



**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION CHARTER AMENDMENT REVIEW
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 5:30 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, Pulcini, Green and Mayor Ross. Commissioner Meltzer was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 MINUTES)

Marcela White, 11295 SW 55 Pl spoke on Forest Lake Dog Park and asked about grass near a fence that is blocking an area at the park. She also asked that the closing time of the park be adjusted to dusk and if a workshop will be scheduled to address the dog park issues.

City Manager Napoli will contact Ms. White with regard to the grass near the fence.

Commissioner Shrouder advised the dog park will not be closed but depending on the results of the data collected, it may be relocated. The Commission can only gather and discuss items during public meetings so unfortunately it can take time to address certain concerns.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion on amending Section 3.02 to eliminate the prohibition on an individual serving as mayor and/or commissioner for more than three (3) terms cumulatively without relinquishing either office for a period of one (1) full term – four (4) years – **Commission**

Mayor Ross indicated the verbiage in Section 3.02 is the issue at hand.

Commissioner Pulcini advised they are here to discuss if this item should be on the ballot. He believes the residents already voted on the topic.

Mayor Ross said there are new residents in the community and additional population in the City. The City has been updating ordinances to serve the residents in a better fashion.

Commissioner Pulcini asked City Attorney Horowitz to explain the difference between the City's Charter and the City's Code of Ordinances. He advised the Charter should not be changed as ordinances are.

Mayor Ross advised the Commission could bring forth charter amendments when they see fit.

City Attorney Horowitz explained there is a distinction between the City's Charter and the City's Code of Ordinances. The City Charter is essentially the City's constitution adopted by the voters and can only be amended by referendum presented by the voters. The Code of Ordinances is more of a living document that the Commission controls. The City Charter provides for a Charter Review Commission that is convened every six years, made up of volunteer residents appointed by the Commission to make recommendations on revising the Charter. The City Commission always has the prerogative under

Chapter 166 of the Florida Statutes to present amendments to the City Charter and present those items to the voters. If they are approved they are made apart of the Charter. The Commission always has that option separate and apart from the Charter Review Board.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if the Commission can amend the Charter. City Attorney Horowitz advised that State Statues allow it.

City Attorney Horowitz advised section 7.01 of the Charter says the Commission and or the electors of the City may propose amendments to the Charter in accordance with Chapter 166.

Commissioner Green asked if the Mayor was in favor of reducing the number of years a candidate has to wait to run again.

Mayor Ross answered there are options, reducing to a limit of two years is an option as well as deleting the word cumulatively in Section 3.02.

Commissioner Green advised he is not in favor of changing the current code. He does not see the harm in sitting out a term if an individual has served for 12 years.

Commissioner Shrouder does not believe the terms should be different based on districts. He favors term limits but he is not opposed to fixing the language. He does not want District 1 or 2 to be penalized. He does not believe it should state and/or in section 3.02. He advised the language regarding qualifications needs fixed as well.

Commissioner Green said there are two seats up for election in 2022. If language is changed and an individual is re-elected, they could potentially resign and run for Mayor while not fulfilling a complete term.

Commissioner Shrouder answered the candidate would need to resign to run and would of completed two years. If they decided to run for Mayor they would serve 10 years opposed to another district representative.

Commissioner Green advised every election cycle theoretically you could have individuals step down and run for an open seat. He does see the need to change the Charter if it has been working.

Commissioner Pulcini advised the problem is with the position of Mayor. He asked if other municipalities who rotate the position of Mayor have this issue.

Mayor Ross advised the rotating option would eliminate the position of Mayor.

Commissioner Shrouder said the Broward County Commission chooses among each other who serves as Mayor.

Mayor Ross said he wants to make it clear that he does not want anything passed to affect him.

Commissioner Green asked if the individuals on the dais would be affected by a change.

City Attorney Horowitz advised it would depend on how the item was drafted. It can be drafted that it takes effect in 2026.

Commissioner Green answered you cannot exclude anyone from running for office.

Mayor Ross advised he is termed out.

Commissioner Green does not understand the push for a change.

Mayor Ross advised the option is for the voters to decide.

Commissioner Green said that at a minimum of 80% in each district in 2020, the voters approved district representation seats elected by district voters.

Mayor Ross said the question on the ballot was not a recommendation by the Charter Review Board.

