



CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION 1ST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 6:30 PM
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Shrouder, Meltzer, Pulcini, Green and Mayor Ross.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Open Public Meeting

Agenda Concerns

Carmen Muir, 11315 Lake Shore Drive, spoke on the growing sport of Pickleball and thanked the Commission for the enhancements approved to help the sport and community.

FINANCIAL MATTERS – PUBLIC HEARINGS | *Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget and Taxes*

1. Resolution 22-35 (Finance)

City Attorney Horowitz read “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; IMPOSING FIRE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE” by title.

Commissioner Pulcini advised our cost recovery is at 81% and we need to stay as accurate as possible as we move closer to 100%.

Commissioner Meltzer clarified it is only an increase of about 8%.

Commissioner Shrouder advised you cannot use money from suppression on rescue. The cost allocation study needs to be accurate as we move towards 100% cost recovery.

MOTION: Commissioner Meltzer moved to approve Resolution 22-35. Commissioner Green seconded the motion which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

2. Ordinance 22-21 – (Finance)

City Attorney Horowitz read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 5.875 OR \$5.875 PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF TAXABLE ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE, WHICH IS 4.26% PERCENT ABOVE THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 5.6348 FOR THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE FY2022-2023 CITY BUDGET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH

CHAPTER 200, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Commissioner Pulcini advised he will not support this millage rate as he wanted the rolled-back rate.

Commissioner Shrouder asked the last time the City has had a rate of 5.875. City Manager Napoli answered 2012. Commissioner Shrouder said this is the lowest rate in over a decade and as it is an increase in the amount of taxes coming into the city as property values have gone up it is not necessarily a tax increase to individuals. He spoke to a resident who had a \$12 dollar reduction in his bill and this rate. The Commission should be proud of this rate for the residents.

Commissioner Green will not support the millage rate of 5.875, he supports the rate presented by staff of 6.125. He advised the City has added positions and are undertaking more in-house services and he does not believe the 5.875 rate is sustainable. He also asked for clarification on the millage rates for 2013, 2014 and 2015 as he believes they were lower.

City Manager Napoli will provide the information on the millage rates for 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Commissioner Meltzer said this is the lowest millage rate we have had in a decade and we have been able to put monies aside for projects and property values have increased. The Public Works Department will be establishing a new Streets Division that will save the City about \$800,000 over 5 years. The Utilities Director saved the City \$50,000 per year bringing the marking of utility lines in house.

Mayor Ross said the Recreation Department is also bringing in \$30,000. Property values have increased and the 5.875 gives the City the amount of money we need to operate and provide public safety. He also agreed that the commission should be proud of the accomplishments made the past few years.

Commissioner Meltzer said the City has also added services for the residents.

Commissioner Shrouder asked Commissioner Green to clarify if he supporting the rolled back rate as the Commission cannot go higher than 5.875. Commissioner Green clarified he supports 6.125. Commissioner Shrouder said if the Commission does not agree on 5.875 they would need to go lower.

Mayor Ross opened the public meeting.

Thomas Chiramel, 5511 SW 97 Ave, spoke on his experience as a landlord, and his opinion on Broward County driving away low income groups. He also spoke on drainage issues he is experiencing on his street and property's around him with vegetation issues.

Commissioner Meltzer offered to meet with Mr. Chiramel to discuss his concerns.

Commissioner Shrouder said he would love to lower the taxes further but they are lowering the millage.

Mayor Ross closed the public hearing with no one else wishing to speak.

MOTION: Commissioner Pulcini moved to approve Ordinance 22-21. Commissioner Shrouder seconded the motion which prevailed by the following roll call vote. (3-2)

YES: Commissioner Shrouder, Meltzer and Mayor Ross

NO: Commissioners Pulcini and Green

City Attorney Horowitz advised the second and final public hearing on the millage rate will be heard on September 27, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Chambers at 9090 SW 50 Place, Cooper City.

3. Ordinance No. 22-22 (Finance)

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, AND APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Commissioner Shrouder said public safety has come in lower than what was budgeted. He has a concern with the City not having a contingency in place for public safety as crime trends are increasing. He proposes saving 2.5% of the over budgeted \$1 million for public safety contingency.

Commissioner Meltzer said he agrees with having a public safety contingency to allow the city to make necessary adjustments in a more expedient manner.

Commissioner Shrouder would like to work towards all departments having contingency.

Commissioner Pulcini said there is a statute that prohibits taking funds from the public safety operating budget.

Commissioner Shrouder said the increase next year would consume the money.

Commissioner Pulcini recommended using the city's contingency.

Mayor Ross is in favor of the item if it is earmarked.

Commissioner Shrouder wants the funds to be under the public safety budget code.

Commissioner Green said earmarking the funds as public safety ties the hands of the City Manager.

Commissioner Meltzer asked if there is a down side in putting the funds in public safety.

City Manager Napoli said he has no issue with placing the money in the public safety line.

City Attorney Horowitz said there is no issue legally, the statute refers to a reduction in the operating budget of the law enforcement agency could potentially result in any member of the Commission or the State Attorney appealing the reduction.

Commissioner Shrouder said the proposed budget is over almost a million dollars. We will always spend additional money on public safety.

Commissioner Meltzer said the majority is in favor of the contingency.

Mayor Ross's only concern is subjecting the money to an attack.

Commissioner Shrouder said the money would not apply as the money does not apply to the operating budget. He said four sworn positions were removed from the budget in prior years. We need to get back to the appropriate number of positions.

Commissioner Pulcini said the Commission also needs to plan to purchase another Rescue apparatus.

Commissioner Green said there are contingency's in place throughout the City. He advised since 2010 there were vacancies and BSO was not been able to fill the positions. The current Commission added two additional officers with ARPA funds. He asked contractually what we need to pay BSO in increases. CFO Kendrick advised up to a 5% increase.

Mayor Ross is not opposed to the contingency, how it is going to be implement is the issue.

Commissioner Shrouder said the money will not be spent unless the Commission approves it.

City Manager Napoli said this contingency will help with the Real Time Crime Center and the overtime budget.

Commissioner Shrouder said he wants the monies earmarked in public safety tonight.

Commissioner Pulcini asked where the \$350,000 will come from. CFO Kendrick answered reallocating the contingency lines.

Commissioner Shrouder said the savings on pension was \$600,000.

Commissioner Meltzer asked for an update well in advance of the final budget hearing of reallocating the funds.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak. Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Shrouder moved to approve Ordinance 22-22 with the addition of adding \$350,000 under Police, Public Safety Contingency. Commissioner Meltzer seconded the motion which prevailed by the following roll call vote (4-1)

YES: Commissioners Shrouder, Meltzer, Pulcini and Mayor Ross

No: Commissioner Green

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak. Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Shrouder moved to approve Ordinance 22-22 as amended. Commissioner Meltzer seconded the motion which prevailed by the following roll call vote (4-1)

YES: Commissioners Shrouder, Meltzer, Pulcini and Mayor Ross

No: Commissioner Green

COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS / REPORTS

Commissioner Pulcini would like the ordinance removing the requirement of registering RV's Boats, Commercial vehicles and Trailers to the next agenda. City Attorney Horowitz advised the City Attorney's Office is working with BSO on that ordinance and it will be presented at the next meeting or the following.

Commissioner Meltzer would like to include written endorsements to be disclosed along with campaign contributions.

Commissioner Shrouder would also like to prohibit Commissioners from meeting alone with lobbyist for land development projects.

City Attorney Horowitz would like to research the subject.

Mayor Ross said individually a commissioner can always decline a meeting.

Commissioner Shrouder spoke on an incident with an online hoax where SWAT was called for a crime that did not occur. Commissioner Shrouder thanked Fire and Police for the fast response. There were several deputies from several surrounding municipalities that came to assist in the matter of minutes. He thanked the Sheriff's Office for the fast and efficient response.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES)

No additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

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WEBVTT

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Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Good afternoon. I should say it is Wednesday, September the fourteenth, eighty, six, thirty, and, if you please, join me in the pledge of allegiance,

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Cooper City Hall: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic, for which it stands. One nation under God, individual liberty and justice for all. Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: I have a broker, please.

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There is no

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Cooper City Hall: Mr. Shrouder, You,

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Meltzer here, commissioned Bucini. There, Commissioner Green. Yeah,

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Cooper City Hall: Mayor Ross

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Cooper City Hall: here,

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Cooper City Hall: if we have only one public comment so far, and if we have anyone on virtual, let me know. Please first up, Carmen Muir.

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Cooper City Hall: It's not on Mike. Would you do me favor? Thank you,

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Cooper City Hall: Mike. Would you put the mic on? Oh, she did it. Look at this,

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Cooper City Hall: I think

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Cooper City Hall: all right. Good evening, Mayor Ross. Commissioners shrouded green Meltzer Pulsini. Ah, city manager, as well as the city officials. My name is Carmen Muir. I reside at one one three one five Flake Shore Drive in Rock Creek

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Cooper City Hall: as a proud forty-three year resident of Cooper city. I come here tonight on behalf of our Cooper City Pickleball Community, and Usa. Pickle Ball, where i'm the Ambassador for Cooper City in Broward County,

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Cooper City Hall: As you all know, we've talked about the sport of of pickleball, and how fast it's growing, I think, when I was here in August to present our enhancements that we were looking for, I had mentioned our social media presence. That night we were just hitting the four hundred and twenty five mark of members at this point today. Five hundred and three. That's amazing

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Cooper City Hall: congratulations. The folks that are out there in our community and around the country, and internationally are looking at pickleball, and they see what we do as a city. They see the positivity and what's happening with our healthy environment. So when we came here last month, many of us from Cooper City, Piggler's group came,

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Cooper City Hall: and I know that the Commission was getting close to finalizing the ah finalizing the budgets for two thousand and twenty-three. And you all made the decisions and made it work for many of our enhancements that we were looking for. We sought for

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Cooper City Hall: easily ten, twelve enhancements, and what we got we are so appreciative. I cannot tell you, and commend each and every one of you for having expeditiously

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Cooper City Hall: approved. What's you know going to happen coming soon? So that, said I, come saying, we are grateful, we're appreciative. It will make a big difference to our community, especially during the heat with the water and all the things that we're looking for, and we know there'll be more to come down the road. So we understand that, and we appreciate that you've listened to us. We look still to have our orderly mayor's commission, Pickle ball challenge, and we hope to see you all in the courts soon, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you all.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you very much.

