



**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and Alex Matos from Renaissance Charter led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for Kristin Jordahl the wife of Fire Chief Joseph Fernandez.

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 Oakland Park on March 28, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 pm at Jaco Pastorius Park located at 1098 NW 40 Court. The City of Wilton Manors will host on April 23, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Hagen Community park located at 2020 Wilton Drive.
- Founders Day celebration will be held on Saturday March 14, 2020. For more information, call 954-434-4300 Ext. 272 for more information.
- Cooper City Recreation will hold the City Garage Sale on March 28, 2020. For more information, call 954-434-4300 Ext. 272 for more information.
- The Cooper Academy commenced their 2020 team on Monday March 9, 2020. Stay tuned for advertisements of our next session.
- The annual Teen Twilight Egg Hunt will be held on April 9, 2020. Registration begins on March 11, 2020 at the Community Center and Pool and Tennis Center. Contact the Recreation Department for more information 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. Also, join the walk on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at Memorial Park.
- Cooper City has earned a Class 6 achievement in the FEMA Community Rating System Program. This results in an additional 5% reduction in flood insurance premiums for our policyholders. The plaque and letter from FEMA reflects FEMA's appreciation of the City's efforts.
- Upcoming Commission Meetings: Regular Commission Meeting Tuesday March 24, 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 presentations:

- a. Mark Aronson was recognized for his many years of service on City Boards – **Mayor Ross**

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

b. Open Public Meeting

Candace Norrisom, spoke on the vandalism of her daughter's fairy garden. Channel 10 and Commissioner Curran have reached out due to the incident. She asked if there is any availability in Veterans Park behind City Hall to build a fairy garden.

Mayor Ross said the item could be placed on a future agenda if any Commissioners who like to add it.

Michael Mogerman, spoke on speeding concerns at Griffin Elementary.

Jaqueline Hernandez a health professional and resident spoke on the elderly population and the corona virus. She also spoke on concerns for Founders Day.

c. Agenda Concerns

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. Resolution No. 20-3-2 (Site Plan Amendment Burger King)

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SITE PLAN AMENDMENT PETITION (#SPA 8-1-19) SUBMITTED BY COOPER CITY ASSOCIATES, THE APPLICANT, FOR THE ONE-ACRE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 4704 FLAMINGO ROAD IN COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Paul Gershan, the architect and the local franchisees were present and sworn in.

Growth Management Director Wood was sworn in and presented the staff report.

Mayor Ross asked for a time frame.

Mr. Gershan answered as soon as we get the building permit.

MOTION: to approve Ordinance 20-3-2. Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

b. Resolution No. 20-3-3 (Sign Waiver Petition Burger King)

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SIGN WAIVER REQUEST (#SW 8-1-19) FOR THE BURGER KING RESTAURANT AT WAL MART PLAZA GENERALLY LOCATED AT 4704 FLAMINGO ROAD IN COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR 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 Resolution 20-3-3. Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini . All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

7. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Appointments to City Boards – Administration

City Clerk Sims advised Commissioner Curran appointed John Simpson to the Public Safety Advisory Board.

8. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Cates advised Tip-a-Cop was a huge success and he thanked all the patrons, Beef O Brady's and the Commission. BSO Police has plenty of personnel ready for Founders Day. He spoke on the school traffic ops program for Cooper City Elementary, Cooper City High and Pioneer. Over the span of 8

days over 60 citations were issued. He will address comments made earlier by Mr. Mogerman. He also spoke on flyers for vehicle burglaries. Lastly he advised there are 4 vacancies.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if we had fewer deputies would we still have vacancies.

Chief Cates answered we will always have a deputy that may retire or get transferred. He has been told by the end of the year there will be vacancies filled countywide.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if these are the same four vacancies.

Captain Cates answered it fluctuates.

Mayor Ross asked who indicated the vacancies will be filled by year ends.

Captain Cates answered Colonel Holmes.

Commissioner Meltzer said the issue at Cooper City Elementary is when there are no deputies present it is chaotic. He believes that lining up early causes issues.

