CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor James Curran opened the meeting, thanked those in attendance, and announced that overflow seating with a webcast of the meeting was available at the Community Center. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Tedra Allen conducted the roll call. Present: Mayor James Curran and Commissioners Jason Smith, Lisa Mallozzi, Jeremy Katzman, and Ryan Shrouder.

CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS

The City Manager reported no changes to the agenda or emergency items. After the presentations, Mayor Curran moved Item 11, concerning the Cooper City Optimist Club, to the front of the agenda. Before opening public input, the Mayor asked the City Manager to provide an overview to address public questions.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Day of Remembrance Proclamation - **Commissioner Katzman**

Commissioner Katzman invited Scott Rothenberg of the Jewish Federation and Rabbi Shmuley Hurwitz to join the presentation. On behalf of Mayor Curran and the City Commission, he read a proclamation recognizing October 7, 2026, as a Day of Remembrance in Cooper City. The proclamation remembered the victims of the October 7, 2023 attack in Israel, recognized its impact on Jewish communities, and affirmed the City's commitment to rejecting antisemitism, hatred, and violence.

2. Pet Adoption - **Commissioner Mallozzi**

Commissioner Mallozzi featured Oreo, a one-and-a-half-year-old, 60-pound American bulldog mix available for adoption through the Humane Society of Broward County. She described his personality and suitability for older children and other dogs, subject to a recommended meet-and-greet. She referred interested persons to the Humane Society's website and announced a Humane Society event scheduled for October 16 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Item 11 Optimist Club Discussion Taken Out of Order

City Manager Rey recognized the Optimist Club's nearly five decades of service and the contributions of volunteers, coaches, and families. He stated that the City remained committed to youth sports and had invested millions of dollars in athletic facilities, including upgrades to the Bill Lips and Suellen sports complexes. He distinguished volunteers' work from the leadership's responsibilities for managing the Club's finances.

Mr. Rey stated that the City was not seeking to eliminate youth sports, develop the athletic fields, profit from the programs, or negotiate with private operators to replace the Club. He added that registration fee increases were not part of the discussion and that existing programs could continue through the end of their seasons unless the Club's leadership decided otherwise.

Mr. Rey reported that the Club generated more than $2 million in annual revenue and required professional financial management and adequate internal controls. He said the City had worked with the Club for more than two years and that a forensic audit completed in May 2026 identified 52 findings, including 29 classified as high risk. He explained that 21 recommendations had been prioritized for initial correction.

He summarized concerns about reconciling bank and financial records, payroll support, payment approvals, reimbursement documentation, the concentration of banking duties, fundraising and sponsorship controls, tax reporting, and large purchases. He also raised concerns about uniforms purchased from a person serving on the Club's board. He emphasized that

adopting written policies did not ensure consistent compliance. He said the City had offered to assist with a financial review and had believed an approach was being developed, but the Club subsequently rejected that proposal.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public input focused primarily on the Optimist Club matter. Speakers expressed support for the programs, concerns about financial accountability, requests for more time to implement corrective measures, and differing views about City oversight.

Juan Carlos Sanchez asked the City to preserve the Optimist agreement and recognize its new leadership and processes. He requested consideration of the economic effect of changing the arrangement. He also asked for more information on special election costs and opposed replacing a special election with appointing a commissioner for up to two years, saying the value of residents' votes outweighed the cost.

Fernando Nunez announced an upcoming fundraising activity associated with Special Olympics and encouraged support.

Former Mayor Debbie Eisinger described her family's longstanding participation in Optimist sports and her experience as a volunteer coach. She supported the Commission's insistence on transparency, accountability, and ethical practices while rejecting the suggestion that the Commission intended to eliminate youth sports. She encouraged residents to volunteer, help address legitimate management concerns, and work together to strengthen the Club.

Randy Gross described more than 13 years of involvement, including his children's participation and his participation in adult sand volleyball. He supported compliance and proper financial controls but asked the City to recognize active corrective efforts. He recommended clear milestones, deadlines, responsible persons, and regular progress reports that would allow meaningful assessment without disrupting programs.

Vincent LaPietra identified himself as a resident, volunteer coach, and the Club's recently appointed treasurer. He said he and a new bookkeeper were working to improve QuickBooks procedures and approvals. He reported opening BrightStar accounts for payments and general expenses, with Positive Pay controls, and said he located supporting receipts for virtually all transactions he reviewed from the prior year. He described a detailed September financial package and requested time for the new systems to show results.

