



CITY OF COOPER CITY CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 6:30 PM
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

MINUTES

Mayor Curran called the meeting to order at approximately 6:32 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. City Clerk Tedra Allen conducted roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS

City Manager Alex Rey advised that there are no emergency items or changes to the agenda.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Pet Adoption

Commissioner Smith presented the pet adoption on behalf of Commissioner Mallozzi, featuring Noelle, a two-year-old bully breed described as gentle, loyal, affectionate, and good with children, who needs a forever home. It was noted that Dolly's Dream had paid Noelle's adoption fee and would provide items to assist with her transition.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no public speakers.

LAND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

(Florida court rulings now require all land development matters to be considered by the City Commission in a quasi-judicial process. All persons who wish to give testimony or present evidence must be sworn in. Copies of the complete procedures are available in the Office of the City Clerk).

2. Finding Violation of Conditional Use #CU 9-1-09

The City Attorney introduced the Finding of Violation of Conditional Use #CU 9-1-09 for the property at 2800 North Palm Avenue. The City Attorney stated that the City of Cooper City was the petitioner, Red Apple at Cooper City, LLC was the property owner, and Renaissance Charter School was the operator/respondent.

The City Attorney advised that the matter was quasi-judicial and that notice had been provided in accordance with the City's quasi-judicial procedures, including certified mail, property posting, and notice to residents within the required radius. The City Attorney further stated that the public hearing would address violations of the conditions of approval for Conditional Use CU 9-1-09, including the school resource officer/deputy funding requirement, the 1,200-student enrollment cap, and traffic-related conditions and representations.

Members of the Commission disclosed that they had no ex parte communications with the respondent or its representatives and had not received any campaign contributions from the respondent.

Upon inquiry, no representative for the respondent was present. To allow additional time in case the respondent was delayed, the Commission proceeded with the remaining agenda items and returned to Item #2 later in the meeting.

When the item was resumed, the City Attorney stated that no representative for the respondent was present. The City Attorney restated prior procedural disclosures for the record, and the witnesses who intended to testify were sworn in.

Special Counsel David DiPietro presented the City's case. He explained that the Commission was serving as a neutral decision-maker, determining, based on competent, substantial evidence in the record, whether violations of Conditional Use CU 9-1-09 had occurred and, if so, what action, if any, should be taken.

Summary of Sworn Testimony and Evidence

- Assistant Finance Director Tena Granit testified regarding the SRD/SRO funding agreement. She explained that the City pays BSO and invoices the school for reimbursement. She further testified that the 2025-26 agreement was not signed, payments were not

made until an \$118,000 wire payment was received on April 1, 2026, and no further payments had been received. She also testified that approximately \$42,086 remained owed through the end of the school year.

- Community Development Director Jason Chockley testified that Resolution 10-10-3 and Conditional Use CU 9-1-09 set conditions of approval, including the school resource officer requirement, a maximum enrollment of 1,200 students, and traffic-related conditions requiring minimal impact to the surrounding roadway network. He also testified about the posting and mailing of notice for the hearing.
- Evidence was presented showing that enrollment exceeded the 1,200-student cap, including reports and admissions reflecting enrollment figures above the cap.
- BSO Sergeant Mark Warsaw testified regarding traffic conditions associated with the school, including congestion, slowdowns on Palm Avenue, intersection blockage on Sheridan Street and Palm Avenue, roadside student drop-offs, cut-through traffic through neighboring properties, and traffic hazards associated with the school's drop-off and pickup operations. Drone video evidence was discussed during the hearing.
- BSO Captain Andrea Tianga testified about the importance of having a sworn school resource deputy at the school, the distinction between a deputy and a guardian, and the impact on City resources if a deputy is not assigned to the school. Testimony also addressed the school's indication that it did not intend to renew the SRO/SRD agreement and that the City continued to maintain a law enforcement presence at the school out of caution.
- Commissioners asked questions about the payment history, whether the school had executed a current agreement, traffic control obligations, off-duty officer requirements, the relationship between the property owner and operator, the impact on City resources, and available enforcement options.

