



CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:30 PM
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Curran opened the meeting at 6:41 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Smith, Mallozzi, Katzman, Shrouder, and Mayor Curran.

CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS

City Manager Rey asked to hear Commissioner Concerns before Ordinances on First Reading to accommodate staff.

Broward County Commissioner Steve Geller advised that he was unaware of the issue that the City, Monterra, and Broward County are having with the maintenance of Pine Island Road and the tri-party agreement. He contacted the County Attorney, and the documents were sent to City Attorney Horowitz this afternoon.

City Attorney Horowitz said he received a draft of two amendments this afternoon: one to the 2009 ILA between the City and Broward County, and one to the tri-party ILA between the City, Broward County, and The Monterra CDD.

Commissioner Geller stated he is always available to help the City.

Commissioner Katzman expressed gratitude to Commissioner Geller for representing the District on a longstanding safety issue.

Commissioner Shrouder spoke on Broward County taking back Stirling Road.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Resilient Broward Grant Agreement Award - **Broward County**

The City received the Resilient Grant Agreement Award.

Heard at the Special Recognition Meeting at 5:30 PM.

2. Pet Adoption - **Commissioner Mallozzi**

Heard at the Special Recognition Meeting at 5:30 PM.

Commissioner Mallozzi announced that Scout (ID 712610), a 7-year -old dog, is available for adoption. Interested parties can contact the Humane Society of Broward County at www.humanebroward.com or call 954-989-3977, extension 6.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Open Public Meeting/Agenda Concerns

Inna Maor, owner of Academic School 4 Arts, discussed the challenges she's facing in meeting the Department of Education's fire inspection requirements related to zoning. She asked the Commission to support a temporary one-year exception for educational use for her facility.

Commissioner Shrouder moved to approve a one-year temporary zoning approval for the school.

City Attorney Horowitz would like time to look into any quasi-judicial implications and notice requirements. To the extent relief can be granted, he would support the Commission granting it, subject to legal review and coordination with staff.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion for discussion.

Commissioner Smith asked whether any surrounding municipalities have granted any similar relief.

Community Development Director Jason Chockley said some cities allow daycares in shopping centers.

Commissioner Smith said there could be state statutes that allow for flexibility. He would support a one-year provision if the law allowed.

Commissioner Shrouder is not sure if the legal requirements can be met in such a short time.

City Manager Rey explained that the State of Florida requires confirmation from the City that the establishment is a school under the City Code so that students can receive scholarship funds. Defining the establishment as a school will have implications for inspections and reports.

Director Chockley said the establishment needs to be zoned for educational assembly use. Once that is done, fire and life safety requirements must be met.

Fire Chief Brown spoke on the Educational Chapter of the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Commissioner Shrouder said he is okay with waiving one level of use.

Commissioner Smith asked what was needed to meet the requirements of the educational assembly use.

City Manager Rey said that if the City can legally approve the zoning component, the fire inspector can reinspect the facility to ensure it meets the educational standards.

Commissioner Shrouder rephrased his motion to delegate to the City Manager the authority to grant a one-year abatement of the zoning designation administratively and to allow legal and professional staff to work on the educational use requirements.

Mayor Curran seconded the motion.

Commissioner Mallozzi said 15 students should not cause traffic concerns.

Commissioner Shrouder would like staff to look into the matter and grant a one-year temporary revokable abatement.

Commissioner Katzman supports the temporary abatement.

Dafna Weiner, a 12-year resident and a patron of the school, spoke on the school's success in helping her children.

Mayor Curran advised that the approval the resident is seeking is for 2026/2027.

MOTION: Commissioner Shrouder moved to delegate to the City Manager the authority to grant a one-year revokable abatement of the zoning designation administratively and to allow legal and professional

staff to work on the educational use requirements. Mayor Curran seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

Jennifer Gross, 5010 Regency Isles Way, thanked Utilities Director Akin Ozaydin and staff member Tim Fleming for helping the community with a large pothole near the exit gate of Country Glen. She also thanked BSO police for helping find an individual who drove through County Glen's closed gates.