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Cooper City Hall: Anyone on virtual

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Cooper City Hall: anyone else in the City Hall who would like to speak this time,

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Cooper City Hall: seeing none. We'll go ahead and close that. Move on to financial matters with our public hearings. Jacob. Resolution twenty, two minus thirty, five.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you. Mayor. Good Evening Commission.

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Cooper City Hall: Three items on tonight's agenda are required by Chapter two hundred and Florida statutes, with regards to the adoption of the city's fire assessment village and budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and one is Resolution twenty, two, thirty, five, a resolution of the City University of Florida, relating to the provision of fire services, facilities and programs in the city of University of Florida, establishing a rate of assessment and posing fire assessments against assessed property located in the city. Cooper City,

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Cooper City Hall: improving the assessment role, fighting for severability, pride for conflicts and providing for an effective aid The

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Cooper City Hall: Motion

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Cooper City Hall: Bye, Commissioner Meltzer,

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Cooper City Hall: Second by Commissioner Green, Commission Meltzer.

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Cooper City Hall: Nothing There Rose, there's a new green,

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Cooper City Hall: and I just want to make sure that this this the fire assessment ah represents zero or exemptions total exemptions for the nonprofit organizations. It does. Okay, that's all I have. Thank you.
Mayor

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Cooper City Hall: and Commissioner Pulcaney.

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Cooper City Hall: A word of caution We're raising through it. I think eighty plus eighty one. Percent. The closer we get, the more accurate we have to be one hundred and fifty.

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Cooper City Hall: Um. So just with a caution

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that's true.

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Cooper City Hall: The Commissioner's charter,

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Cooper City Hall: and just ah related to Commissioner Pulcini's comments. It's not an increase of eighty, one percent. We our cost recovery is up to eighty one percent. Now, it's actually an increase of

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Cooper City Hall: about eight percent.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, Marrows.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you for the clarification. I think they knew what it meant now.

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No, i'm not sure. They are eighty, one percent.

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Cooper City Hall: Ah open public meeting. And if you, if you want to further explain it basically when you do a cost allocation, determine what you can spend, or what you're spending on on suppression versus rescue. You want to be as accurate as possible. If you're only recuperating sixty something, and you're off on your numbers. It's not as big a deal, because all that money you're taking, and it's still being used for suppression. But if you get up to one hundred. You'd better be as accurate as possible, because you're not allowed to take money for suppression and use it on the rest of you can. So by the dollar bill

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Cooper City Hall: correct? So it's. Ah, I guess, Staff, if next year we're in the same predicament, we need to make sure that whatever study Ah will need to be done will need to be as accurate as possible as you close in on that gap

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Cooper City Hall: right now. The city is still subsidizing suppression, so it's not as

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Cooper City Hall: uh no, no harm, no foul. So the same. I appreciate that. Yeah,

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Cooper City Hall: understood. And Staff definitely takes that has a serious caution and will abide.

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Cooper City Hall: You're going to open it up for a public hearing. Anyone here in City Hall waiting to speak on this issue,

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Cooper City Hall: seeing none. Anyone on virtual.

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Cooper City Hall: No, sir.

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Cooper City Hall: Close public hearing. Call the Vote Commissioner Shrouder. Yes,

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Meltzer. Yeah, Commissioner Puccini. Yeah.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Green.

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, Meiros. Yes, moving on to the second financial matter ordinance, twenty, two minus twenty, one, Mr. Horowitz.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, Mayor. The item is an ordinance of the city, Cooper City, Florida, establishing the operating military of five point eight, seven, five, or five dollars and point eight, seven, five cents per one thousand dollars of taxable assessed property value, which is four point, two, six percent above the rollback rate of five point six, three, four, eight for the city of Cooper City, pursuant to the fiscal year, two thousand and twenty-two two thousand and twenty-three city budget, and, according to chapter, two hundred and forty statutes provided for conflicts provided for severability and provide for.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you. Do have a motion motion

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Cooper City Hall: by Commissioner Pulcini; second by now seconded Commissioner Sherida, Commissioner Pulcini.

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Cooper City Hall: I will not support this, because I want to roll back.

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Cooper City Hall: I think this is the year where we can, because we received

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Cooper City Hall: all the Arpa funds, and we should be

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Cooper City Hall: giving some of the benefit back to the residents, or as much of the benefit back as we can to the residents. The

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it's

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Cooper City Hall: so. Um I I want it. Roll back,

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Cooper City Hall: and we didn't get roll back. That means we are increasing

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Cooper City Hall: the axis,

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Cooper City Hall: even though the millage came down, the tax burden has increased. I wanted it to go down.

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Cooper City Hall: So this is not the This is not the village I wanted.

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That's

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Cooper City Hall: thank you, Commissioner Schrodinger.

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, my my question was either for the manager or the finest director a rate of

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Cooper City Hall: five point eight, seven, five.

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Cooper City Hall: When was the last time. We've had a rate equivalent or lower than that.

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Cooper City Hall: But I can answer that. Okay, I'm: sorry for total. Total. Yeah. Total millage. That was two thousand and twelve. So this would be the lowest one in a decade

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Cooper City Hall: over a decade. Right? That's credit.

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Cooper City Hall: And um,

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Cooper City Hall: you know, while it does represent an increase in the amount of tax coming into the city because the values have gone up

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Cooper City Hall: it. Ah, it's not necessarily a tax increase to individuals. I had one gentleman who emailed me in my district, and when we looked at his property Tax Bill he was lower twelve dollars,

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Cooper City Hall: because the rate's gone down. Now, obviously, if you you know, it depends on what what end of the spectrum you're on for that to up here. But I think that's something we should be proud of as a commission to be able to go back to. Ah, the lowest rate

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Cooper City Hall: and a decade, and for the fourth consecutive year of rolling it back or lowering it from the prior year.

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00:09:20.550 --> 00:09:21.490

Cooper City Hall: Thank you.

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Excuse me, Commissioner. I'll excuse me, Commissioner Green.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you. Bear Ross as my commissioner, Puccini. I will not be supporting this military either. I know that when we had met with the staff, when Mr.

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Ah

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Cooper City Hall: Napoli had provided their recommendation. Their recommendation was for six point, one, two, five, the

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Cooper City Hall: which represented the military that we had last year. I know that we've added several positions, and I know that opera is paying for those positions for the next two years or three years. Is that correct, Mr. Napoleon?

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Cooper City Hall: It would be for the next two years, twenty-three and twenty-four for the next two years. So there there is going to come a time when my humble opinion is that the millage is going to increase. I know that we had talked about the Commission had talked about

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Cooper City Hall: bringing um the tree, but tree trimming services um back in house, and I don't recall. I don't know when the last time we had tree trimming when we had those responsibilities, Mr. Napoli, can you tell me when

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Cooper City Hall: I cannot tell you when when, Commissioner, but I know we we do some in-house, but we do have a contract. Well, it was proposed at the budget workshop. It's a We would create the streets division. And so if this budget is approved, we will create a Streets division where we will bring that in-house along with

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Cooper City Hall: the the um sidewalk. Yeah, concrete.

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Cooper City Hall: And so just just knowing that Ah, while we have contracted those we have been contracting those services out now for us that we're going to be bringing that back in house. I suspect that there are going to That's going to

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Cooper City Hall: the likelihood is that we're probably going to need additional bodies in order to do that. I don't know if the current level.

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Cooper City Hall: Ah personnel in terms of personnel that public works has. I'm not sure if they have the number of personnel that are going to be needed for the tree trimming in the sidewalk. That remains to be seen. However, I do know that

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Cooper City Hall: when you bring in, you bring these type of services, the the totality of it back In-house.

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Cooper City Hall: The likelihood is that there are going to be opportunities for folks to get hurt

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Cooper City Hall: for insurance claims to come about. Ah! For potentially more liability being placed on the backs of our residents. And so I don't believe that this particular I don't believe that this millage rate is sustainable.

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Cooper City Hall: I know that just this year

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Cooper City Hall: heard the Bso. Contract the five point whatever percent increase that we incurred this year. That was one point and correct me. If i'm wrong, Mr. Kendrick. That was one point. Seven million dollars. That's correct. Okay,

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Cooper City Hall: The likelihood is that that number is not going to go down next year.