Chief Cates advised when traffic is backed up we cannot travel in the wrong direction. We need to have patience, enforcement and education.

Commissioner Meltzer said the issue is backed up traffic on 90th and 50th.

9. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Caruso thanked the commission for the support of their Fire Chief Fernandez and his family, with the loss of his wife. On February 29, 2020, the CERT team participated in the orange blossom parade. On March 9, 2020, CERT was present at the Cub Scout pack 160 and talked to them about becoming a fire fighter/paramedic. He also spoke on the Corona Virus. There are 14 positive cases in Florida. Two deaths in Florida. In Broward County there are 4 cases currently, all over the age of 60. Total cases for the United States are 647 and total number of deaths 25. Chief had flyers that can be distributed. Protocol is in place at the station.

10. CONSENT AGENDA Meltzer, green, unan

a. Minutes

- 1. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2020**

b. Resolutions

1. Resolution 20-3-1 – 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 COOPER CITY LAND HOLDINGS LLC AT

10900 GRIFFIN ROAD COOPER CITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

11. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for participation in, and partial funding of, the county's NatureScape Irrigation Service program – **Utilities**

Commissioner Meltzer said in the past 15 years the City has saved on consumption by 35 to 36 million gallons on the target properties. He would like to look into a residential program if one exists.

MOTION: To approve Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for participation in, and partial funding of, the county's NatureScape Irrigation Service program. **Moved by Commissioner Pulcini. Seconded by Commissioner Green. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

12. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

a. Ordinance 20-3-1 – 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 23, ENTITLED "ZONING DISTRICTS," AMENDING ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS," AMENDING SECTION 23-153 ENTITLED "VARIANCE," AND AMENDING SUBSECTION (e) ENTITLED "NOTIFICATION," BY PROVIDING FOR SIGN POSTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVERTIZING VARIANCES ON NONRESIDENTIALLY ZONED PROPERTY(S); PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Commissioner Curran asked City Attorney Horowitz if what we are saying is that we are going to make the property owner post a potential tenant before they can rent.

City Attorney Horowitz answered the item is an additional notice requirement. This applies to commercial variance applications. The applicant will post a sign at the entrances to the plaza. The burden is on the applicant.

Commissioner Curran asked how many cities are doing this.

Mr. Wood is not aware of any cities.

Commissioner Curran said we do not own the shopping centers and there are not that many tenants as it is. He asked if there are any issues with businesses going into centers currently.

Mr. Wood answered no.

Commissioner Curran will not be supporting the item.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if this an abnormal ordinance.

City Attorney Horowitz is not aware of any other cities that has a requirement like this one. Some cities require sandwich boards signs every cities have notice requirements.

Commissioner Pulcini asked what instances do we require signage.

Mr. Wood answered for rezoning applications and land use amendments.

Commissioner Pulcini said then we do require signs in certain cases.

Commissioner Green said as this is not abnormal he is also hearing that this is another layer but to the attorney's knowledge he is not aware of another city that has such a requirement. He asked Mr. Wood how long have you been here?

Mr. Wood responded 20 yrs.

Commissioner Green asked during his time have you ever had a commission want this before.

Mr. Wood said there has been similar situations but not to create an extra layer of notification.

Commissioner Green said he would not be supporting the item. Business owners have a process in place in order to get a variance. He believes we are doing this to a business owner who has a process in place and this can cause a burden.

Commissioner Meltzer will be supporting the item.

Mayor Ross asked the Planning and Zoning Boards vote on the item.

Mr. Wood said the Board recommended approval.

Mayor Ross said transparency is key. This will add signage so everyone is aware, tenants and residents. This will add a verification to the process and eliminate any concerns. Tenants should be informed and he is supporting the item.

Commissioner Curran asked when a store goes in and does a remodel, it generates money for the city, correct?

Mr. Wood answered correct.

Commissioner Curran said our shopping centers are not full, landlords are having trouble filling their centers. He said that ultimately it is up to the landlord who they want to rent in the center.