Commissioner Green said there has not been an uproar expressing the voters were duped or concerned with the 2020 ballot questions.

Commissioner Shrouder advised Embassy Lakes did voice concern.

Commissioner Green replied Embassy Lakes was concerned with redistricting.

Mayor Ross does not understand the fear of bringing an option to the voters. He stated the longer an individual serves the more affective they could be as they build relationships throughout the state.

Commissioner Shrouder said term limits became effective in the 1990's.

Commissioner Green said the voters approved term limits in 1994. They also voted in 2006 and extended terms. If there was a desire to remove term limits based on 1994 to 2006, the residents had time to reconsider.

Mayor Ross advised voters have not had an opportunity to vote on a change.

Commissioner Pulcini advised this request is not coming from the residents or a resident's board. It is being presented by the Commission.

Mayor Ross advised it is the Commission's job to present resident's options as leaders.

Commissioner Green advised an effective leader has to know when to follow. There has not been any residents who have expressed interest in eliminating terms or districts. He said when Embassy Lakes' residents voiced concerns with split representation the majority of the commission voted against Embassy Lakes.

Mayor Ross answered the Commission voted for the majority of the City has a whole.

Commissioner Green asked who in the community asked for redistricting.

Mayor Ross said the Charter required the Commission to redistrict.

Commissioner Shrouder advised the Commission did the bare minimum with regard to change with the redistricting.

Commissioner Green said the most affected group came in and voiced concern due to split representation. That issue did not happen throughout the City.

Commissioner Shrouder said statistics have proven questions proposed to voters on the ballot are usually passed. If the Commission suggests a ballot question statistics in America say, it is likely to pass and the Commission needs to be cautious of that. He said items added by the Commission and not by the Charter Review Board should not be drastic changes. He advised there is an issue with the qualifying portion of the Charter. There is an issue that redistricting was done in December and the

Charter states you must reside in your district for one year. There are other issues in the section that state and/or that should be corrected.

Commissioner Pulcini agrees with addressing language issues but not with drastic changes that will affect the residents.

Commissioner Shrouder believes drastic changes need to come from the residents but we do not have a method for the residents to add changes besides the Charter Review Board. The Commission can convene the Charter Review Board at any time.

Commissioner Green said addressing term limits is a drastic item. The current method in place is to convene the Charter Review Board.

Mayor Ross said each Commissioner's definition of drastic is different.

Commissioner Shrouder stated he might not be sitting on the dais if term limits were not in affect. He believes term limits are good; however, they do need to address the language in the Charter. Commissioner Shrouder believes the language needs to be addressed because of redistricting.

Mayor Ross said the word cumulatively in Section 3.02 should be deleted to address position.

Commissioner Green said it is clear if you serve three terms, you need to sit out a four-year term before potentially running again.

Mayor Ross said if a Commissioner moves to another position, they should be able to serve a full term.

Commissioner Green said the individual is forfeiting terms when choosing to run for another seat.

Commissioner Shrouder believes term limits should be applied to position seats but the Charter Review Board should ultimately decide.

Commissioner Green advised the Charter Review Board would allow a sample size of the residents to look at issues.

Mayor Ross asked why the commission is fearful of sending options to the voters.

Commissioner Green asked what the fear is in allowing the Charter Review Board to convene and weigh in on the options.

Mayor Ross answered there is a time restraint.

Commissioner Green asked if the issues discussed would not affect anyone on the current dais why is there a time restraint. The item can be given to the Charter Review Board to review and decide.

Commissioner Shrouder believes we need to divide the topics in two. Major items need to be left to the Charter Review Board. He asked who in the City is going to enforce term limits. The City Attorney's Office stated if someone turns in qualifying papers, the City Clerk has to accept the paperwork.

Mayor Ross asked when a challenge could be made.

Commissioner Shrouder said other municipalities have policies with regard to term limit questions.

Commissioner Green said he believes the item on the agenda is a drastic item. He said the Commission needs to determine if the item on the agenda is worthy of convening the Charter Review Board. He advised he is not in support of amending the section if it is not urgent.