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Cooper City Hall: Likely. Okay. It's probably going to stay the same,

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00:12:41.590 --> 00:12:48.939

Cooper City Hall: if not, if if not increased. I'm going to I'm just going to say, let's say it stays the same at one point Seven million dollars

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00:12:49.670 --> 00:12:53.340

Cooper City Hall: that money is going to have to come from someplace

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00:12:53.850 --> 00:13:05.939

Cooper City Hall: this year. There are a number of things that have happened that where I believe, and i'm only twenty percent up here. I believe that the six point one, two, five,

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00:13:05.990 --> 00:13:25.460

Cooper City Hall: would have given the city ah, some some cushion, and for that reason I will not be supporting um the the military. That's that's currently here, Mr. Napoli and I wanted to. I know that it was said that the last time we had a military

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00:13:25.610 --> 00:13:28.260

Cooper City Hall: it was better, less than six,

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00:13:28.560 --> 00:13:33.109

Cooper City Hall: six, or under the six point was two thousand and twelve,

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00:13:33.360 --> 00:13:47.140

Cooper City Hall: but in two thousand and thirteen, two thousand and fourteen, two thousand and fifteen. We had millage rates that were less than six. As a matter of fact, they were five point eight, seven, two and two thousand and thirteen, two thousand and fourteen,

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00:13:47.260 --> 00:13:49.389

Cooper City Hall: two thousand and fifteen,

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00:13:50.000 --> 00:13:54.710

Cooper City Hall: two thousand and sixteen. They went to six, Point zero, seven, seven, two,

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00:13:55.050 --> 00:14:09.289

Cooper City Hall: so Ah and i'm throwing that number out there. I want to ask you, Mr. Kendrick, is that correct? Is what i'm telling you correct in terms of the millage rate that we had in those years.

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00:14:09.300 --> 00:14:14.780

Cooper City Hall: I must admit that I do not have that information in front of me, sir, and I

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00:14:15.440 --> 00:14:25.689

Cooper City Hall: I have not looked at that. Okay? So this is the first hearing. So, uh, Mr. Napoli, if we can have, if it's possible, if we, if we, if we, if we can, have that information,

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00:14:25.700 --> 00:14:41.289

Cooper City Hall: and and just so there a distinction, Commissioner, between the the total military back back Then we did have um a debt debt service millage as well. So I, but the two thousand and twelve was a total millage rate, which is the operational knowledge plus the debt service.

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00:14:41.300 --> 00:14:50.550

Cooper City Hall: Okay, so. But in two thousand what? I'm. Looking at the two thousand and thirteen, fourteen and fifteen. The operating millage, plus the debt service

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00:14:51.250 --> 00:14:59.629

Cooper City Hall: brought the total city millage to five point, eight, seven, two in two thousand and thirteen, two thousand and fourteen to two thousand and fifteen; the

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00:14:59.640 --> 00:15:12.689

Cooper City Hall: so if we could, if we could, at the next commission meeting, if I could, if we could have some clarification on that. Ah, but for those reasons! Ah, mayor, I will not be supporting this. Ah, this millage rate as well. Thank you.

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00:15:12.700 --> 00:15:14.200

Cooper City Hall: Thank you, Commissioner Walter.

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00:15:14.290 --> 00:15:19.560

Cooper City Hall: Thanks, Mayor Ross. Good evening, everybody. Um, I will be supporting this.

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00:15:19.640 --> 00:15:24.700

Cooper City Hall: Um! This is the lowest, the lowest village we've had in about a decade.

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00:15:24.910 --> 00:15:44.669

Cooper City Hall: We've actually been able to put money away the last three years for disaster relief and for cip projects to fund cip replacements, such as the artificial turf of Flamingo, West Park. And yet our residence property values have skyrocketed, so I think it's been a win for everybody

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00:15:46.190 --> 00:15:48.360

Cooper City Hall: as far as it being sustainable. It

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00:15:48.670 --> 00:15:53.379

Cooper City Hall: Mr. Good presented to us last month a new streets Division

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00:15:54.150 --> 00:16:01.129

Cooper City Hall: looks like It's going to save us about eight hundred thousand dollars over five years if i'm not mistaken, Is that accurate? Thank you.

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00:16:01.250 --> 00:16:07.059

Cooper City Hall: Let's see, Raj Our utility director brought us

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00:16:08.700 --> 00:16:28.180

Cooper City Hall: about a fifty thousand dollars savings per year by in-housing. What is it? The utility? Ah, mortality, marker the person that comes out when it pools being you know when any other ground utilities may be disturbed. They come out and mark the utilities. We're bringing that back in house. It's going to save us fifty thousand dollars a year. We have. We have some Rock Star directors

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00:16:28.190 --> 00:16:38.479

Cooper City Hall: in our midst, and I'm. Very confident that they will continue to bring us these efficiencies, these adding to our efficiencies, moving forward, which will also save us and the taxpayers money.

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00:16:38.680 --> 00:16:40.370

Cooper City Hall: And

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00:16:41.170 --> 00:16:46.689

Cooper City Hall: for those reasons I believe this village is exactly where it needs to be, and i'll be supporting it this evening. Thank you, Mayor Ross.

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00:16:46.700 --> 00:17:02.610

Cooper City Hall: Thank you. And lest we forget little as it is, it really isn't But wreck also added thirty thousand at least, so we've got revenue coming in. I think it is, in fact, sustainable. I do not determine lightly

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00:17:02.620 --> 00:17:07.060

Cooper City Hall: based on Speculation Commissioner Green and you speculating. It might be this:

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00:17:07.510 --> 00:17:22.400

Cooper City Hall: a person might get hurt. We might all die tomorrow. But the point is, we have to deal with the likelihood that we will be here tomorrow that property values are increasing. That Cooper City is, in fact, some place special for people wanting to come and live,

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00:17:22.410 --> 00:17:27.650

Cooper City Hall: that the property values have increased, and I believe will continue to increase

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00:17:27.760 --> 00:17:32.500

Cooper City Hall: the six point. One, two, five gives us the

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00:17:33.200 --> 00:17:35.990

Cooper City Hall: amount of money needed.

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00:17:36.000 --> 00:17:51.590

Cooper City Hall: I excuse me the i'm sorry i'm sorry I and I thank you five. The five point eight, seven, five gives us sufficient amount of money to operate the facilities that we need to. But more importantly with the

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00:17:51.880 --> 00:17:54.910

Cooper City Hall: the majority of the money going to be A. So

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00:17:55.210 --> 00:18:01.569

Cooper City Hall: we will be speaking with them, as we always have been looking for better ways in which to

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00:18:03.070 --> 00:18:09.269

Cooper City Hall: better use technology as we have, which will alleviate the personnel issue the

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00:18:09.470 --> 00:18:18.269

Cooper City Hall: So having said that I will be supporting this, I think it's a wonderful, and we should be proud, Commissioner Charlotte.

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00:18:18.820 --> 00:18:28.670

Cooper City Hall: We have done wonders in the past few years, reducing the millage, increasing the efficiency, increasing the property values,

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00:18:28.680 --> 00:18:45.170

Cooper City Hall: and it's through no small pet of this commission, and I know one of you are leaving for sure, and I want to say thank you for your efforts, Commissioner Pulcini, because you were a big part in that. So I thank you.

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00:18:45.390 --> 00:18:47.189

Cooper City Hall: You make your meal, too. You have something more.

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00:18:47.200 --> 00:18:55.189

Cooper City Hall: No, and I also want to take you back on what you were saying. We've also significantly added to services for the residents right across the board in every department,

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00:18:55.200 --> 00:19:04.080

Cooper City Hall: and I think, as you know, as the city manager alluded to last time, This is a lean budget. Is there a little room for

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00:19:05.320 --> 00:19:16.740

Cooper City Hall: a little lean? It more leanness. Yeah, perhaps. But we'll talk about that. I think it's a next agenda. Item

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00:19:17.550 --> 00:19:18.720

Cooper City Hall: two.

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00:19:20.310 --> 00:19:25.509

Cooper City Hall: I want to make sure. I understand all my colleagues positions here. Commissioner Green. You want to

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00:19:25.960 --> 00:19:32.660

Cooper City Hall: continue outsourcing, and you want to lower the millage to five point. What's the rollback? Five point six, three, four, eight,

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00:19:33.620 --> 00:19:43.600

Cooper City Hall: because that's the only alternative. If we don't pass, the rollback rate is five. Point six, three, four, eight. So if we both know, this goes to five, point six,

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00:19:44.280 --> 00:19:45.700

Cooper City Hall: three, four, eight

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00:19:46.690 --> 00:19:48.379

I've been here to.

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00:19:48.520 --> 00:19:55.910

Cooper City Hall: Is that what I'm? No, no, i'm gonna support you on that. No, no, no, but I What I said was, I will not be supporting the

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00:19:56.060 --> 00:19:59.259

Cooper City Hall: the military to five point eight, seven, five, because the

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00:19:59.790 --> 00:20:04.019

Cooper City Hall: the city manager and the staff. At the beginning of this process the

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00:20:04.160 --> 00:20:22.480

Cooper City Hall: stated recommended to this commission that the millage rate be at the same, that it was last year, which was six, one, six, point, one, two, five, so for that, for that, for that purpose. And others, as I just stated to I'm not going to support this

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00:20:22.520 --> 00:20:23.690

Cooper City Hall: military.

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00:20:23.700 --> 00:20:32.469

Cooper City Hall: Okay, And I I respect that. You. You know your position is six point one, two, five would give us more of a cushion, and maybe we would have a better thing. But

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00:20:32.590 --> 00:20:37.589

Cooper City Hall: what is the highest amount we can actually go with today, Guys, This is my question.

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00:20:38.330 --> 00:20:41.280

Cooper City Hall: I mean, we can't go up. We're right. What did I notice?

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00:20:41.290 --> 00:20:45.290

Cooper City Hall: So we have to send on which home owner, you know.