Robert "Chico" Moss identified himself as a lifetime Optimist member, a board member, and the travel soccer director of coaches. He described the Club's historically decentralized operating model and the difficulty of standardizing controls across sports with volunteer administrators. He cited changes to registration, background screening, bylaws, and financial systems, as well as the addition of professional support. He requested an additional grace period to complete implementation.

Scott Reid addressed the Commission on the Cooper City Optimist Club, financial oversight, and the proposed Charter amendment concerning Commission vacancies. He began by stating, "Folks, politicians are professional liars. Right? They have to be. That's what they do, okay?" He continued, "How can you tell if a politician's lying to you? It's actually easy. They move their lips." He further stated, "A good politician is somebody who can convince the people they're screwing over that they're not screwing them over, that they're doing them a favor." He also asked whether private organizations that might replace the Optimist Club would be subject to comparable financial scrutiny, including review of uniform costs, competitive bids, compensation, and financial records.

Mr. Reid stated that he had lost trust in the Commission, criticized its communications and the justifications for its decisions, and urged residents to hold City officials accountable. He also opposed the proposed Charter amendment to fill Commission vacancies, expressing concern that appointments would remove voters from the selection process. He cited the Commission's unanimous vote to place the proposal on the ballot and said he would support paying the costs associated with elections to preserve voter participation and accountability.

Curtis Nightingale spoke on behalf of softball and acknowledged the breach of trust following the former Club president's arrest. He outlined the Facility Use Agreement's requirements, the audit recommendations, and the demands placed on volunteers. He requested additional time and questioned how recreational softball would continue if the agreement ended, noting that travel organizations were not an equivalent substitute for a local recreational program.

Marcos Espinal discussed the importance of youth and adult sports for family relationships, community connection, physical activity, and reducing time spent on electronic devices. He asked the Commission to consider the impact on families before changing the program arrangement.

Avery Beteta, a young participant, described playing multiple Optimist sports, the friendships formed through the programs, the programs' convenience and affordability for her family, and her parents' volunteer coaching. She asked that the programs remain available. Her surname was unclear in the transcript.

Pete Schlang described 32 years of service and his return to leadership following the former president's arrest. He outlined revised bylaws, an organizational chart, background screening, changes to the registration system, and the hiring of financial and administrative staff. He stated that the Club believed it had addressed the priority items but acknowledged that further refinement was needed. He disputed staff's assessment of outstanding items and asked the City to recognize the work completed and allow additional time.

Sheila Bravo discussed the adult volleyball league and her family's participation in youth sports. She recognized the need for accountability and asked that the agreement be retained with a clear written plan and firm deadline for remaining improvements.

Peter Hahn described his family's longstanding involvement with the Club and supported oversight. He asked the City to provide a transparent transition plan addressing programs not currently in season, the adult league, staffing, funding, and responsibility for future operations should the Club agreement end.

Linda Weisberg requested public documentation of the City's requirements, the Club's responses, and unresolved items. She asked whether the Commission would retain the agreement if the requirements were met and suggested joint approval of larger purchases while allowing the Club to handle routine expenses. She raised concerns about the treatment of volunteers, public statements, program priorities, fees, and the use of sports revenue. She offered to assist in finding a cooperative solution.

Anile Diaz asked the City to preserve the Club's community role, allow time to resolve outstanding issues, and maintain financial accountability. She emphasized that children should not bear the consequences of an administrative dispute.

Victor Holder identified himself as a parent, coach, and Club board member. He reported that the Club believed 20 of the 21 priority items were complete and that the remaining item was underway. He described revised bylaws, expenditure approvals, independent bookkeeping, board review of budgets, cashless concessions, W-9 collection, City access to QuickBooks, banking protections, and administrative support. He acknowledged that further improvements were needed and asked the City to recognize substantial progress and allow the Club to continue operating independently with transparency.

Eric Jimenez described his background in Cooper City and his military service. He raised concerns about his daughter's enrollment in a program and questioned the adequacy of volunteer administration. He suggested considering professional sports operators and public involvement in any search for alternatives.

Sasha Milan spoke as a coach, parent, volunteer, and participant. She supported the City's call for improvements but requested additional time, citing volunteer responsibilities and ongoing work. She expressed concern that an outside operator would not share the same community commitment.

Joshua Giancarlo suggested postponing the decision, noting that new registration was not imminent and that current programs would continue. He asked commissioners to verify the information directly with the Club and to consider potential litigation costs and the consequences of termination before taking action.

