



**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 9, 2019 at 6:30 PM**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with Jessica McLean and Briana Gonzalez-Lopez from Renaissance Charter leading the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Meltzer, Pulcini, 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 Countywide Mayors Chess Challenge will be held in the City of Lauderdale Lakes on Saturday April 25, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Multipurpose Building located at 4340 NW 36TH Street. The City of Sunrise will host a free Chess Tournament the "Sunrise Champions of Chess Scholastic 2019" on Saturday May 11, 2019. Registration is now open for all grades K-12. Contact the City of Sunrise for more information.
- 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
- 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.

- Tickets for the Mother/Daughter Tea go on sale Wednesday April 10, 2019. Call 954-434-4300 Ext. 233 or visit the Community Center to make reservations.
- The Dog Adopt-A-Thon will be held on Saturday April 13, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Memorial Park.
- Cooper City Recreation will host Eggstravaganza on Saturday April 20, 2019 at the Sports Complex with the Bunny arriving at 9:15 AM and the hunt at 10:00 AM sharp.
- 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.
- Upcoming Commission Meetings: Public Input Budget Workshops will be held April 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM and April 17, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Regular Commission Meeting on April 23, 2019 at 6:30 PM. A Commission Review Budget Workshop will be held on April 30, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Commission meetings are held in the auditorium of City Hall at 6:30 PM.

The Commission made the following presentations:

- a. CERT Graduation Certificates were presented to 15 members.
- b. Guardian Ad Litem Program Proclamation was presented to Adena Wilson.

Finance Board Update – **Finance – Moved to be heard before Public Speaking**

Finance Board Chair John Sims thanked everyone on his wife’s behalf who donated to the Dolphins Cancer Challenge Fundraiser that his wife participated in. Chair Sims spoke on the Boards status. He thanked Interim City Manager Sims and Lisa Emrekovic for their help with the Board as well as the Directors. He advised of 6 goals the Board currently has. One, is starting at a 6.385 baseline budget. He spoke on Directors budgets, and the cutting of capital and discretionarily items. Second was to reduce staff levels and not fill vacant positions but they are waiting waiting for the April 30th Commission workshop for that direction. Third, reviewing outsourcing items is something the Board is looking at but is deferring that as of now. Fourth, reviewing permit fees and collecting transportation fees. Fifth, reviewing the Optimist agreement. Lastly the January proposal so the budget can be accurate. He advised the Commission will have to look at discretionary items such as Commission budget and gifts and trainings. Utilities will improve with the new meters and a 3% increase in 2020 in that area. The Board also recommends the storm water survey commend soon.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

a. Open Public Meeting

Jimmy Goulet, 5215 SW 90th Ter spoke on his concerns with not having access to the fields due to residents leasing the fields.

Public Works Director Yoezle advised a field can be rented at either of the sport complexes through RecTrac with the revenue going to the City. Other fields were available for play.

Mr. Goulet said he was told both fields were rented.

Ms. Yoezle advised 1 field was rented. A second field was open to the public.

Mayor Ross advised Mr. Goulet someone will get back to him on why he was told both fields were rented.

Commissioner Pulcini asked Ms. Yoezle if the park rental policy is on our website.

Ms. Yoezle advised she was unsure and they are currently working on an initiative to make that information more visible. She also advised Rectrac the new software will make all scheduling online and available.

Commissioner Pulcini advised this should be added to the website so residents are aware that fields can be rented.

Ms. Yoezle advised she will make it more visible on the website.

Commissioner Curran asked if there are multiple fields open to the public on the weekend.

Ms. Yoezle answered yes.

Commissioner Curran advised the attendant should lead residents to open fields.

Mayor Ross asked if RecTrac can register individuals for games.

Ms. Yoezle is not sure about booking games, you can register one time in person to be able to go back and reserve fields.

Jennifer Goldfarb, 11869 SW 55 St, spoke on her incredible correspondence with the Interim City Manager, the Public Works Director, Denise Lasarte for Cooper Academy, and some members of the Commission. She said that everyone is moving in the same direction, her issues involving the parks, speeding and finance she is seeing being addressed on the agenda. She also thanked the Commission and staff.

Howard Schaher, 11771 SW 52 Ct, spoke on traffic calming and thanked everyone for addressing these issues and wants to continue with addressing these concerns.