



**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
FIRST BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 at 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. CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS

Interim City Manager Lynn pulled item 6-d.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

a. Open Public Meeting

b. Agenda Concerns

Vonnie Keysar, Chair of Business Advisory Board spoke on replenishing the Boards funding for the upcoming year. She spoke on the Boards events and branded items that they want to continue to have. They want to continue the Cities Connect initiative and are also looking into new programs.

Mike Bufalo, welcomed the new City Manager and thanked him for stepping into the position. He spoke on the MPO and his concerns with the City not submitting projects. He said he is disappointed the budget was not linked to the agenda. He spoke also on concerns with the bucket truck item on the previous agenda.

Ryan Shrouder, spoke on the financial plan previously presented earlier this year that would have us at 6 million dollars and are we on task for that.

Mrs. Walker said the fund balance will be at least 4 million and that does not take in cost reductions. She will not know until the year is over.

Mr. Shrouder asked do we know roughly.

Mrs. Walker said we will have a better estimate by November.

Mr. Shrouder asked if we got to the 6 million.

Mrs. Walker said that is talking about the general fund. City wide there is use of fund balance.

Commissioner Pulcini said the budget amendment was to improve the general fund fund balance. He said we will probably not be at 6 million but close to.

Commissioner Green asked Mrs. Walker to clarify.

Mrs. Walker said there was savings. Cuts were made in capital projects and the stormwater. We did use fund balance for the park.

Commissioner Green asked if the 6 million is supposed to be achieved in one year.

Mrs. Walker said it is a 3-year policy.

Commissioner Green asked if we submitted projects to MPO and is that accurate.

Mrs. Yoezle answered we have submitted projects.

Commissioner Pulcini said we have submitted projects that will not be priority. The projects he would like submitted such as Stirling Road was not submitted.

Mr. Bailey said we submitted 90 projects a couple of years ago. MPO paired it down too 6. Two were drainage projects on Stirling Road.

Commissioner Pulcini said we need to deliver it project ready.

Interim City Manager Lynn said they have a meeting scheduled next week with MPO.

Mayor Ross said they are considering Stirling Road as maintenance.

Commissioner Curran asked Mrs. Yoezle to speak on the bucket truck.

Mr. Bufalo said he heard the Commission direct staff to find a better option on the \$180,000 and the option brought back was more than the initial item.

Interim City Manager Lynn said the bucket truck has not been decided and will be researched.

Mr. Bufalo said when he saw the item brought back with addition costs he felt very slighted.

Commissioner Curran asked Mrs. Walker about utility money not being taken out.

Mrs. Walker said that was removed from the budget.

Torre Fatjo, president of Broward firefighters local 4321 spoke on the BSO budget and keeping staffing levels.

Mayor Ross appreciates Mr. Fatjo attending the meeting and said cuts need to be made as current costs are unaffordable. He said that he has not heard anything back with suggestions as to how to accomplish keeping staffing and saving money. He asked Chief Holness if he has spoken to Ms. Fatjo.

Ms. Fatjo said they had met before and took his questions to administration. She said she is being told they are working and has not seen numbers.

Chief Holness said they started working on numbers today and has another meeting scheduled for Wednesday.

Mayor Ross said that he has been asking for that for months. He wants to work together and not waste any other time.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS – PUBLIC HEARINGS

Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget and Taxes

a. First Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Millage Rate – Ord. No. 19-9-2

(NOTE: Pursuant to the Florida TRIM Bill, the Millage Rate must be discussed and adopted prior to the adoption of the annual budget).

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 6.9258 OR \$6.9258 PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF TAXABLE ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE, WHICH IS 1.70% ABOVE THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 6.8102, FOR THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE 2019-2020 CITY BUDGET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 200, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER;

PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 19-9-2 at the rate of 6.8102. Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Meltzer.

Mayor Ross asked Mrs. Fatjo if she is willing to work with us with an adaptive response unit.

Mrs. Fatjo is not in favor of boots between two trucks and deciding what truck to get on.

Chief Holness said the current contract does not allow for it. The collective bargaining agreement.

Commissioner Pulcini said he wants that rate as he promised to the residents and the budget I prepared at that rate.

Commissioner Meltzer asked Mrs. Walker if the budget is based on 6.8102.

Mrs. Walker answered yes.

Commissioner Meltzer agrees with Commissioner Pulcini at the 6.8102.