Commission Findings and Motions

- SRO/SRD funding condition

Motion: Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to find Renaissance Charter School in violation of Conditional Use CU 9-1-09 for failure to fund and maintain the school resource deputy/officer condition, and to revoke the conditional use based on that violation. Mayor Curran seconded the motion, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (4-0)

- Enrollment cap condition

Motion: Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to find Renaissance Charter School in violation of the 1,200-student enrollment cap and to revoke the conditional use based on that violation. Commissioner Katzman seconded the motion, which prevailed by unanimous vote (4-0).

- Traffic impact congestion

Motion: Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to find Renaissance Charter School in violation of the traffic-related conditions and representations associated with the conditional use and to revoke the conditional use based on that violation. Commissioner Katzman seconded the motion, which prevailed by unanimous vote. (4-0)

- Certificate of Use

Motion: Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to revoke the Certificate of Use, effective immediately. Commissioner Katzman seconded the motion, which prevailed by unanimous vote (4-0)

The City Attorney stated that the Commission's findings and motions would be consolidated into a single written order to be recorded in Broward County's public records. The City Attorney also noted a 30-day appeal period. The Commission discussed posting and mailing the order to the property owner, the respondent, and counsel, and notifying the Broward County School Board Superintendent and the appropriate Charter School office of the revocation.

BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3. Appointment of Leonard Breslow to the Senior Advisory Board - **Commissioner Mallozzi**
4. Finance Report

The City Attorney announced the appointment of Leonard Breslow to the Senior Advisory Board, as offered by Commissioner Mallozzi. The item was presented as public notice and did not require Commission action.

The Finance Report was noted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

5. June 9, 2026 Public Budget Input and Commission Budget Input Workshop Minutes
6. June 9, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes

Resolutions

7. **Resolution 26-32 - (Administration)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS PROCESSING AUTHORITY OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION AND THE EXECUTED SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS PROCESSING AUTHORITY OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to Approve

8. Motion to approve a piggyback of Broward County Contract No. PNC2127866B1_1 awarded to WSD Contracting, Inc. for Water Service Lines, Installation, Restoration, and Replacement to complete the Flamingo Townhomes as well as other neighborhoods in the City in the amount of \$2,500,000 to be completed by October 7, 2029. - **Utilities**

Motion: Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Katzman seconded the motion, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (4-0)

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Motion to approve additional expenditure authority of \$90,000.00 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the approved budgeted amounts for subsequent years of the contract term under RFP No. 2019-13, awarded to Juniper Landscaping of Florida for park maintenance services. – **Parks & Recreation**

The City Manager explained that the request would replace contractors for irrigation-related work required for the sod installation and that the funding was replacement money rather than new money. Staff explained that the original contractor failed to provide the required documentation or make the required scheduling commitments in a timely manner.

Commission discussion focused on concerns about Juniper's prior performance, the urgency of completing irrigation work before grass installation, potential delays to field improvements, and whether the work could be completed in-house by Parks and Utilities staff or with limited contracted assistance for the electrical components. Staff advised that delaying irrigation work could affect sod delivery and installation and jeopardize the City's ability to maintain the new grass investment.

Motion: Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the additional expenditure authority for Juniper Landscaping. Commissioner Shrouder seconded the motion, which failed by a roll-call vote. (2-2) (Commissioner Shrouder & Mayor Curran voting no)

Following the failed motion, the Commission discussed staff exploring in-house options and coordinating interdepartmentally to complete the irrigation work.

REGULAR RESOLUTIONS

10. **Resolution 26-31 (Community Development)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO SECTION 6-18 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS DETAILED IN THE PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Commission considered Resolution 26-31, amending the City's building permit fee schedule pursuant to Section 6-18 of the City Code. The City Manager advised that the item was ministerial and required by state law.