Commissioner Shrouder said the City of Miami states candidates of the City shall be residents of the City for at least one year prior to qualifying. The City of Miami Clerk is authorized and directed to file and prosecute appropriate action in the Dade County Circuit Court in the name of the City Clerk solely for the purposes of receiving judicial termination with regards to qualifications of the candidate. He advised we need to correct the current issue at hand. If a candidate comes forward with a non-City Driver's License and signs the oath of residency form does the City Clerk qualify them.

City Attorney Horowitz advised if a candidate comes in and submits a complete package of paperwork, signs the Oath of Residency and the Oath of Candidacy which has penalties for violation, and pays the filing fee, the City Clerk accepts the documents at face value and qualifies the candidate.

Commissioner Green asked if an individual has a Town of Davie Driver's License and provides documents do they qualify.

Commissioner Shrouder said the City Clerk does not verify the documents turned in.

Commissioner Green asked if the City Clerk looks at the documents to see if the candidate qualifies.

City Attorney Horowitz advised, his office consulted with the Division of Elections Office and the City Clerk consulted with the Broward County Supervisor of Elections and all three agree if a candidate submits a complete package, signs the Oath of Residency and the Oath of Candidacy which has penalties for violation and pays the filing fee the City Clerk should accept the documents.

Commissioner Green asked what documents are needed to be brought forth for qualification.

City Clerk Tedra Allen advised the candidate needs to bring forth the Appointment of Treasurer, sign an Oath of Residency, Statement of Candidacy and pay the filing fee.

Commissioner Green said the Charter states you need to live in the district you're running for, for a period of one year.

Mayor Ross asked who has the authority to challenge the residency requirement, the City or the individual running against the candidate.

Commissioner Green advised due to the redistricting, no one has resided in the district up for election in November 2022 for one year.

Commissioner Shrouder advised there are two interpretations. The Charter previously stated that redistricting had to take place six months in advance as the residency requirement was previously six months. One interpretation could be a candidate would need to geographically live in the district for one year. The City Attorney advised the City Clerk does not look into the accuracy of the documents. The Oath of Residency is the oath used by the State and does not reference the City specifically. There are two interpretations currently with the residency requirement.

City Attorney Horowitz advised the Charter is clear in that the commission shall be the judge of the qualifications of its members and the grounds of forfeiture of office.

Commissioner Green asked if the Commission is the judge of qualification does that apply to the current election and does the Commission have the discretion with qualification documents.

City Attorney Horowitz advised the City Clerk is the qualifying officer. The Commission under state law and the language of the Charter is the judge as it relates to the interpretation.

Commissioner Green said the redistricting changed Embassy Lakes, there is no language in the Charter referencing the change.

Commissioner Shrouder answered there is a reference in the Charter but for only sitting commissioners.

Commissioner Shrouder asked how the Commission judges qualifications.

City Attorney Horowitz answered tonight's discussion can provide an opening for interpretation.

Commissioner Green said a candidate could challenge the Commission's interpretation.

Commissioner Shrouder advised we have no standing with the Charter when the City Clerk accepts all documentations at face value. The Oath of Residency is a generic State form with no reference to the City of Cooper City.

City Clerk Allen advised she requests three proofs of residency in order to qualify a candidate.

Commissioner Shrouder said the City Attorney's opinion stated documents are not examined for accuracy.

City Attorney Horowitz believes what the clerk referenced with requesting proofs of residency does not conflict with his opinion. If a candidate supplies all required documents she is to qualify them.

Commissioner Shrouder said the Charter states there is a verification process but the City Attorney's opinion stated it is a managerial act to accept qualifying documents.

City Attorney Horowitz answered he does not believe there is a conflict with the Charter and his opinion.

Commissioner Shrouder stated residents in Embassy Lakes were in District 4 prior to redistricting.

City Clerk Allen said if a candidates documents show proof of the district they wish to qualify for they will be qualified.

Commissioner Shrouder said the issue needs addressed and fixed.

Mayor Ross asked how the issue can be addressed and fixed in time for the 2022 November election.

Commissioner Shrouder said the Commission needs to do more research. The State does not interpret the City's Charter and under State law the commission is to interpret the Charter.

City Attorney Horowitz advised he gave his legal opinion to the City Clerk and City Manager.

Commissioner Shrouder said the memorandum from the City Attorney's Office said the City Clerk does not verify information.

Commissioner Green said there are several documents needed for qualification and candidates will need to provide accurate documentation.

Commissioner Shrouder said the City does not look into verifying documents.