Pat Morgan discussed her family's involvement since returning to Cooper City, longstanding friendships, and her late husband Jerry Morgan's coaching service. She said the Club had served as an extended family and asked that transparency concerns be resolved so the programs could continue.

Marquis Kiffin acknowledged that the Club needed changes and that the City's insistence on compliance had improved the organization. He urged both sides to set aside animosity, recognize the contributions of volunteers and officials, and work together.

Nicole Guffey described growing up in Optimist sports and her decision to return to Cooper City with her children. She emphasized the importance of community relationships, trust, and cooperation for families choosing to live in the City.

Nyssa Castillo described her childhood involvement, community friendships, and current work with the Club's concession operations. She discussed the value of sports for children's development and mental well-being, supported accountability, and requested time to complete corrective measures.

Angel Rodriguez identified himself as a longtime volunteer coach. He objected to statements he believed cast suspicion on volunteers as a whole, distinguished inadequate management from proven misconduct, and requested specific evidence and fair treatment. He cited perceived administrative deficiencies within the City and questioned whether the City could operate the program without ultimately turning to private providers.

Daniel Ortiz asked the Commission to preserve the agreement, provide consistent requirements and a realistic path to compliance, and recognize volunteer efforts. He discussed his daughter's travel soccer experience and urged a solution that protects children's programs.

Finance Review of Corrective Measures

At the Mayor's request, Finance Director Irwin Williams reviewed the Club's reported compliance. He acknowledged progress but disputed the claim that 20 of the 21 priority items were complete. He said recent submissions arrived too late for a full review and that several controls remained incomplete or could not yet be verified.

He identified gaps in support for fundraising collections and sponsorship transactions, the continued use of checks for some sponsorships, and payment summaries transmitted to QuickBooks without sufficient individual audit trails. He raised concerns about a $1,400 payment to a board member for preparing the Club's Form 990. In a sample of ten payment records, he said eight W-9s were present and two were missing. He also discussed incomplete historical 1099 reporting and QuickBooks vendor settings.

Director Williams stated that new payment accounts and banking protections had reportedly been established that day but had not been verified. He said the three-bid process for purchases over $10,000 had not been implemented properly and cited an example in which a quote and an invoice differed in price and quantity, with no explanatory audit trail. He said reimbursement procedures also required operational verification. He emphasized that substantial progress did not mean every priority recommendation had been implemented and noted that he had previously offered assistance.

Proposed City Financial Review Role

Mayor Curran asked whether adding Director Williams to the payment review process would transfer financial control to the City. Mr. Rey said the Club would retain authority to select contracts and expenditures, while City review would ensure compliance with established controls and procurement procedures. He described the proposed role as ministerial. He said the arrangement could continue until procedures became routine and institutionalized, and he was willing to include an exit standard in an agreement. No such provision was approved during the meeting.

Public Records and Sunshine Law Discussion

City Attorney Horowitz distinguished the Public Records Act from the Sunshine Law. He explained that private nonprofit status, in itself, generally did not create an obligation to comply with either law, but that exceptions depended on the relationship with government. Regarding public records, he described a fact-specific analysis that considered creation, funding, public facilities, governmental functions, and control or involvement in decision-making. He stated that there was an argument that the Club could already be subject to public records requirements and offered to discuss the issues with its legal counsel.

For Sunshine Law purposes, Mr. Horowitz explained that delegation of governmental authority was a key consideration. He later clarified that Sunshine requirements would not prohibit all communications between a board member and other members of the organization; the analysis focused on communications among members of a covered decision-making body. He said a City financial reviewer could make the Club's argument against applicability more difficult, but that potential legal exposure also existed under its current relationship. These remarks were the City Attorney's explanation during the meeting, not a formal determination of the Club's legal obligations.

Optimist President Response

Sam Saad thanked participants and volunteers and recognized Pete Schlang's service. He stated that the Club sought full financial transparency while preserving its ability to operate efficiently with volunteers. He described the September financial package, including approximately 390 pages of supporting materials, and outlined plans to complete budgets, improve QuickBooks attachments, create a website, and make procedures and forms accessible to coaches and sports commissioners.

Mr. Saad acknowledged that written forms alone would not implement a working system. He said volunteers needed training and clear instructions on approvals and record submission. Regarding the Form 990 payment, he said the Club had sought

approval and that the individual involved would step down from his sports commissioner role. He also said the Form 990 might require revision as further information became available. Staff and commissioners continued to question the documentation and whether the payment complied with the existing agreement.