ADVISORY BOARDS

3. Appointments to Public Safety Advisory Board - William Turner - Commissioner **Smith**

City Attorney Horowitz advised that Commissioner Smith appoint William Turner to the Public Safety Advisory Board.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

4. Police Chief Report

5. Fire Chief Report

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

6. February 24, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Resolutions

7. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE FISCAL YEAR 2027 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR FY2027 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING; AUTHORIZING A LOCAL MATCHING OF GRANT FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO GRANT AGREEMENTS, ACCEPT THE GRANT FUNDING AND TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

8. **Resolution 26-19 - (Administration/Utilities)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR THE CITY'S GRAVITY SEWER LINE REHABILITATION/INFLOW AND INFILTRATION CORRECTION PROJECT, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FUNDING; AUTHORIZING A LOCAL MATCHING OF GRANT FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO GRANT AGREEMENT; DRAW DOWN FUNDS; EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AND TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to Approve

9. Motion to approve an authorize Task Order 2026-02 with Hazen and Sawyer, pursuant to Resolution No. 2025-26 and RFQ No. 2024-1-PW, for professional consulting services to

administer and implement the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit requirements; in an amount not to exceed \$47,835 for the Fiscal Year 2026 and to authorize expenditures in each subsequent year not to exceed the approved budget amount for each respective fiscal year. - **Utilities**

10. Motion to approve an agreement with the Broward County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) for the 2026 Cooper City Municipal Election. – **Clerk's Office**
11. Motion to approve and authorize the renewal of the Risk Management Consultant's agreement for one year, not to exceed \$25,000, with up to five one-year renewals. - **Finance**
12. Motion to approve a Piggyback agreement between the City of Cooper City and Granicus, LLC, pursuant to Omnia Partners Contract No. 159768, for Software and SaaS Solutions for Streaming and Closed Captioning Services. – **Clerk's Office**
13. Motion to approve additions to the Surplus Property Auction/Disposal List. – **Finance**

MOTION: Commissioner Mallozzi moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Katzman seconded the motion, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

REGULAR AGENDA

14. Motion to approve a service agreement with Miami Vertical Garden Inc. to design, install, and maintain a living wall. – Commissioner Mallozzi

Commissioner Mallozzi talked about the vertical garden, which benefits the environment and enhances green space and air quality. It would be a valuable addition to the community.

Commissioner Smith asked if there is a monthly maintenance cost. Mayor Curran answered \$ 400 a month.

Commissioner Smith said that the monument sign updates haven't been approved recently due to financial concerns, and Commissioner Mallozzi now supports a \$450 monthly fee for floral art.

Commissioner Mallozzi stated that the monument signage is functional and was recently updated. The vertical garden introduces an artistic touch and is highly eco-friendly.

Commissioner Smith asked if there is a \$45,000 initial cost. Commissioner Mallozzi said she has seen them done for less.

Commissioner Shrouder inquired whether the Green Advisory Board could undertake this task.

City Manager Rey stated that an appropriate irrigation system must be constructed.

Commissioner Smith would like to defer the item to a workshop.

Commissioner Katzman appreciates the creativity; however, he believes that the updates to the monument signs would constitute a superior investment, as they would benefit the entire City.

15. Motion to Approve Task Order UTL-26-021D with The Corradino Group, Inc. for Planning, Surveying, Engineering Design, Permitting, Bidding Assistance, and Optional Support Services for the Design and Construction of Hiatus Road Traffic Safety Improvements Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$272,460.00. – Utilities

Commissioner Mallozzi said the proposed roundabout was initially supported by Rock Creek and Embassy Lakes, but it lost all support. She would like to host a public meeting explaining the concept before it is approved.

Mayor Curran explained that staff did attend both Boards' monthly meetings.

City Manager Rey stated they received letters of support from both Rock Creek and Embassy Lakes. The task order will help prepare the packages for return to Broward County and the State of Florida for the use of the funds provided for the roundabout.

Commissioner Shrouder is not interested in public meetings. This project has been in talks for 25 years.