Mayor Ross said he has a unique situation where his address is interpreted as a different City in some instances.

Commissioner Shrouder stated a Driver's License should state where you have resided for one year.

Commissioner Green said there are many complexities with this issue and it would be irresponsible to move forward with recommendations without convening the Charter Review Board.

City Attorney Horowitz said while he stands by his opinion he is happy to supplement the opinion. He advised for example, if a candidate was to submit a water bill from the City of Hollywood that paperwork would be considered incomplete.

Commissioner Shrouder said we need to clarify whether the City Clerk verifies the documents submitted or not. The issue needs addressed.

Mayor Ross said when we look at the documentation is the issue. When are the documents looked at or challenged.

Commissioner Shrouder said many Driver's Licenses used as proof of residency during qualifying may not state the candidates address.

Mayor Ross suggested allowing the City Attorney's Office to research the topic.

Commissioner Shrouder said the Commission will be asked to interpret the issue and he needs legal research in order to do so.

Commissioner Green asked to convene a Charter Review Board. He understands language needs cleaned up but the local elections office will determine if the resident meets the qualifications.

Mayor Ross asked that the City Attorney research the topic and place it on the next commission agenda.

City Attorney Horowitz advised the deadline to submit questions to the Broward County Elections Office for the November ballot is June 13, 2022. The ordinance for eliminating districts will be on the next agenda if desired.

Commissioner Shrouder advised there is not enough time to convene a Charter Review Board and have two readings of an ordinance.

Commissioner Green does not support changes.

The City Attorney's Office will research the subject and compile a memorandum.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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.cooperCityfl.org or at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Cooper City, 9090 SW 50 Place, Cooper City, Florida, 33328, 954-434-4300.

WEBVTT

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CC-JL: Much.

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Cooper City Hall: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the city Commission charter amendment review workshop meeting today is April.

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Cooper City Hall: And i'll ask you to 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 indivisible with liberty and justice for all thank you ever call, please.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Meltzer.

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Cooper City Hall: commissioning puccini.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner, green hear me Ross and I am here we've got public comments first one is more SEC white.

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Cooper City Hall: I think get it always marcella it looks like a K on the end tell me, really.

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Cooper City Hall: yelling the air touching.

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Cooper City Hall: No, can you put it on please.

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Cooper City Hall: Now I can hear you i'll push one more time oh now there's a little button that you have to push to read.

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Cooper City Hall: yeah.

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Cooper City Hall: Oh, you broke it now it's red now okay okay.

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00:01:47.370 --> 00:01:55.050

Cooper City Hall: Good afternoon, Mr Mayor and Commissioners, as you know, this is my third appearance, you know before you guys.

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Cooper City Hall: Again, I am here on the issue of the forest lake dog Park, there are three questions that our group has one The first one is there was some new grass planted.

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Cooper City Hall: which was is now surrounded by several barricades and orange fence, which is now falling off.

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Cooper City Hall: The grass is fully grown and we wanted to know when that will be removed because the grass now has taken, and it is still blocking the area for the dogs, will be able to to play, while the park is still open now our second you know question is.

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Cooper City Hall: If you have consider our request to reset the closing time at least have the park to dusk.

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Cooper City Hall: Because 6pm and on the weekends and 7pm during the week is not working out for most most of us unless that what the city's trying to do is deter us from going to the park well it's open within it so later on, you can come up with an excuse to close it.

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Cooper City Hall: And then final we are requesting it was brought up by the previous Commission meeting that they may be a workshop for this subject, we want to know what's the status of that.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you very much a good three questions Joe Are you familiar with when the fence would be taken, I don't know exactly when, but I will get back to tomorrow and have you have you given any thought on the reset of the closing time.

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Cooper City Hall: We have not.

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Cooper City Hall: We we thought we'd have these hours and then see how they work, and if we need to adjust them, we will they're not working.

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Cooper City Hall: At all I mean right now we're under the threat that you guys are going to close the park over, for you know for people across the street and now in the meantime, we still can't use the park, because most of us go after work.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, the weekdays it's open till seven o'clock I know, but we come home from work at 530 or six so that means we have barely you know, by the time I get home.

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Cooper City Hall: You know, do my dinner situation and so on, get my kid out and the dog it's 615 so i'm there for a good.