Motion: Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which prevailed by unanimous roll call vote. (4-0)

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

11. **Ordinance 26-08 (Administration)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AT ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "LEGISLATIVE;" AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTION 3.10, ENTITLED "VACANCIES, FORFEITURES OF OFFICE, FILLING OF VACANCIES;" PROVIDING FOR COORDINATION WITH THE BROWARD COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE CITY COMMISSION; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 26-08, ADOPTED MAY 26, 2026; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISING OF THE REFERENDUM

ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Attorney introduced Ordinance 26-08 on first reading, proposing a Charter amendment addressing City Commission vacancies, forfeitures of office, and the filling of vacancies by special election in coordination with the Broward County Supervisor of Elections. The ordinance would have repealed Ordinance No. 26-08, adopted on May 26, 2026, and submitted the revised question to the voters at the November 3, 2026, General Election.

Motion: Commissioner Katzman made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-08 on first reading. Motion died for lack of a second. The City Attorney advised that the previously adopted Ordinance 26-08 remains binding and is to be transmitted to the Supervisor of Elections.

12. **Ordinance 26-15 (Finance)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, INCREASING THE COMMITTED EMERGENCY RESERVE WITHIN THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE BY FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$400,000.00); BRINGING THE TOTAL COMMITTED EMERGENCY RESERVE TO THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$3,850,000.00); IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD STATEMENT NO. 54 ("GASB-54") AND THE CITY'S ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT ("ACFR") REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Commission considered Ordinance No. 26-15, increasing the committed emergency reserve within the City's General Fund fund balance and bringing the total committed emergency reserve to \$3,850,000. The City Manager stated the item followed Commission guidance from the prior budget workshop.

Motion: Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-15 on first reading, increasing the committed emergency reserve. Commissioner Shrouder seconded the motion, which prevailed in a unanimous roll call vote. (4-0)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Rey reported that he had nothing further to report.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Jacob Horowitz provided a brief update regarding Cooper Colony. He advised that there had been no substantive changes since the last update, that the Development Review Committee meeting had been moved from June to July, and that he had spoken with the applicant's land use attorney late the prior week. He stated that the applicant was expected to submit a revised application, presumably in mid-July, but that no revised application had been received to date. Staff will continue to keep the Commission updated.

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

- Commissioner Smith thanked staff for the Father's Day fishing event and the soccer watch party. He also stated that he had seen significant improvement in permitting turnaround data since the prior meeting and expressed support for the City Manager's direction and any operational adjustments needed to continue improving service to residents.
- Commissioner Katzman stated that the fishing tournament was well executed and commended staff for thinking outside the box and for being empowered to make decisions on the fly.
- Mayor Curran thanked staff for the fishing tournament, the watch party, and their daily work for the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:01 P.M.

The minutes of the regular Commission meeting held on June 23, 2026, were approved at the regular Commission meeting held on July 21, 2026.

Mayor James Curran

Tedra Allen, City Clerk

ADA NOTICE

This meeting is open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Office of the City Clerk, 954-434-4300 ext. 220, not later than two days prior to such proceeding. One or more members of the City of Cooper City Advisory Boards may be in attendance and may participate at the meeting. Anyone wishing to appeal any decision made by the Cooper City Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Agenda items may be viewed online at www.coopercity.gov or at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Cooper City, 9090 SW 50 Place, Cooper City, Florida, 33328, 954-434-4300.

DECORUM

Members of the Commission, staff members, citizens, and others are required to use civil and appropriate language when addressing the Commission or anyone present at the meeting and must refrain from using profanity, cursing, or exhibiting aggressive or threatening behavior. All comments should generally be directed to the presiding officer and not to individual members of the Commission, staff, or the audience. No personal verbal attacks toward any individual by either the Commission, staff, citizens, or others shall be allowed during any meeting of the Commission.

Any persons making impertinent or slanderous remarks or personal attacks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the Commission or who otherwise violates the decorum rules set forth herein shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Mayor, or by request of any member of the Commission unless permission to continue or again address the Commission be granted by a majority vote of the Commission members present.