MOTION: Commissioner Mallozzi moved to approve Task Order UTL-26-021D with The Corradino Group, Inc. for Planning, Surveying, Engineering Design, Permitting, Bidding Assistance, and Optional Support Services for the Design and Construction of Hiatus Road Traffic Safety Improvements Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$272,460.00. Mayor Curran seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

16. Motion to Approve Contract #SIS2026-2 with Flow Grown Irrigation LLC \$90,000, Contract #SIS2026-3 with Javy Ortiz Nursery LLC. DBA Pitch & Grade \$192,500, and Contract #SIS2026-4 with Golf Agronomic Supply & Handling for \$70,000, and to transfer \$52,500 from the non-departmental contingency to the Suellen Field Upgrade project. – Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Mallozzi asked how much money has been spent on these fields. City Manager Rey said \$400,000 was spent last year on Bill Lips. The other fields have had maintenance. No heavy grass work has been performed at Suellen Fardelmann.

Recreation Director Josh Rhodes confirmed no major grass work has been performed at Suellen Fardelmann.

Commissioner Shrouder said this item changes the direction for Field C, as outlined in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. These updates will not add additional usage. This is a large amount of money for Field C, which is an open-use field.

City Manager Rey said the item proposes irrigation and grading on Field C and redoing Field 6, which had issues with an owl. Commissioner Shrouder is okay with the Field 6 updates. He asked what happened to the conversion of the field to pickleball. City Manager Rey said the demand for pickleball has dwindled.

Commissioner Smith said the City has invested significant funds in its parks, and Suellen is the final piece.

Commissioner Shrouder said the roller rinks look tacky. He has concerns about spending money on Field C.

Mayor Curran inquired about the weekly usage of the Pool and Tennis Pickleball courts. Director Rhodes replied that they are not used often. Mayor Curran mentioned that he has heard the demand for pickleball courts has decreased.

Commissioner Shrouder inquired whether to allocate funds for Fields A and B, which are used more often. City Manager Rey stated that Fields A and B were recently renovated. Field C has an inadequate grade for proper water drainage. Commissioner Shrouder prefers not to update the fields that could be repurposed later.

Commissioner Smith said he was briefed on a plan to convert Field C into a pickleball court.

Commissioner Shrouder spoke about the updates to the safety complexes near the park that could potentially use space inside the park.

Commissioner Smith suggested waiting for the subject-matter expert to confirm the field's usage before spending money.

Mayor Curran agrees that they need to wait.

Commissioner Katzman asked if the consultant was the same person who created the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. City Manager Rey said he was not the project leader. Commissioner Katzman stated that the plan included converting Field C into a pickleball court. He is comfortable approving the updates to the baseball fields, but wants to wait on Field C.

Mayor Curran wants to wait until the consultant has reviewed the fields.

Commissioner Mallozzi said the Optimist Club members should be included in the field reviews.

Commissioner Shrouder mentioned that the grass in Field C is the least important. The basketball courts might also be moved in the near future as part of the safety complex plans.

Commissioner Mallozzi said the fields are in poor condition because they are used frequently.

Commissioner Smith said the master plan stated the fields would be converted, and he does not want to waste funds.

Mayor Curran said that if Field C is converted, can they utilize the outer fields at Bill Lips for soccer practice?

Commissioner Shrouder is okay with approving the contract but not allocating funds for Field C.

MOTION: Commissioner Smith moved to approve Contract #SIS2026-2 with Flow Grown Irrigation LLC \$90,000, Contract #SIS2026-3 with Javy Ortiz Nursery LLC. DBA Pitch & Grade \$192,500, and Contract #SIS2026-4 with Golf Agronomic Supply & Handling for \$70,000, and to transfer \$52,500 from the non-departmental contingency to the Suellen Field Upgrade project, minus the expenditure on Field C, to be evaluated by the Consultant. Commissioner Katzman seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

REGULAR RESOLUTIONS**17. Resolution 25-74 (Administration)**

City Attorney Horowitz read “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AND ENERGY SYSTEMS GROUP, LLC, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A,” IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-258(i) OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE” by title. – **Commissioner Shrouder**

Commissioner Shrouder said this contract was considered previously and pulled due to his concerns. He met with the company, which agreed that there would be no charge if the City did not want to move forward on the assessment.