In response to questions about the Club's position, Mr. Saad stated that its board had met after discussions with the City Manager on Monday and voted against granting the City approval authority over its finances. He said concerns about operational control and Sunshine Law implications contributed to the decision. He explained that he could administer compliance with the agreement but needed board approval to change its terms. He expressed willingness to accept assistance and review, but distinguished that from granting approval authority.

Commission Discussion on Accountability and Club Operations

Commissioner Smith asked how the Club's current position aligned with earlier discussions and the options set by prior Commission direction. He questioned when the board had decided to reject the City's proposed financial role and emphasized the Commission's responsibility to protect taxpayer-supported facilities. He sought assurance that the president could implement agreed changes with support from the Club's leadership and asked what time and assistance would be needed.

Commissioner Mallozzi supported transparency but expressed concern that involving the City could impose additional open government burdens on volunteer operations. She sought an arrangement that would permit assistance without creating unnecessary obstacles. She proposed addressing corrective measures individually, assessing progress over time, and allowing approximately six months. She also discussed public access to Club meetings and the need for accessible financial information.

Commissioner Shrouder questioned the adequacy of existing controls regarding meal expenses, procurement, public access to meetings, and the treatment of budget records. He expressed concerns that budgets were collected and shredded after meetings. Mr. Saad said the Club retained an approved copy with its records and destroyed other copies to avoid confusion with outdated versions. Commissioners discussed posting approved budgets and amendments publicly rather than restricting access. Mr. Saad stated that full transparency was the goal.

Commissioner Katzman discussed his involvement as a parent and volunteer coach and said the Commission's participation in upcoming sports seasons was inconsistent with claims that it intended to eliminate youth sports. He emphasized the need for checks and balances in a multimillion-dollar operation using public facilities. He sought competitive procurement for purchases above the agreed threshold, clearer documentation of compensation and reimbursements, and a clear breakdown of what registration fees covered. He asked the Club president and board to work with the City Manager and leadership team toward a solution. He stated that he did not support replacing the program with a for-profit operator.

Mr. Saad recognized improvements to the athletic fields but noted concerns about drainage, scheduling, and access. The discussion returned to procurement, documentation, tax reporting, website access, and the time required to institutionalize procedures. Mr. Saad said six months would allow the Club to develop and implement the needed systems and address the audit items. Commissioner Shrouder pressed for a definite commitment on the 21 priority items and asked what consequences should follow if another deadline were missed. The distinction between the priority items and all audit findings remained part of the discussion.

Mayor Curran suggested using Irwin's expertise during the implementation period without granting him a vote on the Club's board. Mr. Saad welcomed assistance in developing and reviewing procedures and acknowledged the City's access to QuickBooks, but did not agree to grant financial approval authority. Commissioner Smith asked whether a timetable with clear milestones could provide a path to resolving the matter.

Agreement Status and Future Negotiations

Mr. Horowitz explained that the City's termination notice became effective on October 12, 2026, because the required compliance or assumption of financial operations had not occurred. He stated that programs in progress, or for which registration had commenced, could be completed under the agreement's termination provisions, but new program registrations could not begin. He explained that the City and Club could negotiate new terms and that staff could prepare an agreement for future Commission consideration.

Commissioner Shrouder recommended authorizing the City Manager to negotiate with Mr. Saad and suggested that arrangements could be considered by sport so that a deficiency in one program would not disrupt compliant programs. Commissioner Mallozzi favored terms close to the prior agreement and a further six-month opportunity, rather than adding

requirements that might make compliance harder. The City Attorney clarified during the later discussion that a new or reinstated agreement was not before the Commission as a noticed approval item that evening and would need to be returned for consideration.

Commissioner Smith supported granting the City Manager the authority to work with the Optimist president to negotiate and reestablish an agreement. Mr. Nightingale said that spring baseball and softball registration generally began in December, with play starting in February. Mr. Saad indicated that other spring sports were also expected to register in December and suggested resolving the agreement in November. The discussion acknowledged that the Club would need to complete its own approval process and that a proposed agreement could be placed on a future Commission agenda.

Commissioner Mallozzi clarified that the Level 2 background screening was described as a State requirement, not a new City condition. She also addressed comments on the vacancy referendum, explaining that the question had been placed on the ballot for residents to decide. Commissioner Katzman supported the direction proposed by Commissioner Smith and urged respectful communication and direct contact, rather than misinformation on social media. Mayor Curran encouraged greater participation by younger volunteers and Club members.