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00:20:45.300 --> 00:20:53.740

Cooper City Hall: So the highest amount we can go with today would be that five point eight, seventy, five, right, seventy, five, so I mean, that's

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00:20:53.920 --> 00:21:00.139

Cooper City Hall: better, and if we don't agree, then we're at six we're at even less. We're at five point six, three, four, eight, so it's even

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00:21:00.310 --> 00:21:01.770

Cooper City Hall: less money.

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00:21:02.120 --> 00:21:03.460

Cooper City Hall: So

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00:21:03.740 --> 00:21:08.740

Cooper City Hall: I mean you want me to. I don't mind joining and supporting you. Is that what you want?

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00:21:09.060 --> 00:21:26.970

Cooper City Hall: Ah, we can't. Ah! And I appreciate that Commissioner shrouder. But as you know that we can't go higher than the five point eight, seven, five. We are locked in at that, and I've said all along. This is, I've said from day one or one, as we started this process, that the city manager and staff provided

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00:21:27.140 --> 00:21:33.290

Cooper City Hall: their recommendation of six point, one, two, five, and I've stated from that point to this point the

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00:21:33.300 --> 00:21:50.489

Cooper City Hall: that's what I would be supporting. Now the commission um you know the the Commission can decide. The majority can decide at five point eight, seven, five, but that's not where That's not where. That's not what i'm supporting. That's not what I've said that I was going to support from the very start of this process.

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00:21:53.380 --> 00:21:54.750

Cooper City Hall: Thank you. Anyone else

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00:21:55.960 --> 00:22:01.969

Cooper City Hall: for public hearing, and on wishing to speak here in City Hall or on virtual.

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00:22:02.310 --> 00:22:03.999

Cooper City Hall: No one on virtual.

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00:22:07.520 --> 00:22:10.940

Cooper City Hall: No one here at City Hall will go. Go right ahead, sir.

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00:22:11.100 --> 00:22:12.690

Cooper City Hall: He borrowed the overall

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00:22:12.700 --> 00:22:14.530

Cooper City Hall: up its podium, please.

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00:22:17.680 --> 00:22:31.119

Cooper City Hall: If you will please state your name, address, and we'll ask you to fill out the form. Hi i'm. Thomas, chairman, residing at fifty, five, eleven, southwest, ninety, seven Avenue Cooper City. I'm living here last thirty, some years.

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00:22:31.450 --> 00:22:48.989

Cooper City Hall: Ah, I feel ah necessary to come, being a landlord and a resident for over thirty years. Thank you, Mr. Gross, for your service, and I respect all the Commissioners for your service. I am representing an Indian community here, and I feel necessary to come to this meeting.

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00:22:49.260 --> 00:23:08.430

Cooper City Hall: Ah! I was a self-broad hospital embroid for Teddy some years due to Covid. I have I forced you a early retirement due to my asthma, and I feel the crunch not only me. I own a four flex here. I used to want the three buildings, one

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00:23:08.440 --> 00:23:22.950

Cooper City Hall: and due to the crisis. I just sold my family. So two of them and I feel last two or three years. We are chasing a very low income group from our community, especially in broadcasting.

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00:23:22.960 --> 00:23:29.330

Cooper City Hall: I'm. A realtor, and i'm an investor and living this county for thirty eight years.

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00:23:29.460 --> 00:23:32.190

Cooper City Hall: Last few years I feel

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00:23:32.780 --> 00:23:41.290

Cooper City Hall: people work in a Mcdonald's, or a grocery store, or a convenient. You know that's a low-income group have no place in Broad county.

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00:23:41.570 --> 00:23:46.920

Cooper City Hall: Have a property I have hard to increase. Five person in my heart goes to them.

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00:23:47.010 --> 00:23:58.239

Cooper City Hall: I can. I can sell this high market and sell it, and retire and sit comfortably. But I feel this people have no place to go living in in Broad county

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00:23:58.280 --> 00:24:04.069

Cooper City Hall: every day everything is increasing. Last year, when the Property Operations office I call.

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00:24:04.110 --> 00:24:08.079

Cooper City Hall: How come, if drastically increasing a property like

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00:24:08.250 --> 00:24:10.720

Cooper City Hall: twenty, thirty for sending Greeks

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00:24:10.950 --> 00:24:15.590

Cooper City Hall: the fourplex down the street? I got an increase for twenty, eight percent,

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00:24:15.740 --> 00:24:17.500

Cooper City Hall: and I look at that.

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00:24:17.910 --> 00:24:29.160

Cooper City Hall: Why, what we're doing in the broad county for that kind of drastic increase. I'm sure that when the units and the market value going in the property

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00:24:29.210 --> 00:24:32.560

Cooper City Hall: plastically. We increased our income for the county,

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00:24:32.850 --> 00:24:35.449

Cooper City Hall: but proportionally, when you look at it

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00:24:35.570 --> 00:24:53.690

Cooper City Hall: increasing for twenty, six percent, twenty, eight percent for a year, you know. We all went to the boarding, and we checked on Amendment three day. Okay, the residents don't have to have a drastic increase of property tax. What?

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00:24:53.700 --> 00:25:07.709

Cooper City Hall: So the the low, low income group also said they did not realize that what is checking for so what intense low income group? No landlords putting money from their pocket to but you not hiking the rent

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00:25:07.720 --> 00:25:18.810

Cooper City Hall: what intends the poor people paying more, and be chasing away from them. I strongly oppose to any increase on this year, especially the

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00:25:19.250 --> 00:25:21.899

Cooper City Hall: the hierarchy,

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00:25:22.020 --> 00:25:24.599

Cooper City Hall: the the cost of living down here

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00:25:24.630 --> 00:25:34.000

Cooper City Hall: strongly opposed to increase any taxes this year, and I request our county to represent the Board County That should not increase.

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00:25:34.490 --> 00:25:39.489

Cooper City Hall: He will keep everybody safe on this pandemic season. Jim. Thank you. My. Then.

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00:25:39.500 --> 00:25:42.030

Cooper City Hall: Yeah. If you would. What is your address?

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00:25:42.100 --> 00:25:51.469

Cooper City Hall: Five hundred and eleven Southwest, ninety, Seventh Avenue, Cooper City Fraud. I'm not complaining about my residence.

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00:25:51.480 --> 00:25:53.230

Cooper City Hall: I agree with that,

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00:25:54.020 --> 00:26:00.969

Cooper City Hall: especially for the low income group the rental things. I pay five hundred dollars for a utility for four tenants

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00:26:01.020 --> 00:26:18.220

Cooper City Hall: for Utility bill. That also drastically have I, because they are so close to look at that the utility amount is so much to paying for a small place three thousand per feet, building and paying like five hundred dollars outage a month,

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00:26:18.460 --> 00:26:41.590

Cooper City Hall: and also this property tax. I just got one thousand one hundred dollars race on this year. Last year I got eight hundred dollars. I don't know why this going skyrocketing like that. I understand the situation. I hear you The market value is going high

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00:26:41.600 --> 00:26:51.429

Cooper City Hall: living last thirty years. Not too much. We don't have an out of Cooper City. I'm proud to live in here last eighty, two years, but we don't our training system is poor

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00:26:51.490 --> 00:27:00.490

Cooper City Hall: I, Mr. Me again say that the street I living after his South my State going four feet

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00:27:00.600 --> 00:27:18.590

Cooper City Hall: any little rain. I got a knee-level water in my road, and I bought an aluminium boat kept in my shed in case if something happened emergency. I can use that boat. That is a situation I want bound it to look into the drainage system and improve our city for a better place to live. Thank you.

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00:27:18.600 --> 00:27:19.190

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00:27:19.200 --> 00:27:20.390

Cooper City Hall: I didn't have a question.

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00:27:20.400 --> 00:27:31.620

Cooper City Hall: Question, city manager. What's the What's the what's our and look, and I i'm sympathetic. I drive it every day. I know. Believe me, Thomas, I know, but as far as a private road goes.

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00:27:31.880 --> 00:27:36.289

Cooper City Hall: What is our? Is it us? Or the county as far as the drainage

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00:27:36.810 --> 00:27:38.480

Cooper City Hall: on a private road,

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00:27:40.680 --> 00:27:53.490

Cooper City Hall: private road, But southwest ninety seven. That's a You have a private road there. Yeah, and I and I just want to know if it's the county's responsibility. Then we need to get.

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00:27:53.500 --> 00:28:09.719

Cooper City Hall: No, I understand, from your house to this down, ending my ninety seventh avenues of four feet. Right you see that. But no, you and I've walked it before I know. Yeah, Yeah. And that non-compliant resident, that park, su that man need to move his loan

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00:28:09.730 --> 00:28:16.670

Cooper City Hall: and get away chase all the raccoons and the snakes and the things I I feel like I live in a jingle, you know,

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00:28:16.680 --> 00:28:34.999

Cooper City Hall: and in the church property, as you know, that. Mr. Ah, the that Park sued. He never moved his loan. The first city was with the Violation City found him is the fine. What he did. He put much bunch of mango trees and some palm trees, instead of put a good fence on around the road.

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00:28:35.010 --> 00:28:36.909

Cooper City Hall: It's like a jungle

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00:28:37.490 --> 00:28:44.290

Cooper City Hall: may have to do something with that. I can appreciate that. Let me just go finish up.

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00:28:44.300 --> 00:28:46.650

Cooper City Hall: Why, don't we set up a meeting with the city manager?

