CITY OF COOPER CITY

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 6:30 PM
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

MINUTES

Mayor Curran called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL
Present were Mayor Curran, Commissioner Shrouder, Commissioner Katzman, Commissioner Mallozzi, and Commissioner Smith

CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS
None

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of the Public Safety Advisory Board Scholarship Winner – **PSAB**

The Commission recognized Ryan Hibbard as the inaugural recipient of the $500 Public Safety Advisory Board Scholarship. Mr. Hibbard, a Cooper City High School graduate, plans to attend the Miami-Dade Fire Academy. The Commission congratulated him and thanked the Public Safety Advisory Board for establishing the scholarship.

2. Transportation Master Plan – **MPO**

A representative of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization presented information on the development of the Transportation Master Plan. The presentation covered public engagement, school and pedestrian safety, transportation needs, and opportunities for residents to participate via the online survey. The Commission encouraged continued outreach to Cooper City schools and residents.

The representative explained that the project website hosts meeting materials and prior presentations, enabling the public to follow the planning process. The Commission noted that Cooper City High School was promoting the survey and emphasized the importance of student participation, crosswalk safety, and safe access to schools and nearby businesses.

3. Pet Adoption - **Commissioner Mallozzi**

Commissioner Mallozzi presented Mia, a two-year-old mixed-breed dog available for adoption through the Humane Society of Broward County. Mia was described as affectionate, responsive to basic commands, comfortable with another dog in her prior home, and fond of playing fetch. Residents were directed to the Humane Society website for adoption information.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
The following comments were received:

- Janice Waskin – Expressed concerns about the exterior appearance and maintenance of a residence on SW 118th Terrace, including landscaping, trees, and sidewalk conditions. The City Attorney explained that existing maintenance provisions could be enforced, but regulating house colors raised legal concerns. Code Enforcement was asked to inspect the maintenance issues.

- Sam Rojas – Presented photographs of damaged and uneven sidewalks and questioned paving priorities and school-area parking restrictions. Staff explained that sidewalk and paving work is prioritized by condition and available funding, and that school-area restrictions help with traffic control during arrival and dismissal.

During the sidewalk discussion, staff explained that a pavement-condition study established the order of work and that the annual paving allocation of approximately $1.2 million to $1.3 million allowed only a portion of the City to be completed each year. Work around the school was advanced before classes resumed to avoid construction conflicts. Afterward, the City would return to the remaining ranked neighborhoods. Staff estimated that the area west of Pine Island Road toward SW 118th Avenue would require several annual phases.

- Dr. Amy Romanus reported multiple vehicles and maintenance issues associated with neighboring properties near a home she inherited. Staff was directed to obtain the address and photographs for review. Zoning staff provided guidance on permitted plantings in the swale.
- Ozzy R. requested an evaluation of traffic calming near SW 51st Street and SW 95th Avenue due to speeding and prior crashes. Staff explained that Broward County requirements govern placement and that the location could be reviewed.

The City Attorney clarified that public comment provides the public with an opportunity to address the Commission. A question-and-answer exchange is not legally required, although questions may be referred to staff for follow-up.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda included Items 4 through 6. Commissioner Mallozzi pulled Item 6 for separate consideration.

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Resolutions

5. **Resolution 26-42 (Finance)**

   A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AND ENERGY SYSTEMS GROUP, LLC, TO EXTEND THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PHASE FROM ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS TO TWO HUNDRED FIVE (205) DAYS, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A;" AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to Approve

6. This item is for the "formal approval" as a quasi-judicial advertised item, for the executed stipulated agreement for Red Apple at Cooper City LLC, and Renaissance Charter School, Inc., approved on the 7/21/26 meeting (not an advertised meeting). The property was posted, and mailed notice was sent per code/statute requirements for this meeting. - **Community Development**

Motion: Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 4 and 5. Seconded by Commissioner Katzman, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

The Commission separately considered formal quasi-judicial approval of the executed stipulated agreement involving Red Apple at Cooper City, LLC and Renaissance Charter School, Inc., previously approved on July 21, 2026, but not advertised at the time as a quasi-judicial item. Following the quasi-judicial proceeding and discussion, the Commission approved the agreement.

The City Attorney advised that the property had been posted and that notice had been provided in accordance with the City's quasi-judicial procedures. The agreement contained no substantive changes from the previously approved version and served as formal ratification following the required advertisement and notice.