The Commission gave its consensus to direct the City Manager to work with the Optimist Club President toward an agreement and to return it for Commission consideration.

Board/Administrative Reports

3. Fire Chief Report

The Fire Chief's report was referenced in the agenda backup. Following the consent vote, Commissioner Smith requested to comment on Item 3. The City Attorney clarified that Item 3 was a report and not part of the consent agenda. The Fire Chief was recognized for professionalism, attention to detail, and adaptability demonstrated during the ceremony introducing the new fire apparatus. No formal action was taken.

4. Police Chief Report

Item 4 was referenced in the board reports and backup materials. No formal action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items 5, 6, 7, and 8 were considered together.

Minutes

5. September 22, 2026 Commission Meeting minutes
6. September 24, 2026, 2nd Public Budget Hearing minutes

Motion to Approve

7. U.S. Submergent Technologies, LLC - **Utilities**

Resolutions

8. **Resolution 26-53 - (City Clerk's Office)**

   A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, CONCLUDING THE SERVICE OF THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR SERVICE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Discussion and Commission consensus to direct the City Manager to establish a customer service survey. – **Commissioner Katzman**

Commissioner Katzman proposed directing the City Manager to establish a customer service survey. He explained that performance evaluations were intended to inform merit increases, but feedback on customer-facing staff was not

consistently collected. He said the Commission generally heard about especially positive or negative experiences, rather than receiving a systematic record of customer service.

Motion: Commissioner Katzman made a motion to direct the City Manager to create a customer service survey. Seconded by Commissioner Shrouder, which prevailed by a unanimous 5-0 roll call vote.

10. Motion to approve the Piggyback of the Broward College Contract No. RFP-2024-082-OA with Shenandoah General Construction, LLC (Shenandoah) in the amount of $145,870.00 for fiscal year 2027 and in the approved budgeted amounts for each subsequent fiscal year during the contract term. – **Utilities**

The City Attorney introduced a request from Utilities to piggyback Broward College contract RFP-2024-082-OA with Shenandoah General Construction LLC. The amount was $145,870 for FY 2027, with approved budget amounts for subsequent fiscal years during the contract term. No substantive discussion was recorded.

Motion: Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to approve the Piggyback of the Broward College Contract No. RFP 2024-082-OA. Seconded by Commissioner Smith, which prevailed by a unanimous 5-0 roll call vote.

11. Discussion – Optimist Club Compliance – **Administration**

Heard earlier in the meeting; see discussion above.

REGULAR RESOLUTIONS

12. **Resolution 26-50 (Finance)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET OF THE STORMWATER FUND (FUND 440) BY APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS ($145,870) FROM FUND BALANCE TO FUND THE ABANDONMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE PIPE AND OUTFALL LOCATED AT 11681 SW 57TH STREET BY SHENANDOAH GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, LLC UNDER THE CITY'S PIGGYBACK OF BROWARD COLLEGE CONTRACT NO. RFP-2024-082-OA; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Attorney read Resolution 26-50, which amends the FY 2026–27 budget for Stormwater Fund 440 by appropriating $145,870 from the fund balance to abandon and replace the stormwater drainage pipe and outfall at 11681 SW 57th Street. Shenandoah General Construction LLC would perform the work under the City’s piggyback on the Broward College contract.

Motion: Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to approve Resolution 26-50 amending the FY 26-27 budget for Stormwater Fund 440. Seconded by Commissioner Katzman, which prevailed by a unanimous 5-0 roll call vote.

13. **Resolution 26-51 - (Administration/Finance/Utilities)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 26-24, ADOPTED APRIL 14, 2026, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) LOAN AMOUNT FROM $7,420,000 TO $8,904,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COOPER CITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT NEW HEADWORKS FACILITY PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE LOAN 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.

The City Attorney read Resolution 26-51, which amends Resolution 26-24, adopted April 14, 2026, to increase the authorized Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan from $7,420,000 to $8,904,000 for construction of the wastewater treatment plant's new headworks facility. The resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute the loan agreement and necessary amendments, accept funding, and take implementing actions.

Motion: Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to approve Resolution 26-51 amending Resolution 26-24 to increase the authorized Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan from $7,420,000 to $8,904,000. Seconded by Commissioner Katzman, which prevailed by a unanimous 5-0 roll call vote.