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00:28:46.670 --> 00:28:54.489

Cooper City Hall: You're coming and speak with Mr. Napoli and let him know exactly what's going on. It's been a while since I've seen you. It's been a while since we've spoken, so. I want to make sure that,

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00:28:54.500 --> 00:29:02.949

Cooper City Hall: Linda, what's that? I'm sorry. Say again. I think you had a last name, Miss Duel office a duo from A,

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00:29:02.980 --> 00:29:19.009

Cooper City Hall: and I was talking to her, and she said, Thomas, we can do only certain much. Once the city came in that place ten years, ten or twelve years ago, before you moved in right, and they cleaned, you know everything was clean. Everything was fine now. The guy went and got some

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00:29:19.020 --> 00:29:29.749

Cooper City Hall: trees and all the bushes, so no truck or nobody cannot go in everything going into the street. I can hardly turn to my seat, so let's do, Officer, do I see? Help?

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00:29:29.760 --> 00:29:39.260

Cooper City Hall: It's a little bit thing every time. When I complain. He comes and trimmed couple of leaves and leave the thing, and he bring all the junk to the property. You know I live in

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00:29:39.340 --> 00:29:52.090

Cooper City Hall: one mile away from the city and the the other office our our for some somebody coming to hide that place. You cannot even use a helicopter and find where the people are.

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00:29:52.100 --> 00:30:01.670

Cooper City Hall: No, I can appreciate it, and I think it is a good idea, and and I think it will have some effect of a positive effect If you do that.

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00:30:01.720 --> 00:30:04.689

Cooper City Hall: Thanks. I keep on doing it, but I get in touch with it tomorrow,

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00:30:04.700 --> 00:30:07.730

Cooper City Hall: but I don't have a, you know, power to

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00:30:07.820 --> 00:30:13.790

Cooper City Hall: to take care of him, because he you always think that you don't understand, but he understand everything.

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00:30:13.800 --> 00:30:28.800

Cooper City Hall: I feel you're paying. And ah, but but you know that, and I and I wish we could lower them even in more. But like, for for instance, it's only it's only a small decrease on your property tax. It's going to be, I think, twenty or more dollars,

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00:30:28.910 --> 00:30:48.250

Cooper City Hall: but with those increasing costs like Commissioner and Dr. Ball would be. All this inflation is going, we should limit it. And I'm. With all respect, i'm with you guys, I have no problem with that, but I never come to the meeting, I feel necessary to come.

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00:30:48.280 --> 00:30:52.590

Cooper City Hall: I feel necessary to come, because you know what we chasing

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00:30:52.600 --> 00:30:56.289

Cooper City Hall: Lower Income group people away from Broad County. We cannot do that, for

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00:30:56.300 --> 00:30:59.089

we're lowering. We're lowering it. We are lowering

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00:30:59.100 --> 00:30:59.890

Cooper City Hall: the millage.

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00:30:59.900 --> 00:31:05.490

Cooper City Hall: Okay, you're going to be paying how the village work. All I want to see that I give you about a property tax will be better,

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00:31:05.500 --> 00:31:21.610

Cooper City Hall: Mr. Chair Mill, If you look at your if you look at your trim notice, you have three components. I'm: not. Basically no, no. Look at the Cooper City component. It just, you know. Unfortunately, Broward County, we need to go to a our County Commission meeting. Sorry, you know, advocating. That's the city we you're noting out for county, so we should have to.

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00:31:21.630 --> 00:31:25.590

Cooper City Hall: They should be here. Our voice, That's what my country. Yeah, Thank you so much.

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00:31:25.600 --> 00:31:26.690

Thanks for being here.

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00:31:26.700 --> 00:31:27.290

Cooper City Hall: Appreciate it.

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00:31:27.300 --> 00:31:28.739

Cooper City Hall: Appreciate you coming down

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00:31:28.840 --> 00:31:31.520

Cooper City Hall: anyone else wishing to speak at this time,

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Cooper City Hall: and no one on virtual will go ahead and close

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00:31:36.000 --> 00:31:37.649

Cooper City Hall: the public meeting

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00:31:38.010 --> 00:31:40.250

Cooper City Hall: anything further from the Commission.

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00:31:40.490 --> 00:31:41.800

Cooper City Hall: Call them out,

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00:31:43.330 --> 00:31:47.090

Cooper City Hall: Michelle Shrouder. Yes, Commissioner Meltzer. Yes, Commissioner Puccini,

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00:31:48.130 --> 00:31:52.749

Cooper City Hall: i'm sorry to hear you. No, Commissioner Green, no Mayor Ross. Yes,

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00:31:53.290 --> 00:31:57.989

Cooper City Hall: moving on to Ordinance Number twenty, two minus twenty, two paragraph or number three.

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00:31:58.000 --> 00:32:23.029

Cooper City Hall: Thank you, and I could stay for the record regarding ordinance twenty, two, twenty, one that establishes the attendant Belg rate. The second and final public hearing on the military will be on September twenty, seventh, at six, thirty. In these chambers for the record ordinance, twenty, two, twenty, two is an ordinance of the City University of Florida, adopting and approving the annual budget

for fiscal year, two thousand and twenty, two, twenty, three, and appropriating the funds required for the operation of the city, provided for it.

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00:32:23.040 --> 00:32:25.499

Cooper City Hall: Okay. Motion approved for discussion.

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00:32:25.510 --> 00:32:28.979

Cooper City Hall: Motion by Commissioner shrouded second by

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00:32:30.280 --> 00:32:31.560

Cooper City Hall: second. Then

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Meltzer Matthews rider.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, Um. Looks like I think everyone got the same uh

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Cooper City Hall: changes form that. Uh,

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Cooper City Hall: we can. If you wanted commission we can put on the screen the the first page on that there's just some slight modifications, but the one that shows the what was requested at the

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Cooper City Hall: sure shop. And then is that your preference or

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Cooper City Hall: I? I only had one one issue that I wanted to go through there. Um! So we had. We had turns out our public safety came in lower than our when we had budgeted last meeting or last workshop um between the pensions and one of the code enforcement costs. So um! One of my concerns is, uh we don't have a contingency for public safety, which is our largest expenditure. We have it, you know. The manager has one for the general fund, and there's one for the

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Cooper City Hall: um

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Cooper City Hall: utility fund, the water, and I think we we should be setting aside money in public safety if something comes up as well.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm reading, i'm watching the news. I'm reading the trends. Things are increasing, you know. Ah! Crimes increasing. We have to be a little more fluid. Be able to respond. So I I would propose that, although it was a million dollars over budgeted, I think, like two and a half percent. What I think i'd be comfortable with

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Cooper City Hall: the budget is contingency. Obviously they'd have to come before us to use it like the other ones. But

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Cooper City Hall: well, that's something I feel comfortable with as well. I brought it up two years ago, and it didn't get traction. Unfortunately, when it comes to public safety,

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Cooper City Hall: time is of the essence. So this way. There's money and a contingency, you know you don't have to come to commission, but we don't have to reinvent the wheel every time. Something you know we need to have something done, and I have a lot of faith in that man sitting in the back of the room there.

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Cooper City Hall: Actually both. If I don't see she parenting back there. Yes, I can't see him behind Paul Vollen, but he didn't show up to work today. But anyway, those two gentlemen back there, and I believe by having a contingency. It'll be like Commissioner Schrodinger said. It'll give us a little equity fluidity. It'll give us some flexibility and allow us to make the necessary adjustments in a more timely

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Cooper City Hall: an expedient manner. Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: And eventually, maybe, when we we get exactly where we want to be financially, maybe we'll have cont tendencies on several of our different areas, so that they're not. You know everyone's working for the Government has been there before. They say, Hey, we need this. Yeah, it's not in the budget. Can't happen. And can I ask a question

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Cooper City Hall: here?

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Cooper City Hall: Would this contingency be part of the operating budget?

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Cooper City Hall: He says No, he says. Yes, thanks, sir.

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Cooper City Hall: Why would that? Because if it is part of the public safety operating budget, it would fall under the new statute that was just passed

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Cooper City Hall: that would not allow us to. Ah! To go backwards. But do you have a feeling that the costs are not going to go up next year. That would only matter if next year the cost didn't go up crime. Me? No, no, just the regular five percent on Bso is going to eat up

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Cooper City Hall: three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. I may be reduced so much by the tick use of the technology that we may not need three to five officers.

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Cooper City Hall: We're in a contract with them. So. And now the statute says you can't go back. That's not the statute.

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Cooper City Hall: It's not essentially. I read the statue. Check it for the statute. I'm the first one that probably i'm gonna try to use a statue on you guys.

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Cooper City Hall: All right, You i'm trying to be reasonable here. It's three hundred and fifty thousand. And why, Don't? We ask them staff? They're okay, with that.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm not. I'm not opposed to the amount I'm opposed to putting it in operations. I would like it place like an enterprise fund

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Cooper City Hall: that that doesn't exist. It's in general fun. There's no other.

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Cooper City Hall: It's just How about If we put it in the city's contingency? It is the city, but not in the public safe, not not a public safety contingency, a city contingency that it can be used

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Cooper City Hall: if needed like public safety. No, I don't. I like it. It. It's under the city manager's control either way. It doesn't matter what you want to call it,

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Cooper City Hall: but what he's doing is protecting it. There's no protecting. It has to be approved by the city manager and the commission either way.

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Cooper City Hall: Let me let me put it this way. I'm. In favor of it. If it's earmarked as he says, if it's put into the general fund. I'm. I'm

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Cooper City Hall: with, you know. Obviously earmarked for yourself. I'm not i'm looking at Pastor Paul, who usually communicates with me after my meetings, when and I'm trying to exercise some in this here um

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00:37:16.100 --> 00:37:26.789

Cooper City Hall: doing well, I mean I don't know I mean It's everything you're saying. It's still under the control of the manager and under the control of the Commission. It doesn't matter what we call it.

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Cooper City Hall: Would you like

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Cooper City Hall: as a manager? Are you okay with public safety contingency?