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Cooper City Hall: 25 to 30 minutes and then my kids still playing, and I have to go, you know return the dog to the House and then wait until sundown for her to come home because she has a little group of friends that she plays with.

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00:04:29.520 --> 00:04:44.940

Cooper City Hall: So they really don't work, and now you know right now it's Okay, because there's a Lisa still a little brief little bit of breeze outside, but two weeks from now, when the humidity is 90% and we're at 95 degrees of heat.

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Cooper City Hall: Nobody can go there before six it's I mean, I have requested the surveillance of records from the police department that they for the cameras that they put.

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00:04:57.270 --> 00:05:08.970

Cooper City Hall: And I will be once I obtained those records, I will bring you that footage here to show you that the park is barely ever used during the day, barely ever used in the day.

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00:05:10.050 --> 00:05:18.720

Cooper City Hall: Oh last question, I know that there is a dog event on Saturday this week is that still ongoing, it is okay great we will will will be attending there.

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00:05:20.670 --> 00:05:22.620

Cooper City Hall: i'm sorry that next week.

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00:05:24.030 --> 00:05:24.810

Cooper City Hall: April 30.

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00:05:25.890 --> 00:05:28.710

Cooper City Hall: Right Oh, it was recently, no, no.

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00:05:30.330 --> 00:05:30.690

Right.

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00:05:31.980 --> 00:05:32.400

Cooper City Hall: Okay, so.

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00:05:36.420 --> 00:05:36.840

Okay, so.

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00:05:39.090 --> 00:05:39.330

Okay.

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00:05:42.150 --> 00:05:50.820

Cooper City Hall: Okay, those are Those are questions in about the workshop is that in the works, I think, once we get the data see if it's working or not, then we'll have workshop one.

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00:05:51.360 --> 00:06:02.700

Cooper City Hall: Okay, thank you and I thank you for coming in any questions yeah marcella one what time to sunset and it's maybe a silly question somewhere around eight o'clock.

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00:06:05.130 --> 00:06:12.450

Cooper City Hall: Is that what yeah 745 eight but that gives you a little bit over I know my time with him 46 you were very close.

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00:06:14.910 --> 00:06:20.040

Cooper City Hall: Okay um we close it seven on weekdays and 600 weekend yeah okay and.

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Cooper City Hall: I don't think we intend to to close the dog park I think if the dog park through data.

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Cooper City Hall: it's determined, it needs to be it's not conducive I think it'd be moved, but I don't think it's going to be eliminated.

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Cooper City Hall: And I know, sometimes maybe it seems like there's silence and there's like ulterior motives, we only get to talk at the meeting so that's the delay and everything it's just the way it is so.

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Cooper City Hall: The only conversation this commission's add since the last meeting is now and so just unfortunately government, you know.

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Cooper City Hall: can take a little bit of time to work a little slower than no, no, no, I understand that is just that you know.

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Cooper City Hall: I live in a small neighborhood and there's like rumors everybody speaks here and there, and the other side is like you know real.

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Cooper City Hall: That is why we appreciate you coming out and asking and talking to us directly because it, we know that sometimes things get out of hand but there's, at least for me if it's determined that.

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00:07:26.430 --> 00:07:34.800

Cooper City Hall: This dog park is too loud and I don't know if it is or isn't I mean I don't even i'm still a little confused how it was opened in like what year was it opened.

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Cooper City Hall: About four years ago, and all of a sudden, like in now, one month time you know there's an issue but.

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Cooper City Hall: So we're trying to be responsive to some of the complaints and just but it's going to take a little time but we're not losing a dog park.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay that's what we're looking for because it's a big group of us and we're not losing a dog or are we just asked for you to hang in there with us wow.

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Cooper City Hall: The manager is able to get those logistics on the timing, I mean I right off the BAT i'm saying hey you know Dutch sounds reasonable to me, but the promise everybody has.

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Cooper City Hall: You know he's he's the point person, so we have to, because if we all kind of put the same but we're all not part of the whole process, we got to kind of hope and trust that the managers give a little time and let them come up with the solution and.

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Cooper City Hall: I don't think this Commission is going to remove a dog Park, it might be moved, if necessary, but you're not going to lose out of the dog bark.

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Cooper City Hall: I appreciate that because there's a lot of people that are upset about yeah I mean, I know, one of the embassy.