Motion: Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to approve the executed stipulated agreement as a properly advertised quasi-judicial item. Seconded by Commissioner Katzman, which prevailed by a 4-1 roll call vote. Commissioner Mallozzi voting no.

The City Attorney reported that the Broward County School Board approved the school resource officer agreement. Law enforcement coverage and the transition remained coordinated with Broward County and BSO. The school requested County approval to redirect traffic through Brian Piccolo Park. The City submitted a letter of support. The school has also connected to the Real-Time Crime Center.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Request to add additional Expenditure Authority in the amount of $429,735.00 under Contract No. 3341, awarded to Trane U.S. for HVAC Products, Installation, Labor-based solutions, and related products and services. – **Utilities**

Staff requested $429,735 in additional expenditure authority under Contract No. 3341 with Trane U.S. for HVAC products, installation, labor, and related services. The discussion covered planned improvements to the BSO/Public Safety building, the capital-project budget, and an anticipated December completion date.

The Commission reviewed the OMNIA cooperative purchasing terms, including provisions allowing price adjustments for raw materials, labor, freight, tariffs, or other circumstances outside the vendor's control; the priority of the cooperative agreement terms over City purchase-order terms; payment timing; and allocation of risk and loss. The City Attorney stated that the terms were consistent with the cooperative agreement and generally standard for a piggyback procurement, with future tariffs representing the primary pricing risk.

Staff confirmed the expenditure was included in the capital budget. The City delayed the HVAC work pending the public-safety facility study, which recommended continuing to use the building as a police facility with targeted upgrades. The City would address electrical and plumbing improvements separately in the future. The broader capital allocation also included HVAC work at City Hall and the Community Center.

Motion: Commissioner Mallozzi made a motion to approve $429,735 in additional expenditure authority under Contract No. 3341 with Trane U.S. Seconded by Commissioner Katzman, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

8. Motion to approve the City-wide Medical Insurance renewal for plan year 2026-2027 with Benecon. - **Human Resources**

Staff reviewed the citywide medical insurance renewal and recommended transitioning to Benecon/UnitedHealth Care. The Commission discussed benefit levels, employee impacts, timing, plan customization, and the possibility of obtaining a short extension from Florida Blue during the transition.

The City's broker explained that Benecon administers the Florida Government Healthcare Solutions Pool, a municipal and public-sector pool with UnitedHealth Care as the carrier. The proposal matching the City's current Florida Blue plan design reflected an approximate 5.2 percent increase; restoring the richer benefits previously offered through FMIT reflected an approximate 6.6 percent increase. Florida Blue's renewal was approximately 12 percent. The richer Benecon option therefore provided a broader network and improved benefits, with projected savings exceeding $100,000 compared with the Florida Blue renewal.

Unlike the former fully insured FMIT arrangement, the Benecon pool would treat the City as a self-insured participating entity. Renewals would be influenced by both the City's claims experience and the pool's performance. The City would receive monthly claims reports, monitor loss experience and wellness trends, and appoint a representative to the pool's governing board. The broker reported that the pool had 11 public-sector members, an average historical increase of approximately 8 percent, and a contractual annual increase cap of 20 percent. A surplus distribution was possible, although the pool generally used favorable results to moderate future increases.

The Commission reviewed the stop-loss structure. The broker explained that the $60,000 specific deductible represented the point above which stop-loss coverage would respond to a large individual claim; the 12/12 Contract Basis covered claims incurred and paid during the plan year; and the 110% aggregate corridor provided a buffer before aggregate stop-loss protection applied. These financing provisions would not alter employee copayments or benefits, but claims performance could affect future renewal pricing.

Human Resources reported that employees expressed significant dissatisfaction with Florida Blue because Broward Health and Memorial-affiliated hospitals and physicians were unavailable or out of network. Some employees changed physicians, moved to a spouse's plan, or reduced participation. The City had previously appropriated funds to address coverage gaps, but less than $2,000 had been used; the remaining funds would return to the fund balance for possible reappropriation. Commissioners supported expanded wellness and preventive-care incentives and generally favored returning to the UnitedHealth Care network.

The Commission also discussed implementation timing. The final motion preserved flexibility for the City Manager to obtain a Florida Blue extension of up to 90 days, if needed to complete enrollment and transition activities, and authorized benefit customization without exceeding the richest quoted plan.