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Cooper City Hall: I'm not giving it to be so. It's staying in our well. I think that Number one. It's important that we're not giving it to people like you said, So that gives us the flexibility of

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Cooper City Hall: If we want to add details. If we want to increase over time that we're we're paying for I know, with the real-time Crime Center. There's going to be maybe some additional expenses or things we may want to add on once it's once it's functional. So I I I agree that it's a city to be contingency. So I are. Are you saying that we would put it like in my contingency right now? We put in my contingency, my regular contingency, but we also earmarked a certain amount for

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Cooper City Hall: a potential increase, a potential use for the um, the Comps study. And so you would put an additional three hundred and fifty in there, identified as public safety contingencies that what you're saying, Commissioner One,

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Cooper City Hall: I think that I would like

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Cooper City Hall: the the line you make. I would like it to be under the Public Safety Budget code.

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Cooper City Hall: The operationally the use of that money is the exact same whether it's under yours or not, or it can't be used without the city manager approval.

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Cooper City Hall: But ah, literally. But I think I think what we I think potentially what we do, Commissioner Charter, by saying that we have it as a

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Cooper City Hall: a public safety contingency. Uh, in my humble opinion, we're we've just pigeonholed the the city manager, and we've said to the city manager, I know I know that we we we we're saying right now. Well, it's. You know Ultimately the Commission can decide that

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Cooper City Hall: what i'm What I'm. What i'm concerned with is that when the time comes for that potentially to happen, we're going to say, Well, Mr. City manager and Mr. Finance, director and staff, look elsewhere for monies to do what you need to do.

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Cooper City Hall: There are going to be as we and I've said this earlier as we start to do more.

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Cooper City Hall: Ah! In terms of the tree trimming the sidewalk repairs. Ah did, putting in pocket, affiliate and potholes there's going to. We're going to need monies for for those for those items as well. Um, and not to say that we won't. We can't use to fund the the funding

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for public safety.

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Cooper City Hall: Ah, items! But I think we're I think there are other areas throughout the city that we that we that we have to that we that I know that everybody up here wants to make sure that that we don't lose sight of or lose focus of. So that's just my two cents.

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Cooper City Hall: You have some permission melted.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah. My question is, what's the downside of keeping it Public safety, Joe, You're shaking your head. Is there any

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Cooper City Hall: yeah surreal for me? I I just wanted to clarify. I I have no issues with putting it.

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Cooper City Hall: Did May I ask the city attorney his opinion on that.

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Cooper City Hall: Um, there! There's certainly no legal prohibition to allocating it towards towards the public safety. The statute that the Commissioner is referring to is, if the Commission is going to propose a reduction in the operating budget of the Law Enforcement agency,

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Cooper City Hall: any member of the Commission or the State attorney has the option individually to appeal that reduction the

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Cooper City Hall: And there is a process. In fact, the Administration Commission just put out its administrative rules for the Florida administrative code that outlines that process Where a member of the Commission can appeal to the essentially the governor of the Cabinet, the Administration Commission in Tallahassee,

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Cooper City Hall: there'd be a hearing. There's a due process, requirement, and ultimately the production and law enforcement budget would be reviewed, and it would either be approved or rejected by the folks in Tallahassee. Not by this commission

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can I

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Cooper City Hall: say something else. At least

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Cooper City Hall: it goes based off of the proposed budget. If there's a reduction based on the proposed budget. The proposed budget had a higher amount for public safety.

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Cooper City Hall: It had almost a million dollars higher than what we have today. So there is a proposed reduction, so I can. Me or any one of us can now fight this Catala has.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm saying, if you you guys are reducing it today, a million dollars from last meeting from last workshop.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, So you're reducing it. So i'm just saying, instead of reducing it one million, Let's produce it six hundred thousand.

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Cooper City Hall: But if if you guys are worried about the one million thing and this Doesn't pass, then I can challenge the whole one million. It's it. This is where this is a red herring. We're not, and it doesn't have anything with the next year, because we're always going to spend three hundred and fifty thousand more on public safety because of the contractual relationship with the fact. So this is just a red herring,

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Cooper City Hall: and my dear friend, who knows numbers very well knows It's a red herring.

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Cooper City Hall: It's it's a law retroactive, I mean, is it? Retroactive? That's a how it's. No, the the proposed budget is not tonight. It's the one that was already proposed to us by the manager. It's not

retroactive. It's the tentative budget. If the tentative budget contains a proposed reduction in the Law Enforcement agency operating budget and does our current budget.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, you're reducing it

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Cooper City Hall: the operating budget. Yes,

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Cooper City Hall: right, a million dollars.

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Cooper City Hall: So i'm saying, Let's just go six hundred thousand.

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Cooper City Hall: But if you wanted to worry about this thing, Yeah, that could be challenge to the main, I can go for I can. I'm up with a man. We We have the two point three million dollars in. No, that's not counting that. Well, we can use that to point three million that's not operating,

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Cooper City Hall: and we can move that to once. We're milligram anytime we want. A non- issue this is just a non- issue. You can look bottom line is, Joe. Are you comfortable with it?

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Cooper City Hall: You're the custodian.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, I'm. I'm come back for lit the bites, and I think we're all comfortable with with having the three hundred and fifty and contingency in one form or another. You don't want it at all period.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay? Well, I never did. I think that. Yeah, I believe he anti-in sourcing. He wants the lower taxes and doesn't defunding the police. It's let me finish. Anyway, I think it sounds like both know that I was like some. Both know that i'm not a defined in the.

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Cooper City Hall: There were a few commissioner shrouded You didn't. You didn't? Thank you very much,

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Cooper City Hall: the Commissioner melted, speaking. Thank you very much.

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Cooper City Hall: Um, It sounds like it sounds like most of us are in favor of having the contingency now, just a matter of how it's going to be placed in the budget, and how it's going to be executed. So

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Cooper City Hall: fight it out. Let's just make it happen.

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Cooper City Hall: Let me let me try a different approach on you.

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Cooper City Hall: It has no functional difference on what line. Item it's under. The only concern that I have is as litigious as the State of Florida is as litigious as the five of us are up here. I don't want to subject that money

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Cooper City Hall: to a an attack if you will.

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Cooper City Hall: That's the only reason why I'm saying, Do it like Max is, it wouldn't be because what you that that's not dedicated to actually operating its contingency. So if if somebody wanted to go appeal and say, this commission cut public safety, and you went to the State Committee, I read the actual rule proposed by the administrative body,

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Cooper City Hall: there's no practical effect.

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Cooper City Hall: So if you cut a savings account that has no practical effect at the point of the the statues if you actually cut sworn positions. So that's the case.

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Cooper City Hall: And in our

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Cooper City Hall: the only person who would challenge it to the state is me

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Cooper City Hall: all right, and i'm the one being generous, not challenging the cut

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Cooper City Hall: in public safety that already happened. This is getting you guys back up there. Public safety was cuts for sworn positions were removed, and when you look at the rule that they promulgated, they say they want to look at the cuts that happen to police versus the other departments.

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Cooper City Hall: All our other departments had increases. Public safety had a decrease. So i'm just saying, Can we get a little bit back to where we were just a little bit. We don't have to spend it. If we don't need it, Can we just be responsible and budget for having police in case we have a you know something that happens. We can fund it properly.

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Cooper City Hall: What you're encouraging is let's cut fire. Now, that's what i'm hearing. And just because if you don't want, if they're going to look at what's cut in police, and then look at what's cut and fire, and then they look across the entire city. So like if a city had like, okay, we're going broken. They cut every department by ten percent. It would pass the mustard test.

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Cooper City Hall: I understand that. However, you are getting the ratio, if you will, of seventy, two percent for Bso vers, twenty, eight percent running a city. So we may have more cuts in the city,

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Cooper City Hall: then fire or police, or in reverse. They may have just one cut alone. The

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Cooper City Hall: it's worth three of ours. The only department. We have the only department we have that has less people, but that less staff today than it had five years ago is police, which are the only department. Every other department has more staff, cause you're trout. We also have to plan for another rescue.

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Cooper City Hall: We only purchased one. We have to purchase two two, you know. Then maybe we should reconsiderate the military, and I'm going to agree with you in, because you're saying that the plan for that. But you want to go to the rollback rate, which is how many millions.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay. So so you're worried about three hundred to have earmarked in case we have an emergency, but not nine hundred thousand. So let's go to back to you. Do you want to do the nine hundred?

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Cooper City Hall: I mean, you guys are saying contradictory things. All I'm saying is, can we put away some money for public safety in case we needed? And they had to come to us to Commissioner? We have put fair Ross. May I speak?

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Cooper City Hall: We have, we have, we have contingencies all over the place. We have buckets of monies all over the place. We have half a million dollars in, and please correct me if I'm wrong. I'm never going to please. If I'm. If I'm missing something, just let me know we have a half a million dollars in one contingency. Right?

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, we have another three million dollars in emergencies. Yes, okay, that does not include the reserves that the that this city has

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Cooper City Hall: does it

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Cooper City Hall: Well, the three million, that is, when you speak. When you say reserves, I'm thinking fund balance, and the fund balance is a part of that three million as a part.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, but it's a it's a part of it, but it's a bucket within. Yes, okay.

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Cooper City Hall: The the reserves that we have. I think that the Commission said that two months there was a discussion that two months of reserves wasn't enough, so we wanted to go with three months. Where do we end up at Mr. Kendrick?

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Cooper City Hall: It's

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Cooper City Hall: right. All right.

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Cooper City Hall: Am I correct?