Commissioner Green asked Mrs. Walker if we can meet all our financial obligations with the proposed rate.

Mrs. Walker answered yes.

Commissioner Curran said if we balanced the budget with the proposed rate by moving projects and postponing projects. He said he believes next year will be harder to complete all projects.

Mrs. Walker said it will be okay as some items taken out will help next years budget. In addition, she hopes a fire assessment increase is possible and a BSO budgets do not exceed the initial cost letter received.

Commissioner Curran asked if we go to the lowest rate this year we will be okay next year.

Mrs. Walker answered yes.

Mayor Ross asked the difference between the current millage rate and the proposed 6.8102.

Mrs. Walker answered she will calculate the answer.

Mayor Ross said the 6.8102 is because we agreed to lower the millage rate. He is true to his words and expects to keep that for the following year as long as projections are well.

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

Commissioner Meltzer spoke on the Mayor's previous question at around \$900,000.

Mrs. Walker answered the Mayor's question and it's around \$900,000.

Mayor Ross said he is looking to phase in the fire assessment if that is determined.

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 19-9-2 at the rate of 6.8102. Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. **Seconded by Commissioner Meltzer. All eyes on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

b. First Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget – Ord. No. 19-9-3

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, AND APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Commissioner Meltzer deferred to Mrs. Walker.

Mrs. Walker advised the overall reduction to the budget was 2.27254. She also spoke on adding some items back into the budget after the savings of hiring the current Interim City Manager some of the items were a quarterly newsletter and the postage. Also, putting the Boards at \$6300.

Commissioner Meltzer advised those items came from him.

Commissioner Curran asked about the Boards budgets.

Mrs. Walker said the BAB is cut \$1,000 from last year.

Commissioner Curran asked about the Senior Advisory Board and the reduction.

Mrs. Walker answered it was cut \$1,000.

Mayor Ross asked about microphones in the budget.

Mrs. Walker is speaking with the vendor.

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

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 19-9-3. **Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

c. Public Hearing on Final Adoption of Fire Assessment – Res. No. 19-9-9

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; IMPOSING FIRE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Mayor Ross said its appropriate to wait for a new study and then we can phase in the additional costs.

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

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

d. Resolution 19-9-10 – Finance

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SCHEDULE (A), SCHEDULE (B), AND SCHEDULE (D) OF ORDINANCE NO. 85-10-1, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO (MONTHLY WATER RATES), (MONTHLY WASTE WATER RATES), AND (WATER AND WASTE WATER MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES) WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

6. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS/REPORTS

Commissioner Pulcini thanked Mrs. Walker and welcomed Mr. Lynn. He also thanked Mrs. Sims for her work on the budget.

Commissioner Meltzer thanked Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Sims their departments and Sydney Bleiweiss for their work. He looks forward to starting the next budget soon.

Commissioner Green thanked Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Sims and all department heads and staff.

7. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES)

Bob Sands, 10582 Grove Pl, thanked the Commission for keeping their promises their hard work and guiding the ship. He also thanked staff.

Mike Bufalo, asked Mrs. Walker how much we went over budget on the park.

Mrs. Walker answered it's not over budget as of yet. The original budget is around 10 million.

Commissioner Pulcini requested that information and it was originally around \$9 and we spent around \$12.4. He asked for those spreadsheets to be sent to the rest of the Commission.

UNKOWN, thanked the Commission for the job their doing and was happy that the Senior Advisory Board budget in tact.

Commissioner Meltzer thanked his four colleagues and is hoping moving forward they can continue to work together.

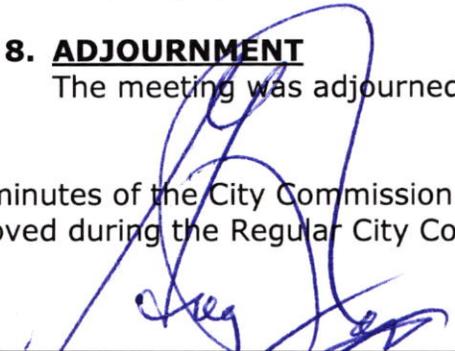
Commissioner Curran asked Mrs. Yoezle to speak on the park.

Mrs. Yoezle said she is on task to finish below budget. A few items are wrapping up.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

The minutes of the City Commission Budget Meeting of September 12, 2019 were approved during the Regular City Commission Meeting of November 5, 2019.



Greg Ross, Mayor



Kathryn Sims, City Clerk

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