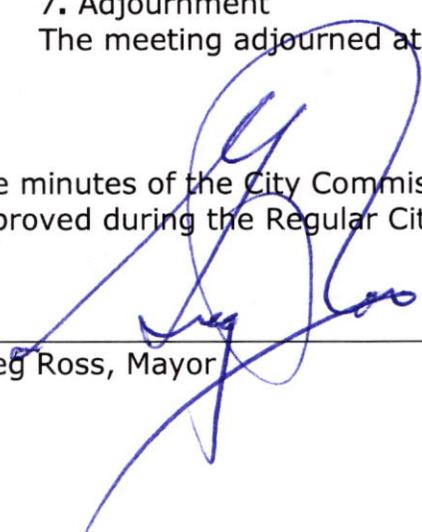
5. Commission Discussion

6. Additional Public Comments (each member of the public is allowed to speak for an additional two (2) minutes)

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

The minutes of the City Commission Workshop Meeting of December 9, 2019 were approved during the Regular City Commission Meeting of January 28, 2020.



Greg Ross, Mayor

Mrs. Walker said she believes that is a state statue and it is in the CAFR.

Assistant Utilities Director Jim Molaschi spoke on the Utilities capital projects. There are 5 projects scheduled at \$2,280,000 with total funding available of \$2,300,000. The first item is the water treatment plant rehabilitation the estimated cost is \$600,000. The second is the Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation estimated at \$300,000. The third item is Lift Station 46 rehabilitation with an estimated cost of \$200,000.

Mayor Ross asked the estimated use once converted.

Mr. Molaschi said 10-15 years. This lift station is 40 years old.

The fourth item is the Forcemain Re-Route to 90th Ave to repump #55. The estimated cost is \$680,000. The fifth item is the replacement of 40 PVC water mains. The estimated cost is \$500,000.

The consensus on Utilities was exactly that was presented.

Interim City Manager Lynn said in the past we have donated to the Aging Disability Resource Center of Broward County. This year the donation was not budgeted but this year Cooper City will be receiving an award.

Mayor Ross said that he received a call asking that the \$19,200 be donated and she is willing to meet with the Commission.

Commissioner Meltzer said back in budget season he asked how many residents of Cooper City benefit from these donations.

Mayor Ross said the contact can verify that information.

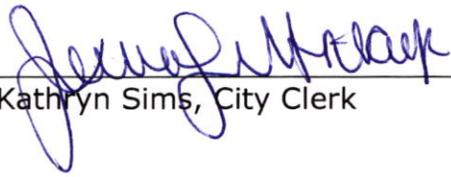
Commissioner Green said he does not have an issue if we are funding Woman in Distress and those dollars funded people in the community. He would like to know how much will come back to this community.

Commissioner Curran asked Mrs. Walker how much money was taken out the budget for donations. If we do not now the amount, we cannot make a decision.

Mayor Ross said for years we have supported this and Cooper City will be recognized this year.

Commissioner Curran said we knew the cuts we made when they were done.

Commissioner Curran said he will support all donations and not just one. Commissioner Pulcini said he would rather restore bonuses for employees before donations.

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Kathryn Sims, City Clerk

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