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Cooper City Hall: Okay. So we have all we. So we have all of these pockets of monies right?

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Cooper City Hall: The The statement was made that Ah! That this prior commissions have defunded the police, and that's just an inaccuracy, because when I started when I came up on this day in two thousand and twelve,

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Cooper City Hall: there were vacancies

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Cooper City Hall: Actually, when I came up on two thousand and ten my apologies

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Cooper City Hall: since two thousand and ten, And, Mary, you can attest to this because you came up here, and two years after, in two thousand and twelve, Mayor Ross, you have said from day one since going back to two thousand and twelve, you have asked the question of

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Cooper City Hall: Bsl. How many vacancies have it for Loop. The

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Cooper City Hall: you have said that

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Cooper City Hall: pretty consistently the mantra right

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Cooper City Hall: they have be so has had vacancies. We've had these positions on the books, but we have not been able to fill them.

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Cooper City Hall: Bso. Has not been able to fill them for whatever reason, Right?

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Cooper City Hall: So when we say, okay, well, we're going to remove those positions from

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Cooper City Hall: the budget. We Haven't defunded the police. Those were there for years, and Bso. For whatever reasons, could not fill those positions.

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Cooper City Hall: So I want to make sure that the public that the general public understands

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Cooper City Hall: we have not defunded the police. As a matter of fact,

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Cooper City Hall: this commission

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Cooper City Hall: and I did not support it, and i'm going to say that publicly. This Commission added

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Cooper City Hall: two additional uh Bso uh officers

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Cooper City Hall: that opera is going to pay for. And I said, this earlier opera is going to pay for that for the next two years. The

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Cooper City Hall: those two, those positions will be they. They're They're a part of the budget. They're going to continue to be there. We're going to have to when the Arpa funds runs out. Folks. We're going to have to. We're going to have to pay for those positions.

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Cooper City Hall: Ah! Along with the increase. And this is not a speculation on my part in terms of Ah, you know i'm not going to speculate what we're going to, what we're going to obe. So next year contractually, Mr. Horowitz contractually. What are we on the hook for?

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Cooper City Hall: Ah! To Bso at a minimum

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Cooper City Hall: from a financial standpoint. Yes, sir, I would ask the city manager what our current consider it. Let's give you

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Cooper City Hall: No, no, No, no, hold on. I um. I want to find out. Yeah, because I don't want anybody to think that i'm trying to confuse anybody or I don't. Want. I want to hear the truth here, Mr. Mr. Mr. Kendrick, contractually.

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Cooper City Hall: What are we on the hook for? We were on the hook contractually. No speculation contractually for one point, Seven million dollars this year, We,

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Cooper City Hall: what do we? What is it going to be? Roughly, next year? They're limited to five percent limit, limited to five percent.

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Cooper City Hall: So we know that Categor Isn't.

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Cooper City Hall: With the exception of a couple of categories, they're allowed to go beyond.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, I'm: Sorry. I'm not hearing you the exception of a few categories, five percent.

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Cooper City Hall: So if we so, Mr. Kendrick, and please forgive me if we look at the five percent. What was that? What's that going to be next year? Five percent? If, as if things remain the same. Now, this is a speculation on my part.

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Cooper City Hall: Ah, indulge me it things remain the same.

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Cooper City Hall: What are we looking at for? An increase to be so next year,

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Cooper City Hall: anywhere between one, five and one eight?

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Cooper City Hall: Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: But That was my point on how the three so

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Cooper City Hall: I understand, and I hear what you're saying. Commissioner shrouded. I hear what you're saying,

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Cooper City Hall: what all i'm saying is that there are there are other needs, and i'm not, and and I am pro-law enforcement I am pro b so I am pro-fired. They do a phenomenal job.

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00:52:43.780 --> 00:52:51.539

Cooper City Hall: There's twenty eight percent left in our budget to do everything else that we know that we need to get done.

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Cooper City Hall: So that is what I am concerned with as a member of this commission. That's all. It's My! It's it's my it's my convictions, and that's where I'm at.

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00:53:02.830 --> 00:53:03.910

Cooper City Hall: Thank you

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00:53:03.920 --> 00:53:19.150

Cooper City Hall: Thank you again. I'm not a quote. I think it's a good idea. And and and maybe Commissioner Melcha had the right thought of. Tell you what let's because basically the majority of us up here are in favor of that.

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00:53:19.530 --> 00:53:27.519

Cooper City Hall: How it's to be implemented. It's the issue. Let's bring it. It's coming back. We're gonna meet again.

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00:53:27.550 --> 00:53:30.689

Cooper City Hall: You want to vote on the budget and not solve it. How about this?

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00:53:30.700 --> 00:53:39.789

Cooper City Hall: No, we're voting on the numbers. Okay, i'm trying to re- We have the money.

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00:53:39.800 --> 00:53:45.379

Cooper City Hall: Yes, because we But last time, two weeks ago we had a million dollars over this. So

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Cooper City Hall: we're saving. We're coming with just now. And and How much do you want to put? How much you want to put in reserves? And it will have to come to us? It'll have to come to the manager. It's not being spent. It's just if we have an incident. What do you think?

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What do you think about it?

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Cooper City Hall: He's comfortable with it, and and he's as he's answered at once. You can answer it again.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, I I I want to figure it out. No, I

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Cooper City Hall: I think, putting putting that particularly for the areas that I mentioned you.

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Cooper City Hall: This. This will give us an opportunity to be more flexible that we control the

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Cooper City Hall: we've hired details before we already have a contract. If we want to add details, I think the real-time Crime Center when it comes on board. There may be some additional items that we may want to add that'll be. That'll be our our decision, and it just gives us more flexibility, and particularly over time. I know that the over time. That's in the consideration right Now the chief is very. The cap is very limited, because he essentially has exceeded the overtime budget.

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Cooper City Hall: Um, that's in in the consideration. So this gives us an opportunity, If we want to um increase presence without having to increase um deputies that we can, we can actually control more

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00:55:07.100 --> 00:55:22.610

Cooper City Hall: give the captain more over time to do that. So I think, having that flexibility in in contingency doesn't mean that we have to spend it. But it is available there. I mean, it gives us a flexibility that we currently don't have, and as crime

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00:55:22.620 --> 00:55:36.490

Cooper City Hall: um the trend at least the country wide, and i'm sorry. In the city the trend and countrywide is is increasing. It just gives us additional flexibility in the budget. How it's in there. It doesn't matter

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Cooper City Hall: to me. I mean what um where it's place. But as long as we have that flexibility, then I think it's okay. I think it's a good idea. I think we should listen.

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Cooper City Hall: I think he's trying to tell us, and I find you tell us something that

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Cooper City Hall: I did not know. I did not know about this beforehand, so I was kind of caught by surprise. Well, I would be happy to talk to you if you can change. Stay long.

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00:56:07.210 --> 00:56:16.289

Cooper City Hall: I'm not allowed to talk to you about that. So you have told me that try to be more diplomatic. Your wrongs out with the manager ahead of time.

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00:56:16.300 --> 00:56:33.890

Cooper City Hall: So i'm trying, and and I think it's working to your advantage. We have a another look. See, in two weeks. Put it on as No, no, no, that's not how. I'm. I'm not gonna. Okay, every the rest of the budget. And then this item that that matters to me. I can't.

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00:56:33.900 --> 00:56:37.930

Cooper City Hall: No, I don't have money, and I understand that, and we will be.

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00:56:37.970 --> 00:56:43.019

Cooper City Hall: It's it will be moved in there. It will be approved as far as the numbers are concerned,

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00:56:43.220 --> 00:56:46.160

Cooper City Hall: and That's what we're agreeing on is the budget.

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Cooper City Hall: The manager gets to put that number where he sees fit. That's why we come back. And I tell you my problem with that. So

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Cooper City Hall: under the law where you challenge, I have to be on the non prevailing side, so I can't approve the budget and then challenge it. So you won't mean. Oh, we'll just. We'll take care of you next time. Go ahead and approve the budget. No, that that seals the deal.

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00:57:11.200 --> 00:57:19.520

Cooper City Hall: So it it put. Put it where it should be. I None of it can be spent without this commission, and that gentleman's

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Cooper City Hall: so I don't know why you guys. So just sometimes you gotta just give in. I've I've been giving in here trying to be amicable, i'm, and I always worried about. I I have kept an open mind. I've I've listened to the arguments, and they're They're valid, I understand where you're coming from.

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Cooper City Hall: I rely heavily on on the city manager, I mean I was the one who argued against it. But we have to listen, and and we don't but gonna ask a question, and i'm the first one that clear.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm the first one. I'm. The first one not to listen.

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00:58:01.200 --> 00:58:06.639

Cooper City Hall: Can I ask a question as the finance director? Where would this one hundred and fifty thousand come from?

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Cooper City Hall: They had a million over.

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Cooper City Hall: What is it?

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Cooper City Hall: It's balanced Now the budget is balanced. Where would it come from?

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Cooper City Hall: Currently, Currently it is balanced, However, there are, as indicated earlier, there are some contingency lines. It's the first things that kind of come to my line in terms of potentially reallocating some of the contingencies towards this there is.

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Cooper City Hall: There's probably one or two other items that were not high on this body's list that we gave in that we gave you that we might be allocated one or two of those items also, since this seems to be a higher priority than one or two of the other items, and so it's just. Ah! If if this is what the body wants, then of course we will, we will work it massage, and we get it there.