Commissioner Smith asked if the five jobs originally proposed are still being evaluated. City Manager Rey said all but the lighting at Bill Lipps. Commissioner Smith would approve the contract minus project 5.

Alfred Guerrero thanked the Commission for bringing the item back. He explained they are willing to explore any projects the City wishes them to research.

City Attorney Horowitz asked Mr. Guerrero if he agreed with the comments made earlier by Commissioner Shrouder. Mr. Guerrero answered absolutely.

Commissioner Smith asked City Manager Rey whether, with the agreement as is, he has the flexibility to consider other projects. City Manager Rey answered yes.

MOTION: Commissioner Shrouder moved to approve Resolution 26-74. Commissioner Katzman seconded the motion, which prevailed by a unanimous roll-call vote. (5-0)

18. Resolution 26-20 (Utilities)

City Attorney Horowitz read “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF WATER AGREEMENT WITH NUR-UL-ISLAM OF SOUTH FLORIDA INC. FOR ONE (1) WATER ERC FOR NEW WATER SERVICE ONLY TO THEIR SINGLE-FAMILY HOME AT A TOTAL COST OF \$5,302.00, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A” AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; ACCEPTING FOR THE CITY, AS GRANTEE, A UTILITY EASEMENT AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “B;” LIMITING THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THIS APPROVAL TO A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USE AND PROVIDING THAT SEWER SERVICE WILL NOT BE PROVIDED AT THE PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE” by title.

Commissioner Mallozzi does not want to provide water service outside of the City.

Commissioner Smith inquired, if the resolution fails, what impact does that have on the City. City Attorney Horowitz explained that Cooper City has never officially established a service area in the Town of Davie. There are three ways to create a service area: by contract, by ordinance, or through a manifestation of intent. Currently, we serve 30 single-family parcels within the United Ranches

community, where this property is generally located. We also serve the surrounding properties and have the infrastructure in place to supply water to them. Whether that constitutes a manifestation of intent depends on the facts. The City has not taken any formal action to establish that service area. Additionally, providing service to a single-family residential use, as envisioned in this agreement, does not obligate the City to any broader or different use in that area.

Commissioner Mallozzi inquired why we cannot compel the Town of Davie to supply water to its residents.

Commissioner Smith asked whether the Town of Davie was interested in annexing the area. City Manager Rey said the conversation was brief. Commissioner Smith inquired if the state legislature had a provision that would prevent a defer option capable of serving properties. City Attorney Horowitz mentioned that the matter is still under discussion.

Commissioner Mallozzi stated that the Town of Davie can serve its residents.

Commissioner Shrouder said this is a revenue source for the City.

MOTION: Commissioner Mallozzi moved to approve Resolution 26-20. Commissioner Shrouder seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following roll-call vote. (3-2)

NO: Commissioners Smith and Mallozzi

Yes: Commissioners Katzman, Shrouder, and Mayor Curran

Commissioners' concerns were heard next.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

19. Ordinance 26-08 - (Administration)

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "LEGISLATIVE;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 3.10, ENTITLED "VACANCIES, FORFEITURES OF OFFICE, FILLING OF VACANCIES;" PROVIDING FOR COORDINATION WITH THE BROWARD COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE " by title. – **Administration**

City Attorney Horowitz said his office is reviewing the specific ballot language, and the revised ordinances are on the dais for consideration. The updates will be included for the second reading.

Commissioner Smith said the Commission previously agreed that they want to be very strategic about what to place on the ballot. He would like to prioritize Ordinance 26-08 last.

Commissioner Shrouder stated that they must change this section, or it will not revert to the Supervisor of Elections' office.

