

**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
JULY 16, 2014**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Green, Curran, Sims, Mallozzi and Mayor Ross.

3. AGENDA CONCERNS

Ed Wooley, 11038 Nashville Drive, made budget suggestions, including hiring additional Firefighter/Paramedics and adding bus service.

Walt Jolliff, 11095 Bismarck Place, opined regarding the budget and the government accounting techniques.

Michael Pazienza, 11805 N. Island Road, stated that a 50% increase in the rate for the parking lot is too great.

Helen Graham, 5747 SW 89th Way, expressed opinions regarding the management of the parking lot and asked for the general fund to subsidize the parking lots as the residents pay taxes.

Mike Whiteman, 8932 SW 57th Street, questioned several line items in the budget and opined that taxes should cover the cost of maintaining the parking lots.

Stan Neumann, 31 Chestnut Circle, asked the Commission to provide additional funding for the CERT Team.

Karen Dickerhoof, 11274 SW 59th Court, suggested the playgrounds be made more accessible for children with disabilities.

Carole and Len Newman, 10670 Paris Street, addressed the parking lot issue and questioned why the general fund doesn't cover all of the operating expenses of the lots.

Michael de Miranda, 8973 SW 49th Street, asked how the electronic meters will improve efficiency and how they will save the residents' water dollars.

4. BUDGET DISCUSSION

City Manager Loucks provided an overview of the budget adoption schedule, the components of the budget and the various funds that compose the budget, including fund balances, millage rates, taxes, assessments, capital improvements, and other projected expenditures.

He explained the details of individual line items and addressed specific concerns expressed by residents and Commission members.

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Ed Wooley, 11038 Nashville Drive, disputed the legitimacy of reserved funds and the form in which the budget is constructed. He offered suggestions as to how to present the budget and proposed additional workshops and meetings prior to adoption of the 2014/2015 Budget.

Stan Neumann, 31 Chestnut Circle, inquired as to the future use of the Flamingo Road Park.

Mark S. Huetter, 5209 SW 91st Terrace, questioned the 24 hour surveillance of the parking lots.

MOTION: To provide the Senior Advisory with a \$5000.00 contribution to fund any future projects they may undertake.

Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Sims.

Amendment to the motion: To provide \$3000.00 to the Senior Advisory Board to cover the cost of advertising for a future outreach expo which the Recreation Department will staff and host.

Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Sims.

All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

MOTION: To contribute \$2,000.00 to Women in Distress.

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

MOTION: To hire an additional Code Enforcement Officer.

Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Sims.

MOTION: To reduce the Commission Travel Budget to \$1,000.00 for each Commission member and place the remainder of the budgeted money in reserves pending the resolution of other budget issues.

Moved by Commissioner Curran. Seconded by Commissioner Sims.

Motion passed 3-2 with Commissioner Green and Mayor Ross dissenting as to the hiring of an additional Code Enforcement Officer. Due to a misunderstanding as to the intent of the motion and the vote, this motion was later withdrawn

by the maker and accepted as such by the second. Motion Died.

MOTION: To extend the meeting past the current hour of 9:30 P.M.
Moved by Commissioner Green. Seconded by Commissioner Sims.
All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.

Motion to reduce the Commission Travel line to \$1,000.00 per Commission member and place the remainder of the allotted funds into a reserve until the budget is otherwise accepted passed 3-1 with Mayor Ross dissenting and Commissioner Mallozzi absent from the dais.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Unanimous decision was made to adjourn the meeting was at 9:38 P.M. and forego the additional workshop previously scheduled for July 17, 2014.

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