



**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with Cole Ivey of Griffin Elementary School leading the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS

Interim City Manager Sims pulled Item 16-A, 18-A-1 and 18-A-3 to be heard at the April 9, 2019 Commission Meeting. Mayor Ross pulled Item 8-A-3.

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 Countywide Mayors Chess Challenge will be held in the City of Oakland Park on Saturday March 23, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Jaco Pastorius Community Center located at 1098 NE 40th Court, Oakland Park.
- Thank you to Mayors, Russell Setti, Joe Schaefer, Suellen Fardelmann and Debby Eisenger who all rode in the Founders Day Parade. The entire day's events were attended by more than 2,000 guests. The 2nd annual Color Run raised roughly \$4,000 dollars to benefit the Davie/Cooper City Relay for Life.
- Cooper City in partnership with Waste Management is offering a scholarship program for graduating seniors who plan to attend a 2 or 4-year college or technical school. The scholarship deadline is Wednesday, April 10, 2019 by 12:00 PM. Eligibility, award criteria and applications are currently available by contacting Tina Hudson at 9544-434-4300 Ext. 260 or by email at Tinah@coopercityfl.org
- Cooper City has partnered with Feeding South Florida and employees and residents are invited to donate non-perishable food items to FSF, whose year round mission is spotlighted during the additional demand generated by the government furlough. Donation boxes are located at City Hall, Community Center and the Pool and Tennis Center.

- Free tax preparation is available by IRS Certified Volunteers through the VITA Program through April 15, 2019. Preparation is free for those who earned less than \$55,000.00 last year. Call 2-1-1 or, 954-537-0211 or visit VITAtaxesfree. Org for more information.
- Relay for Life will take place on Saturday April 27, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Cooper City High School. Please visit the American Cancer Society/Relay for Life online to register.
- The Cooper City Quartley is available at the table by the door, at any public city building or on the official city website www.coopercityfl.org .
- The Cooper City Spring Garage Sale will be held on Saturday March 30, 2019 from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Please call 954-434-4300 Ext. 233 to inquire about resident seller's spaces. Visit coopercityfl.org for dates of all upcoming events.
- Upcoming Commission Meetings: Infrastructure Commission Workshop will be held March 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM. A Special Magistrate Interview Workshop will be held on April 2, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Regular Commission Meetings scheduled for April 9, 2019 and April 23, 2019. Commission meetings are held in the auditorium of City Hall at 6:30 PM.
- The Building Department will be closed on Friday March 22, 2019 to allow for the move back to the City Hall building.
 - a. April Yard of the Month was presented to Ron and Marina Majeski.
 - b. Public Works Director Denise Yoezle accepted a certificate on the behalf of Cooper City employee Kurt Reinhardt retirement.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

a. Open Public Meeting

Brent Rosenberg, 5200 SW 90th Ave, thanked the Commission for addressing code enforcement issues especially the commercial vehicle issues. He also thanked the Commission and the Boy Scouts for the efficient cleanup after Founders Day. He also advised on his concerns regarding people running threw his yard and deputies gathered at Pioneer Middle School and the lack of deputies on 90th Avenue.

b. Agenda Concerns

John Sims, spoke on Item 10-e and his concerns regarding the dates, the involvement of the Finance Review Advisory Board and bringing their recommendations to the Commission before the budget process begins. He also recommended the Finance Advisory Board Update be moved to the beginning of the meeting.

6. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Cates advised Founders Day went very well with no incidents reported. A report from Safe Wide Cities revealed Cooper City was ranked is the 4th safest city in the State, last year we were ranked number 10. Chief Cates listed stats on a traffic analysis. In 2016 there were 955 traffic accidents, in 2017, 921 traffic accidents and in 2018, 888 traffic accidents. There have been 20,000 citations issued in the past 3 years. Of all the incidents reported only 15% result in minor injuries. Speeding is a common issue, but overall Cooper city is a fairly safe driving city and every year BSO is working to make it safer. Most accidents occur at Griffin and Flamingo Road and 65% of all the accidents are from rear-ends resulting from cellphone use. Chief