



CITY OF COOPER CITY CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 08, 2026 at 6:30 PM
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

MINUTES

Mayor Curran called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Curran, Commissioner Shrouder, Commissioner Katzman, Commissioner Mallozzi (remote), and Commissioner Smith.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

City Clerk Tedra Allen advised that the Police Chief's Report and Resolution 26-45 had been added to the agenda.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Legislative Activity and Amendment 3 Update

State Senator Barbara Sharief thanked the Commission for the opportunity to provide a legislative update. She discussed measures she sponsored during the 2026 legislative session, covering health care, children and families, veterans, women's health, and the preservation of Florida's history. She identified affordability as residents' primary concern and focused on property insurance, the proposed November property-tax amendment, and homeowners association costs.

Regarding property insurance, Senator Sharief said the State had admitted additional insurers to the market and expected brokers to provide three quotes at renewal. She noted that the practice was not consistently followed and that she secured a significant reduction after requesting competing quotes. She added that the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee was expected to revisit property-insurance costs during the next session.

Senator Sharief explained that the proposed property-tax amendment was intended to assist seniors on fixed incomes and newer families purchasing homes within the State's median home-value range. She described the proposal as an effort to reduce taxable values through additional exemptions beginning in 2027 and 2028. If the amendment passed, she anticipated an implementation session to address its effects on cities and counties.

She further advised that jurisdictions heavily dependent on property-tax revenue could face substantial service and staffing impacts. Implementation discussions could include transitional financial support and the possible consolidation or annexation of jurisdictions unable to sustain municipal services. She emphasized that the details would depend on the amendment's passage and subsequent legislative action.

Senator Sharief also discussed homeowner association fees as an affordability concern. She stated that the issue had been raised repeatedly, though no specific proposal was pending.

Commissioner Smith asked how local officials would receive implementation information after the election. Senator Sharief said that public meetings would be announced, local governments would be invited to participate, and initial discussions would likely occur through legislative committees.

Commissioner Katzman confirmed that an implementation session would be held only if the amendment passed. He asked Senator Sharief for support for Cooper City's upcoming appropriation requests, particularly for infrastructure and water treatment. Senator Sharief expressed support and encouraged the City to submit the requests promptly, noting that infrastructure and water projects would remain priorities.

Commissioner Shrouder asked whether economic models had assessed the effects on public-sector employment. Senator Sharief said that reduced property-tax revenue could require reorganization, transfers, layoffs, or eliminating positions, and that the Florida League of Cities had participated in related discussions.

Mayor Curran and Commissioner Mallozzi asked why larger jurisdictions would absorb smaller ones with inadequate tax bases. Senator Sharief responded that affected areas would continue to generate some revenue and that consolidating services could reduce duplication, particularly in public safety. She added that any annexation or division of a jurisdiction would be determined during implementation if the amendment passed.

The Commission thanked Senator Sharief for the update, and no formal action was taken.

2. Pet Adoption - **Commissioner Smith**

Commissioner Smith presented Mary Poppins, a five-year-old, 59-pound American Staffordshire Terrier mix and the shelter's longest-residing dog. He described her as affectionate and noted that she would require ongoing veterinary care for allergies. A meet-and-greet was recommended for households with dogs. Sam Bennett of the Florida Panthers sponsored her adoption fee. Interested residents were directed to the Humane Society of Broward County website.

Board/Administrative Reports

- 3. Fire Chief Report
- 4. Police Chief Report

City Attorney Jacob Horowitz advised that the Police Chief's Report and the Fire Chief's Report were included in the agenda's backup materials. The reports were received for the record, and no separate Commission action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

- 5. August 25, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve

- 6. Motion to Approve the Purchase and Installation of a New Playground Shade for the Swing Area and Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) Top-Off at Christie Schafale Park from PlayCore Wisconsin, Inc. d/b/a GameTime, in the Amount of \$41,613.65, utilizing OMNIA Partners Contract No. 2017001134 - **Parks and Recreation**

Motion: Commissioner Katzman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Smith, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

PUBLIC SPEAKING

None

REGULAR AGENDA

- 7. Motion to Approve the Award of RFP No. 2026-2, Citywide Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping Services.
- **Parks and Recreation**

The Commission considered the award of RFP 2026-2 for Citywide Grounds Maintenance and Landscape Services, as presented by the Parks and Recreation Department. There was no discussion.