14. **Resolution 26-52 (Utilities)**

    A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A REVISED SCHEDULE OF STORMWATER UTILITY RATES FOR ALL CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027, REFLECTING A SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT (75%) INCREASE, INCLUDING A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL RATE OF $11.25 PER MONTH; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF STORMWATER RATES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Attorney introduced Resolution 26-52, adopting a revised FY 2026–27 schedule of stormwater utility rates that reflects a 75 percent increase, including $11.25 per month for single-family residences and annual rate adjustments.

Commissioner Mallozzi questioned why the proposed duplex charge of $5.53 per unit totaled $11.06, which was less than the single-family charge of $11.25. She also questioned the condominium rate of $2.80. The discussion covered property area and how to allocate stormwater charges among multiple units. She requested that the total duplex charge equal the single-family charge. The discussion referred to $5.62, $5.63, and $5.625 per duplex unit.

The Clerk identified Commissioner Shrouder as the mover of the initial amended approval motion and Commissioner Mallozzi as the seconder. The motion failed 2–3. Commissioners Mallozzi and Katzman voted yes; Smith, Shrouder, and Curran voted no. A motion to reconsider followed, and that first reconsideration also failed 2–3.

Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to approve the rate schedule as presented. The motion was heard, followed by a second from Commissioner Smith, but the vote on that version was not clearly recorded. Further discussion then returned to reconsideration of the duplex amendment.

Motion: Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to approve Resolution 26-52 as amended so that the total duplex charge equals the single-family charge. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi, which prevailed by a 3-2 roll call vote. Mayor Curran and Commissioner Smith voted no.

15. **Resolution 26-54 (Police)**

    A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AND THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR POLICE SERVICES, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE MONEY LAUNDERING TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "B" AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Attorney read Resolution 26-54, which approved the second amendment to the BSO Police Services agreement and the Money Laundering Task Force memorandum of understanding. He reported an email exchange with BSO's General Counsel regarding the rate language in Exhibit A and requested that the City Manager be given flexibility to confirm that no new rate applied or to make an appropriate adjustment after that confirmation.

Motion: Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to approve Resolution 26-54 approving the second amendment to the BSO Police Services Agreement and the Money Laundering Task Force MOU. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi, which prevailed by a unanimous 5-0 roll call vote.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Horowitz reported that the City had received notice late the previous day that CC Homes had withdrawn its proposed local land use plan amendment for the Cooper Colony Golf Course. Concurrently, the applicant submitted a new redevelopment application proposing 115 single-family homes. He said Community Development staff and his office were reviewing the application for compliance with restrictive covenants and recently adopted Florida redevelopment legislation, and would continue to update the Commission.

Mayor Curran asked the City Manager to post the information to the City website under the golf course update. The City Manager agreed.

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

Commissioner Smith recognized staff for securing grant funds for the culvert off SW 49th Street. He asked that City communications highlight the funding achievement again. He thanked colleagues for their patience during the meeting and acknowledged the difficulty of dealing with inappropriate comments from attendees.

Commissioner Mallozzi suggested placing a vending machine in or near the auditorium for meeting attendees and employees and discussed the possibility of the City receiving a percentage of sales.

Commissioner Shrouder raised concerns about streetlights that remained out of service despite repeated reports and prior investment in underground wiring on Sheridan Street. He asked staff to ensure reliable repairs and follow-through, noting that repeated reports from a commissioner and the Deputy City Manager had not resolved some outages.

He also criticized the persistence of debris on Pine Island Road and Stirling Road and asked for a plan to encourage City employees to identify and address debris within municipal boundaries. He expressed concern that employees might drive past debris because the roadway fell under another agency's jurisdiction and asked for a stronger organizational expectation for follow-up.

Staff reported coordinating with FDOT and Broward County on streetlight labels, which include contact information and a GIS layer to support reporting. Staff also discussed advertising for electrical services because the current vendor arrangement was limited. Commissioner Shrouder welcomed the reporting concept but reiterated that reported outages needed to result in repairs.

Mayor Curran asked the City Manager to post a positive, clarifying update on the City website about the Optimist Club to address public confusion. Mr. Rey agreed. The Mayor thanked staff and the Commission for their work and for concluding the evening's discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

The minutes of the regular Commission meeting held on October 13, 2026, were approved at the regular Commission meeting on October 27, 2026.

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Mayor James Curran

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Tedra Allen, City Clerk