City Attorney Horowitz stated that the City of Pembroke Pines had a vacancy on its commission about 18 months ago, and its charter required a special election. When the Commission sought to schedule the election pursuant to the Charter, the supervisor of elections refused to accommodate the City's request. The City of Pembroke Pines filed a lawsuit, a deck action, to enforce the provisions of its charter and to compel the supervisor to conduct an election within the timeframe outlined in the charter. The judge ruled in favor of the supervisor, holding that they controlled the ballot books and polling places and that the City could hold its election in November. The City could establish its own election book, send its own polling equipment, and conduct its own special election. Still, they opted not to do that and instead deferred to the judge's decision, conducting the election at the time the supervisor mandated.

Commissioner Smith would like to prioritize items.

Mayor Curran said he supports Ordinance 26-08.

Commissioner Smith inquired if his colleagues had a particular number in mind for ballot placement.

Mayor Curran is fine with four questions.

Commissioner Mallozzi said that six is too many.

Commissioner Smith appreciates the Charter Review Board's recommendations.

Commissioner Mallozzi, Katzman, and Mayor Curran want to move forward with Ordinance 26-08.

The Commission reviewed each Ordinance to rank priorities.

MOTION: Commissioner Smith moved to approve Ordinance 26-08 as amended. Commissioner Shrouder seconded the motion, which prevailed by a unanimous roll-call vote. (5-0)

20. **Ordinance 26-09 - (Administration)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 4.01, ENTITLED "CITY MANAGER;" PROVIDING FOR THE CITY MANAGER'S INDEPENDENT, ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Mayor Curran asked City Manager Rey to weigh in on the revision. City Manager Rey believes that the governing board should not approve job descriptions through the Charter; however, if other revisions are more pressing, they can continue with the current process.

Commissioner Katzman would like to include clarification on why the Commission is recommending the revisions.

MOTION: Commissioner Shrouder moved to approve Ordinance 26-09. Commissioner Katzman seconded the motion, which failed by a unanimous roll-call vote. (3-2)

NO: Smith, Mallozzi, and Mayor Curran

YES: Commissioners Katzman and Shrouder

21. Ordinance 26-10 - (Administration)

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 4.01, ENTITLED "CITY MANAGER;" AMENDING THE TIMEFRAME FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE UNAUDITED AND AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE CITY COMMISSION FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Commissioner Smith endorses this revision.

City Manager Rey also endorses this revision.

Commissioner Shrouder does not believe it is necessary.

Mayor Curran inquired if 90 days is feasible, to which City Manager Rey responded that the State of Florida provides 180 days.

Commissioner Shrouder said the current language does not include the audited financials. It only references the financials.

Commissioner Smith inquired if the amendment, as written, is necessary or if the language Commissioner Shrouder referred to is adequate. City Manager Rey stated that if they can include in the record Commissioner Shrouder's interpretation that the statements are not audited, he is comfortable waiting. He also explained that the fiscal year usually ends in December, and vendor payments and revenue may be delayed by up to three months. As of September 30th, the final numbers are still pending. The books are closed at the end of December, and the audit begins in January.

Commissioner Shrouder said the language states "reports," not "financial statements," and it does not include audited financials.

City Attorney Horowitz said he agrees with Commissioner Shrouder and that the Commission can give direction to professional staff regarding interpretation.

Commissioner Smith asked the City Manager whether he strongly supports the item. City Manager Rey said that if there are clarifications regarding expectations, he is fine with that.

Commissioner Smith removed his motion.

No action. The item died.

22. Ordinance 26-11 - (Administration)

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "FINANCIAL PROCEDURES;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 5.15, ENTITLED "REQUIREMENTS FOR REFERENDUM AND EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS;" PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF MUNICIPAL BONDS OR THE BORROWING OF FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF

STATE LAW; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW;; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE” by title.

Commissioner Smith supports the item but has concerns that the ballot language may be misconstrued.

City Attorney Horowitz read the revised ballot language into the record as follows: Shall the Cooper City Charter be amended to eliminate its separate referendum requirement for City borrowing and bond issuance, recognizing that Florida law already establishes when voter approval is required for such financial activities.

Commissioner Smith said the updated language sounds better.

The Commission agreed that this ordinance must be included.