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Cooper City Hall: board members said that they're willing to put the dog park and embassy, Mr Kern here, so we might move it over there, but we're just working out the logistics, so that everybody would have clicker access and.

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Cooper City Hall: i'm teasing him but we'll be.

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Cooper City Hall: it's gonna be fine.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, thank you, anyone on virtual.

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00:09:02.220 --> 00:09:03.990

Cooper City Hall: Anyone just came in wanted speak.

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Cooper City Hall: they've been we're going to close out the public comments move on to the topic for discussion, which is amending section 3.02.

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Cooper City Hall: To eliminate prohibition on an individual serving as Mayor or Commissioner for more than three terms, cumulatively without relinquishing either office for a period of one full term for years.

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Cooper City Hall: And I asked that we have a workshop on this and I just have to.

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00:09:30.990 --> 00:09:37.170

Cooper City Hall: indicate the the the verbiage is really the problem, and I think i've.

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00:09:38.280 --> 00:09:41.700

Cooper City Hall: Speaking with Jacob, maybe come up with a suit.

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00:09:46.050 --> 00:09:55.020

Cooper City Hall: I just don't think we wanted it to be on there on the ballot I don't think a matter of verbiage I don't think we're here to discuss the verbiage.

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00:09:55.350 --> 00:10:09.270

Cooper City Hall: discuss whether we want this in the ballot in the first place okay and and I think you were clear Commissioners saying no you didn't you didn't believe that voting someone out his term limits in and of itself.

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Cooper City Hall: Am I correct.

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00:10:14.130 --> 00:10:25.980

Cooper City Hall: I believe the residents already voted and already expressed their desires Okay, so what you're saying, if I understand you correctly, is once it's put before one group of.

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00:10:26.340 --> 00:10:40.170

Cooper City Hall: Voters it should never be put before a second group of voters, such as people who move into the neighborhood because people have been moving out or the additional people that were getting because of increasing population.

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00:10:40.860 --> 00:10:57.930

Cooper City Hall: I think that doesn't give anyone a true voice in the Community if you leave everything the way it is that's why I believe that we have been addressing various ordinances to not only update them, but to serve the residents in a better fashion.

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00:11:01.020 --> 00:11:13.860

Cooper City Hall: And our baby, Mr hallways can explain to you the difference between an ordinance and the Charter with a whole which can you please explain oh I difference, not on that, let us maybe.

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00:11:15.270 --> 00:11:22.710

Cooper City Hall: you're confused, no, no, no what's in the residents, we also know that I have differently, which we know because we change ordinances.

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00:11:23.040 --> 00:11:39.570

Cooper City Hall: And we should not be changing the Charter was saying honorees with the same ease and nonchalance as we're changing the Charter allows it to be changed with the be well the residents voted and they wanted it every six years, not every.

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00:11:40.140 --> 00:11:57.450

Cooper City Hall: Three years, four years or whenever we play maybe the Attorney can also apply on the fact that it doesn't require a six year waiting period we on the Commission can bring it up at any point in time and put something on the Charter so that's the safety net, that we have here.

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00:11:58.530 --> 00:11:59.670

Cooper City Hall: Having said that.

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00:12:01.230 --> 00:12:07.830

Cooper City Hall: it's your turn Thank you mayor Commission good evening just a couple broad observations, given the discussion, thus far.

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Cooper City Hall: And we know there's a distinction between the city Charter and the city is code of ordinances.

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Cooper City Hall: The city charter is essentially the city's constitution, which is adopted by the voters and can only be amended by a referendum that's presented to the voters for their consideration.

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00:12:22.230 --> 00:12:26.850

Cooper City Hall: The code of ordinances is more of a living document which this Commission controls that establishes the.

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00:12:27.390 --> 00:12:32.940

Cooper City Hall: rules, regulations and legislative policies of the city Commission that provide for the regulations as to how the city would operate.

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Cooper City Hall: The city charter provides for a charter review Commission.

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Cooper City Hall: Which as of November of 2020 is convened every six years, which is a group of volunteers citizens appointed by this Commission.

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Cooper City Hall: To make recommendations as to any potential reviews or recommendations to amend the city charter, to the extent that they find any.

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00:12:51.810 --> 00:13:00.570

Cooper City Hall: i'm, of course, the city Commission always has the prerogative under Chapter 166 the Florida statutes, to present amendment to the city charter to present those items to the voters.