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Cooper City Hall: What would these items be? I think the item where it would

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Cooper City Hall: really really come from? Because what we've done is between this um, the the workshop, and this meeting we were at the the workshop. You may recall we were paying for some operational items out of our, but we're not doing that anymore. So we would take. We would probably use arpa um for this contingency again. Not necessarily. It would be used, but we would probably take um the arpa money

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Cooper City Hall: um to find this to find a contingency.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, what we would, what we would do was pay for these, the projects that we moved we moved ah, roughly, seven hundred and thirty, four thousand dollars out of offer

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Cooper City Hall: that we previously was using for some capital projects, and so theoretically we could go ahead and utilize offer for those projects and use the general fund monies for the contingent.

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Cooper City Hall: Remember last meeting

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Cooper City Hall: we were budgeting police a million dollars more. We did not have a discussion on anything other than the three hundred thousand. I

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Cooper City Hall: somehow the question on pension were brought up about their getting savings, and then because the pensions run and ah! The reports run on the readers. So now we got an updated one, and we realized there's six hundred thousand dollars savings and the actual one that comes in. We'll probably need even more savings because it is matriculating out that it's going down,

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01:00:26.200 --> 01:00:44.660

Cooper City Hall: so it will probably be a net zero, if anything, because you're gonna have likely if you used it. And you know, if you used all of it, it would still be like in that zero because you're gonna have pension savings and vacancy credits. But those things aren't guaranteed right? So we last. The proposed budget

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Cooper City Hall: had a million dollars more proposed in law enforcement. I'm. Asking you guys to only cut seven hundred thousand out of it and take that other part, and just put a little asterisk to say, our number one function as government is public safety. Let's put a little money there in case we have an incident, we could respond to it

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Cooper City Hall: can't happen without the manager's approval.

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Cooper City Hall: It seems like a perfect solution. Your arguments are less persuasive than the the managers argument that we may need it for for operational things

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Cooper City Hall: working on right now. You only need one so persuasive argument.

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Cooper City Hall: So that's correct. One of the serious of argument is enough, Mr. Kendrick, what i'll ask you to do for us. Um! And I like the idea of reallocating from other contingencies. But once you figure out where the money is coming from, Please let us know well in advance of the next budget. Hearing

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Cooper City Hall: um given. Given what I've heard does for this is a very easy fix for us, and we can do it on a day or two. I think. I'm just so. It'll come back to you in general. We, too,

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01:01:43.900 --> 01:01:48.690

Cooper City Hall: all right, Thank you. We kind of to be careful about the pensions, too,

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01:01:48.700 --> 01:01:49.770

Cooper City Hall: right

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01:02:34.680 --> 01:02:41.950

Cooper City Hall: we'll open up public hearing on the amended motion, and one wasn't to speak at City Hall, or on virtual

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Cooper City Hall: close public hearing any further discussion. Call the vote on the Amendment

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Cooper City Hall: Meiros. Yes,

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Cooper City Hall: now a motion has been made already by Commissioner Charter, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer on the original

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Cooper City Hall: ordinance

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Cooper City Hall: twenty-two twenty-two. Any further discussion on that. I'll open it up for a public hearing anyone here. City Hall wish to to speak anyone on virtual

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01:03:19.960 --> 01:03:22.910

Cooper City Hall: close public hearing anything for her

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Cooper City Hall: Call the vote.

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01:03:30.680 --> 01:03:39.289

Cooper City Hall: Not my budget, but yes, Commissioner Green. No, Mayor Ross. Yes, I don't think it's anyone's budget. I think it's everyone's budget.

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01:03:42.580 --> 01:03:45.069

Cooper City Hall: We have Commissioner concerns

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01:03:45.260 --> 01:03:46.670

Cooper City Hall: Mr. Green.

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01:03:46.980 --> 01:03:56.950

Cooper City Hall: I have nothing, Mayor. This was very collegial. It was spirited Debate. I appreciate it. Thank you very much, Commissioner Pulcini.

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Cooper City Hall: I want to remind the next meeting, if we can put on the agenda, the ah ordinance. Ah! For the registration of the Rvs and trailers. I want to eliminate the registration requirement.

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01:04:14.500 --> 01:04:27.509

We have a draft. I know that Giovanni and Sergeant Moscow have the draft in their possession. They're currently reviewing it. Assuming we have all of the comments back from Via, so to put it on that agenda, if it is not on that agenda, we anticipate having it on the following. But I would like to eliminate

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Cooper City Hall: the proposal, seeks to remove the registration report. My time is limited

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Cooper City Hall: only on the day it's. So i'm just going. So I If it is not on the next meeting it will be on the following: Yeah, I don't have much time understood.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, I want to eliminate the registration, the fee everything.

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01:04:45.090 --> 01:04:58.560

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Meltzer. Thanks, Mayor Ross and I had asked about a month ago, and I and I want to. I want to push this forward. We had passed an ordinance. Was it an ordinance, or actually a procedure?

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Cooper City Hall: Ah! Recently that members of the Commission need to disclose if they received any contributions from Ah, from anybody standing before us in the quasi-judicial matter and it was an ordinance. Okay, And I would like to give that a little more,

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01:05:14.820 --> 01:05:23.690

Cooper City Hall: maybe some more teeth. And I would like to also work with Jacob's office to include endorsements, written endorsements to that end.

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Cooper City Hall: What was the the first part

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Cooper City Hall: the money's taking campaign contributions that we have to disclose. Right now. If we've received any campaign contributions from anybody that stands before us

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Cooper City Hall: the The one thing I also, I guess, in the same realm. I wanted to

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Cooper City Hall: maybe prohibit a private

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Cooper City Hall: Us. Or commissioners from meeting individually with on land development.

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Cooper City Hall: It's

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Cooper City Hall: matters so like a lot with lobbyists, and I kind of I mean right now. We'll often have lobbyists contact us, and want to meet with us about a project. And you know, I guess we say, yeah, sure. And they come here to see all. But you know, because I feel rude, saying, No, but I feel like It'd be better if we didn't meet with them at all.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, as a practice

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Cooper City Hall: during my four-year tenure. I've never met alone

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Cooper City Hall: with a developer. I've always met with a with a city representative. I never met alone. That's your that's that's that's that's individual preferences, and I don't agree with that. I I I can't. I understand what the Commissioner is asking for before we offer an ordinance that if I like to do some research on that point

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01:06:37.200 --> 01:06:44.560

Cooper City Hall: sexually. Personally, I think there'd be a problem doing that. But you don't think you can prohibit the meeting with a lobby Land Development lobbyists

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Cooper City Hall: um

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01:06:48.230 --> 01:06:51.349

Cooper City Hall: individually. I'm sure you say no

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Cooper City Hall: little

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Cooper City Hall: um, but anything further.

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Cooper City Hall: I don't know or beer with me, woman. You were cut off for Commissioner concerns. Do you have anything further? I do not

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Cooper City Hall: you, Mr. Garrett. I may just to clarify Commissioner meltzer's concern. That's an item to be added for discussion to the next agenda.

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Cooper City Hall: Ah, yes,

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okay.

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Cooper City Hall: My only thing is, I just want to address an incident that we're all aware of. That happened. I think it was this week with the

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Cooper City Hall: A. Can I say hoax

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Cooper City Hall: with A with some type of online? Something to you know, incident happened where somebody was essentially swallowed out of swatted, and in a fake call, or whatever it was called in to

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01:07:36.990 --> 01:07:51.620

Cooper City Hall: to the police department about Ah, obviously a shooting or something that effect that didn't actually occur, and resulted in a large, not only some of the schools being shut down, but a large police presence response. And

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01:07:51.920 --> 01:08:10.589

Cooper City Hall: as ah! Anyone who watches nose. We often critique our public safety to make sure they're on time, and I wanted to kind of give them a thank you, because I, the call came into the fire station. I only know because I was standing there looking at the fire rescue vehicle with the Fire Chief at two twenty,

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01:08:10.600 --> 01:08:16.790

Cooper City Hall: and by the time I had left there around three o'clock, maybe forty minutes later

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01:08:16.830 --> 01:08:24.329

Cooper City Hall: the police were able to, you know, figure out everything. They We had more deputies for more areas. I saw the

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Cooper City Hall: you know lot of the Lakes, North Lauderdale West, and it was a massive response. I saw the swat team, and so that means all of those resources were here to handle the situation and left. I think the helicopter even landed. Um, you know, on the golf course in like forty minutes.

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01:08:42.200 --> 01:08:51.790

Cooper City Hall: Well, I Forty minutes later I I had seen they were all leaving, so I don't know how long it took, but it must have been in a matter of you know, ten or fifteen minutes that we had

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01:08:51.800 --> 01:09:11.229

Cooper City Hall: the entire resources of the sheriff's office there and um I was impressed by that I want to thank. Thank them for that. Whoever at Sheriff's office is coordinating this multi-jurisdictional response that that worked. And uh i'm at least anyone around City Hall. So how that was? I guess it turned out to be a test run,

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01:09:11.240 --> 01:09:26.829

Cooper City Hall: or maybe that's what they're gonna use. Use the benefits of it. But it was not confusion, it was. It was a massive response, and it was coordinated and and thorough. And I want to thank you know our our law enforcement leadership for that

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01:09:27.550 --> 01:09:28.849

Cooper City Hall: I thank you

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01:09:28.880 --> 01:09:30.200

Cooper City Hall: nothing further.

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01:09:30.229 --> 01:09:35.890

Cooper City Hall: Two minute. We're about all anyone watching to speak at this time at hearing City Hall or on virtual.

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01:09:35.960 --> 01:09:42.930

Cooper City Hall: No one's on virtual. No one here at City Hall. You have motion. Thank you very much

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in the convenient time as well.

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Cooper City Hall: Now we're nine, and the hour nine minutes.