MOTION: Commissioner Smith moved to approve Ordinance 26-11 as amended. Commissioner Shrouder seconded the motion, which prevailed by a unanimous roll-call vote. (5-0)

23. **Ordinance 26-12 - (Administration)**

City Attorney Horowitz read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE III, ENTITLED “LEGISLATIVE;” AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 3.06, ENTITLED “COMPENSATION; EXPENSES;” PROVIDING FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SALARY OF COMMISSION MEMBERS PURSUANT TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND SUBJECT TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, SOUTH REGION; REQUIRING ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO COMMISSIONER COMPENSATION IN EXCESS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX TO BE APPROVED BY THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT A REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE” by title.

Commissioner Shrouder does not support the proposed revision.

Commissioner Smith said the revised language provides guardrails, but the current ordinance follows the salary of the lowest-paid part-time employee.

City Attorney Horowitz said that currently, the Commission controls its salary, but it would not take effect until the next election.

Commissioner Shrouder said bringing this question to the voters is not practical. This language does not address a stipend that the Commission can issue.

Commissioner Smith inquired whether stipend language should be included.

Commissioner Shrouder said the stipend could be referred to by another name.

Commissioner Smith said the transparency is within the budget.

Commissioner Shrouder stated that the ordinance language specifies that the pay raise takes effect only at the next election, giving voters the chance to remove the commission from office.

MOTION: Commissioner Smith moved to approve Ordinance 26-12. Commissioner Mallozzi seconded the motion, which prevailed by a unanimous roll-call vote. (5-0)

24. Ordinance 26-13 - (Administration)

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "FINANCIAL PROCEDURES;" AND IN PARTICULAR REPEALING SECTION 5.13, ENTITLED "REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC BIDDING," SECTION 5.14, ENTITLED "COMMISSION ACTION PUBLIC BIDDING," AND SECTION 5.16, ENTITLED "EXPENDITURE FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES;" DELETING THE PROCUREMENT PROVISIONS FROM THE CITY CHARTER AND REQUIRING THE CITY COMMISSION TO ADOPT, BY ORDINANCE, A PROCUREMENT CODE FOR THE CITY OF COOPER CITY; PROVIDING FOR CONSISTENCY WITH STATE LAW; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

City Attorney Horowitz stated that specific language in this section is unenforceable because of changes in State law.

Commissioner Shrouder said he does not think this revision is important.

Commissioner Smith said this could be perceived as a removal of important measures.

Commissioner Katzman believes the Charter Review Board was trying to elevate the City Manager's spending authority from \$20,000 to help the City function faster.

City Manager Rey said the Board was trying to remove the procurement code from the Charter because state statutes are updated frequently.

Commissioner Smith asked City Attorney Horowitz for his opinion. City Attorney Horowitz said the Charter Provision that needs updating is unenforceable and is a housekeeping item. He typically does not see the City Managers' spending authority being included in City Charters, although it is not unheard of. He is aware of two municipalities that recently added this language. Commissioner Smith said this seems like a housekeeping item.

Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to deny Ordinance 26-13.

No second, the motion died.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

25. City Seal Design Contest

City Manager Rey stated at the previous Commission meeting that the Commission discussed biosolid options and a potential ILA with Broward County. He emailed the Commission answers to their questions. He spoke with Tim Welch in Pembroke Pines, who is exploring the City's own biosolids project. He also contacted Mr. Lemak in Davie, who may also develop a biosolid project. He asked the Commission to wait until the plans of other municipalities are clearer.

Consensus was reached to wait on the biosolids matter.

Commissioner Smith thanked Communications Director Mike Cobelo for the excellent communication regarding the chlorine efforts.

Director Cobelo said staff is offering residents an opportunity to help design a modern seal that honors the City's history. The contest details are listed online, including surveying residents, with the City Commission having the final say.

Commissioner Katzman said he would like to permit the use of the Cooper City logo, since it is trademarked.

Commissioner Shrouder would like the City to have a professional seal that can be utilized instead of the logo.

City Attorney Horowitz explained that there is a legal distinction between the City's seal and its logo. According to state law, since the seal is protected by ordinance, misusing it is a second-degree misdemeanor. The logo is trademarked, but there is no criminal penalty for misusing it.