Motion: Commissioner Mallozzi made a motion to authorize the City Manager to transition to Benecon/UnitedHealth Care, attempt to secure up to a 90-day extension with Florida Blue, and customize benefits up to, but not exceeding the richest plan offered. Seconded by Commissioner Shrouder, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

9. **Ordinance 26-16 (Community Development)**

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

The Commission considered Ordinance 26-16 on first reading, which amends Code Section 25-10(a). The ordinance rescinds vehicle-registration requirements and associated fees and establishes an online method for property owners to document up to 36 hours of front-yard parking. The discussion also addressed processing refunds of applicable registration fees consistent with prior Commission direction.

The online process was intended to allow owners to document temporary front-yard parking without maintaining a paid City registration. Staff would develop the tracking procedure and process refunds for the discontinued registration requirement.

Motion: Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-16 on 1st reading. Seconded by Commissioner Katzman, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager advised that individual meetings would be scheduled with each Commissioner to review alternatives for reducing property taxes. The goal was to present options at the first Commission meeting in September.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

The City Attorney reported that the City settled its dispute with iWorQ. Under the settlement, the City would pay two outstanding invoices totaling approximately $19,000 to $20,000, and iWorQ would transfer City data via FTP. Information Technology staff was coordinating the data transfer.

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

Commissioner Smith requested regular social media updates on sidewalk projects and asked staff to evaluate canal dredging and concerns about stagnant water and mosquitoes.

Commissioner Mallozzi thanked staff and discussed mosquito-control efforts. The City Manager reported that the City had already submitted a request for County assistance.

Commissioner Katzman recognized the Cooper City Connect nonprofit expo and the Cooper City Kindness Club.

Commissioner Shrouder requested attention to an overgrown drainage/outfall area behind the Goldfarb residence and a review of similar areas. He also urged using available staffing and temporary overtime to address building-permit and inspection delays. The Commission's consensus supported providing additional resources as needed.

Mayor Curran requested that instructions explaining how residents may use TextMyGov be published. Staff agreed to prepare a how-to communication.

At the Commission's request, law enforcement clarified that Cooper City does not use Flock cameras and that the City's cameras do not automatically issue citations. Citations would result from an observed violation or other authorized enforcement activity.

The Commission revisited the Cooper City Optimist Club's 45-day compliance period and the Club's request for financial support for an administrator, bookkeeper and treasurer. The City Manager distinguished the Club's bylaw-required treasurer from a professional compliance or quality-control function capable of independently reviewing reconciliations, reimbursements, procurement documentation and other required controls.

Staff reported that the Optimist Board discussed the matter at its August 20 meeting and considered up to $75,000 in combined costs for a club administrator, bookkeeper, and treasurer. The City Manager stated that the prior Commission discussion had focused on financial oversight rather than funding all three Club positions. He recommended that, if the City paid for professional oversight, the individual be retained under a City-controlled contract and be accountable for verifying compliance with the Commission's identified requirements.

Commissioners discussed whether any professional oversight role should be contracted directly by the City, whether the Club would accept that arrangement, possible conflicts of interest, the Club's available funds, and the need to demonstrate progress before receiving public support. The Club representative stated that candidates had been identified for administrative, bookkeeping, and financial roles and requested financial assistance to implement the required changes.

The Club representative stated that the proposed administrator would handle forms and administrative requirements, the bookkeeper had nonprofit experience, and the proposed financial professional was a Cooper City resident. He requested that the City allow the Club to implement its corrective plan and contribute to the cost. Commissioners expressed concern about paying a Club officer directly, particularly a treasurer who would serve under the Club's bylaws, and about providing public funds before the Club demonstrated compliance.

The Commission discussed retaining a separate accountant, compliance officer, or quality-control reviewer who would not serve as the Club treasurer or pay the Club's bills. That professional could conduct ongoing reviews of bank reconciliations, procurement records, supporting receipts, and reimbursements, and report whether the required controls were being followed. The City Manager indicated that the City could retain such a person, subject to the Club's agreement and legal review.

No funding, reimbursement, or contract was approved. The 45-day compliance deadline remained in effect. The Commission indicated that, after the Club demonstrated compliance, it could consider a reasonable and legally permissible form of support at a future meeting. Any expenditure would be returned to the Commission for formal approval. The Commission did not support a paid Club treasurer; a separate compliance-review role remained subject to further legal, administrative, and Club review.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

The minutes of the regular Commission meeting held on August 25, 2026, were approved at the regular Commission meeting held on September 8, 2026.

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Mayor James Curran

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Tedra Allen, City Clerk