Commissioner Pulcini said giving more information to the residents is a better thing.

Commissioner Green said Planning and Zoning Board did vote to approve this unanimously but they also voted unanimously for a tattoo shop in the past. He agrees with Mayor that tenants should have a say so, they can do that with the owner of the center. Adding a layer to the process and regulation is imposed upon an owner. He asked Mr. Wood if the tenants of the plaza have the opportunity to view a variance posting.

Mr. Wood advised the public notice requirements are to provide a letter notice to all property owners within 300 feet and to run an ad in the paper.

Commissioner Curran read some comments he received that said this will add a burden to the owners.

Mayor Ross said tenants should be notified. He does not believe newspaper notice is sufficient and more notice benefits everyone.

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 20-3-1. **Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini. Commissioners Pulcini, Meltzer and Mayor Ross, Yes. Commissioners Green and Curran, No. Motion passed.**

13. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Napoli advised Directors are now in the City Manager's office for the meeting, until their item is brought up. In regard to the Corona Virus he is meeting regularly with department directors, getting information from the fire chief, and the Florida Department of Health. Broward County did declare a state of emergency level 2. Staff has been reviewing continuity of operation if we would move to have a reduced staff and staff for remote work. Public awareness is made from social media platforms, and sending out regular notes to staff and CERT will start engaging with our vulnerable population. Police and Fire have also been preparing. We have increased chlorine levels at the pool, sanitized the fitness center, cleaning the buses and getting quotes on sanitizing the buildings. Hand sanitizers have been placed throughout the building as well.

We are also in close contact with the Broward Elections Office. We have decided to cancel the upcoming senior luncheon and we are evaluating the garage sale event and founders day. Additional hand washing stations will be set up at Founders Day and we have eliminated bounce houses and we are also looking into a financial impact if the event is cancelled.

Commissioner Pulcini believes we should look at health risks and not costs.

Commissioner Meltzer said there is no upside to Founders Day with the corona virus, can we reschedule.

Mr. Napoli said we will look into a postponement if anything.

Commissioner Meltzer spoke on other cities that have cancelled events.

Commissioner Curran thanked the resident who spoke earlier and said everyone will do an internal check as to if they want to attend the event. He said panic takes over and he believes that we should not just cancel the event because other cities have.

Mayor Ross said we have to do what is best for Cooper City. He also said now is not the time to shut off water.

Mr. Napoli said they have discussed that and would not do that.

14. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

15. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT AGENDA

Commissioner Curran wants to add the fairy Garden item.

16. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS/REPORTS

Commissioner Green asked that the HOA with the canal issue be notified that it's not the City's canal to manage. He apologized for missing the Tip-a-Cop event as he was working.

Commissioner Pulcini thanked Chief Cates for Tip-A-Cop.

Chief Cates thanked Chief Caruso for helping.

Commissioner Meltzer said he was frustrated by what occurred at the last commission meeting. He wants to the Mayor to take control of the meetings in regard to outbursts in the audience.

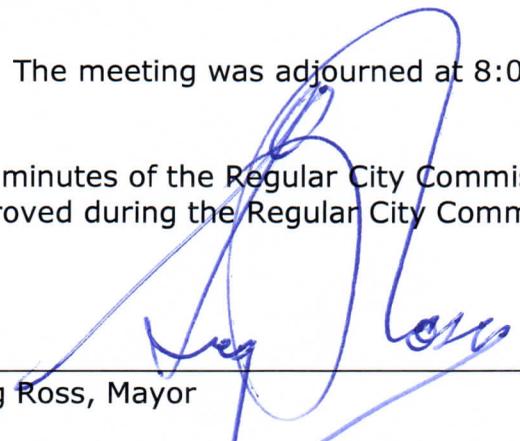
17. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES)

Jaqueline Hernandez, said we need to visit local hospitals before we make a decision on Founders Day.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

The minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of March 10, 2020 were approved during the Regular City Commission Meeting of March 31, 2020.



Greg Ross, Mayor



Kathryn Sims, City Clerk

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