Commissioner Mallozzi asked if the logo should be in color. Director Cobelo answered yes.

City Manager Rey said staff have been working with the City Attorney's Office to recover money from liens on commercial properties and to initiate the collection process.

Commissioner Smith thanked the City Manager. He asked for a timeline on the seal campaign. Director Cobelo answered 8 to 12 weeks.

City Manager Rey said there are also water and sewer liens on properties outside the City, in an industrial area, that the City is pursuing. There were also no charges from a previous fire inspector for re-inspection fees, so those fees will be rebilled.

City Attorney Horowitz said that, as a matter of procedure, he plans to initiate foreclosure actions on several commercial code liens. The state statute requires the City to seek permission from the magistrate first. There are multiple cases scheduled for a hearing on April 1st. Once we receive approval from the magistrate, we will present them to the Commission and request the Commission's authorization to proceed with the foreclosure filings.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS/REPORTS/ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith praised the Commission for helping a resident tonight. He also thanked the Utilities Department for the chlorination process, as he received no complaints or concerns. Additionally, he appreciated BSO's professionalism. He is also pleased that the new rescue has arrived.

Commissioner Mallozzi reminded everyone that Founders Day will be held on Saturday, March 14th. She also thanked everyone who donated a raffle item for the Bunco event. Additionally, she expressed gratitude to everyone who helped with Bunco night, which raised nearly \$4,000 for Relay for Life.

Commissioner Katzman Mallozzi reminded everyone that Founders Day will be held on Saturday, March 14th. He also praised his colleagues for recognizing all the students and teachers tonight, emphasizing that schools are one of the things that make Cooper City great.

Commissioner Shrouder also thanked the Utilities department for the chlorination process, as he received no complaints or concerns.

Mayor Curran thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their excellent service on the fields.

Commissioner Shrouder displayed an email he received regarding soccer registration with the Optimist Club. There were two links required for registration, and one was invalid. The email also stated that the U8 soccer division was closed, but the City website indicated the division was open, as only 85 individuals registered through RecTrac. He said his young child can no longer participate in the soccer program due to ongoing registration issues.

Director Rhodes stated that Commissioner Shrouder needed to register on both the Cooper City and Optimist webpages to be fully registered.

Commissioner Katzman inquired whether there was advanced registration for residents, as specified in the Facility Use Agreement. Director Rhodes stated that due to City staff error, advanced registration for residents was not offered. He also mentioned that fewer than 150 individuals are registered, which is the maximum allowed. The Optimist Club stopped accepting registrations at 85 due to a shortage of coaches but did not notify the City.

Commissioner Shrouder stated that the Optimist Club must adhere to the existing agreement.

Commissioner Smith said he wants this issue fixed. City Manager Rey said they are looking into three options. One is to make the dual registration process not transparent to the user. The second option is to use the software that the Optimist Club has called Sports Engine. The third option is to register with SportsEngine and then have the data imported to RecTrac. The City has received Sports Engine's credentials from the Optimist Club.

Commissioner Shrouder inquired about why there are two registration requirements. City Manager Rey explained that the Optimist Club believes RecTrac lacks the backend features needed to allocate teams and purchase uniforms. Commissioner Shrouder inquired about the feature that the Optimist Club needs that our system cannot offer. Director Rhodes stated that the Optimist Club is accustomed to their current system. Commissioner Shrouder has no preference for which system is used, but he wants a single registration process implemented within one week. He has received numerous complaints from residents. City Manager Rey stated that the Optimist Club does not want to use RecTrac. Commissioner Shrouder does not understand what the system can not do that the Optimist needs. Director Rhodes stated that the City has all the necessary modules.

Commissioner Smith stated that the City indicated that RecTrac would be the system used. If the Optimist Club wants to use an additional program on their side, that is acceptable. He requests that the City Manager address this issue. The City has received negative publicity due to this organization's mismanagement of funds. City Manager Rey said all payments are processed through RecTrac. The City can access the Optimist Club's system for verification. The frustration comes from residents having to register in two different places.

Commissioner Shrouder said the City only has access to a baseball registration system. He mentioned that this double registration process results in resident complaints to the City.