Motion: Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the award of RFP 2026-2 for Citywide Grounds Maintenance and Landscape Services. Seconded by Commissioner Shrouder, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

REGULAR RESOLUTIONS**8. Resolution 26-45**

Resolution 26-45 was added to the agenda. The resolution approved the City's participation in the Florida Local Government Health Insurance Consortium, approved the interlocal agreement establishing the consortium and the associated membership agreement, authorized the City Manager to execute the agreements and other necessary documents, authorized member contributions, and provided for implementation, conflicts, severability, and an effective date.

Commissioner Smith stated that the resolution was consistent with the authority the Commission discussed at its prior meeting. City Manager Rey confirmed that it was. Commissioner Shrouder asked whether the City Attorney had reviewed the documents. City Attorney Horowitz confirmed that he had reviewed them with the Human Resources Director and the City Manager.

Motion: Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-45. Seconded by Commissioner Shrouder, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING (Public Hearing)**9. ORDINANCE 26-16 - (Community Development)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE I ENTITLED, "OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING"; AMENDING SECTION 25-10(a), ENTITLED "PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, RVs, AND BOATS"; ESTABLISHING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO THE USE, MAINTENANCE, PARKING, AND HEIGHT OF BOATS AND RVs ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; RESCINDING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RVs AND BOATS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Commissioner Shrouder moved to adopt the ordinance with a revision removing the word "yard" from Section 25-10(a)(3), so the provision would refer to the front of the property. Commissioner Mallozzi seconded the motion.

The Commission discussed where boats and RVs could be parked temporarily under the amended provision. The City Manager confirmed that the intent was to allow parking in locations where a vehicle may currently be parked at the front of the property, including an improved driveway and the swale area, but not on an unimproved front yard.

Innovation and Community Engagement Director Michelle Gonzalez presented the online form developed to administer the 36-hour parking allowance. She explained that residents would complete a 12-question, mobile-friendly web form without creating an account and would receive an automatic email confirming the parking period. Code Compliance would have access to a SharePoint-based tracker and receive daily notices identifying active and expiring parking periods. The system was developed using the City's existing Web Forms, Power Automate, and SharePoint resources at no additional cost to the City.

Commissioner Smith thanked staff for developing the system using existing resources.

Motion: Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 26-16. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Rey reported no additional items. In response to Commissioner Smith's comments, he recognized Utilities employees Robert Milian and Pete Gonzalez for repeatedly receiving compliments from residents. He noted that they went the extra mile when questions arose about responsibility for service issues, and he encouraged all employees to apply the same customer-service principle.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Horowitz reported no additional items.

COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Commissioner Smith recognized Utilities employees Robert Milian and Pete Gonzalez for exceptional service and for receiving positive feedback from residents. He thanked the City Manager for supporting employees who provide responsive service to the community.

Commissioner Mallozzi thanked Jonathan Lopez for his patience and assistance.

Commissioner Katzman wished a Happy New Year to those celebrating Rosh Hashanah. He also recognized the 25th anniversary of September 11 and thanked the local high school and community members for continuing to honor those affected.

Mayor Curran thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for responding to concerns about practice space for younger baseball teams and for making a multipurpose field available at the Sports Complex. He also echoed Commissioner Katzman's holiday greetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Curran called for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:08 p.m.

The minutes of the regular Commission meeting held on September 8, 2026, were approved at the regular Commission meeting held on September 8, 2026

James Curran, Mayor

Tedra Allen, City Clerk