Mayor Curran inquired about the number of children who were not registered for flag football. Parks and Recreation Coordinator Ximena Suarez stated there was no communication with parents indicating that the class was full. For 5x5 soccer, 448 people are registered in our system. The Optimist Club has

619 registrations. Mayor Curran assured that no child will be denied access to a sport, regardless of the registration system used.

Commissioner Shrouder stated that we possess RecTrac, which fulfills all necessary functions. The Optimist Club is required to utilize the software we currently have. It is the most extensively used software in the United States.

Commissioner Smith stated that he has not received any comments or concerns from the President of the Optimist regarding the use of RecTrac.

Mayor Curran said that if the City Manager is exploring other registration options, there must be a problem.

Commissioner Shrouder inquired about the issue with RecTrac.

Director Rhodes stated that the City does not have access to the Optimists software, and the Club is hesitant to switch to our software.

Commissioner Smith said it is unacceptable that the City hasn't secured this operation after a year. If a business can't get its system aligned with our operational needs, we might have to look elsewhere. If the Optimist Club wants to share its concerns, it can do so. But he emphasized that the issue needs to be addressed.

City Manager Rey said the Facility Use Agreement does not specify RecTrac; it states a "City-selected software." He was trying to be flexible and explore options that both the City and the Optimist Club can use.

Commissioner Smith inquired why the Commission was not informed about this system problem.

Commissioner Shrouder stated that our software has no issues.

Commissioner Smith asked whether there is a timeline for resolving this issue.

Commissioner Shrouder stated that once the City Manager decides which system is better, there will be no further registrations across two systems in the City.

Commissioner Smith said he understands the three options the City Manager stated.

Commissioner Mallozzi asked whether our system can assign uniforms and schedules, place players on teams, and send communications. Director Rhodes answered yes.

Commissioner Shrouder would like one system selected, with one registration source moving forward.

Commissioner Shrouder said the Optimist Club is still not complying with the Facility Use Agreement regarding board members' compensation. He would like the City to send a letter to the Optimist Club stating that they are in violation of the Facility Use Agreement. The Optimist Club is also not procuring items. He stated he is not allowed to attend certain board meetings, even though the agreement states all meetings must be open.

Commissioner Smith asked if what Commissioner Shrouder was saying was true.

Mayor Curran said the Optimist Club decided to include the County policy on compensation in their bylaws.

Commissioner Shrouder stated that the bylaws presented did not include any provisions of the City's Facility Use Agreement. He also mentioned that the Optimist Club told the auditor they would not be participating in the IRS reporting this year.

City Manager Rey stated that the Optimist Club had said they would not report to the IRS, and he would prefer to wait until receiving the auditor's report before moving forward.

Mayor Curran inquired why some Commissioners possess information that others lack.

Commissioner Smith said he was not informed about the registration issues.

Mayor Curran stated that we can only enforce the Facility Use Agreement.

Commissioner Shrouder requests a letter to be sent to the Optimist Club informing them that they are not in compliance with the Facility Use Agreement.

Commissioner Shrouder asked to see the minutes of the Optimist Club's board meeting. He inquired if Director Rhodes had the minutes. Director Rhodes said he has requested the minutes, but the City has not received them.

Commissioner Katzman inquired when the audit would be completed. City Manager Rey replied that it would take approximately four weeks.

Commissioner Shrouder said this matter has been ongoing for one year.

Commissioner Shrouder inquired if the Optimist Club had provided the City with its financial statements and budgets. Director Rhodes responded no.

Commissioner Shrouder inquired about the timing of holding the Optimist accountable under the Facility Use Agreement. City Manager Rey responded that they could address the matter incrementally or wait until the audit concludes.

Commissioner Shrouder asked for a deadline by which the audit and discussions can occur. City Manager Rey stated on April 14th.

The Commission returned to Ordinances on First Reading

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM.

The minutes of the regular Commission meeting held on March 10, 2026, were approved during the regular Commission meeting held on March 24, 2026.

Mayor James Curran

Tedra Allen, City Clerk

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