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00:13:00.900 --> 00:13:09.270

Cooper City Hall: And, to the extent that they're adopted by the voters at any particular November election they become part of the city's Constitution part of the city charter, this Commission always has that option.

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00:13:10.290 --> 00:13:18.630

Cooper City Hall: Separate and apart from convening a charter review Commission, but that would be contrary to our Charter that requires us to convene the.

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00:13:19.050 --> 00:13:31.290

Cooper City Hall: charter of your community, the Charter requires you to convene a charter review Commission now every six years previously every four years every six years, the Commission is required as a matter of law in the city Cooper city to convene a charter review Commission.

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00:13:31.680 --> 00:13:43.590

Cooper City Hall: So we see initiating it on the chart on the ballot now will that be against the Charter no Sir, the Commission always has the option at any point in time to present an item to the electric for their consideration.

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00:13:44.250 --> 00:13:50.430

Cooper City Hall: It would require an ordinance to readings adopted by this Commission doesn't allow for that State law allows for.

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00:13:51.210 --> 00:14:01.560

Cooper City Hall: The Charter is silent, as it relates to the Commission putting items on in between charter review conditions chapter 166 Florida statutes authorizes the Commission to promote and then it's the city charter.

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00:14:03.270 --> 00:14:12.210

Cooper City Hall: i'll stick with the Charter Thank you i'll stick with the Florida statutes, because that allows us and it's a safety net, Commissioner, green yes home rules, thank you.

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00:14:13.710 --> 00:14:26.160

Cooper City Hall: Thank you Mayra us at it, so I think, and I could be wrong, but I think i'm hearing Commissioner opportunity to talk about the term that you're referring to term limits Commissioner Bertini or i'm referring to an.

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00:14:27.390 --> 00:14:42.990

Cooper City Hall: agent in general off after one other clarification to the Mayor and the Commission section 7.01 of the Charter, says the Commission and or the electors of the city may propose amendments to this Charter in accordance with Chapter 166.

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00:14:45.780 --> 00:14:55.530

Cooper City Hall: So that goes to home roll you stick with the city charter, I cannot disagree gives you permission to us to do the same thing.

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00:14:56.100 --> 00:15:10.860

Cooper City Hall: So, thank you very much for pointing out that distinction Max resin again thank you my raw so the item that we're talking about tonight is the the current according to section 3.0 to the current prohibition which.

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00:15:11.880 --> 00:15:18.090

Cooper City Hall: prohibits folks who are serving three consecutive well what it says is if you've served three consecutive terms.

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00:15:18.630 --> 00:15:32.280

Cooper City Hall: You have to sit out a full term that's the item that were that were discussing and I believe that, based on the last Commission meeting, I think it was you were you were in favor of reducing that.

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00:15:33.750 --> 00:15:41.280

Cooper City Hall: Number down to if you've served three consecutive terms you want it to reduce it down to two.

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00:15:42.360 --> 00:15:52.170

Cooper City Hall: or there's there's an alternative, I like to give options and and I think options or alternatives are always good so if the Commission didn't have the.

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00:15:53.430 --> 00:16:08.760

Cooper City Hall: wherewithal to reduce it to two here's an idea, and that would be to take the word cumulatively out delete that so that would mean that you would have a Commissioner.

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00:16:09.600 --> 00:16:22.800

Cooper City Hall: Who can go for three terms, or what may happen is a Commissioner serves one term turns around and goes from air that separate and apart for three terms.

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00:16:23.520 --> 00:16:38.550

Cooper City Hall: So if you follow what i'm saying is, you can have three terms as a mayor then followed by three terms as a Commissioner, so or not, and I hear what you're saying, and I think what the at least.

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00:16:40.290 --> 00:16:44.130

Cooper City Hall: The intent with regards to term limits.

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00:16:45.570 --> 00:16:49.470

Cooper City Hall: The intent that the voters approved was that.

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00:16:50.970 --> 00:17:07.500

Cooper City Hall: Once you have served three consecutive full terms, then you are termed out and this section 3.02 says that if you decide that you want to run again you have to sit out a full term I I like it, the way it is.

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00:17:08.490 --> 00:17:14.250

Cooper City Hall: i'm not in favor of and i've said this before i'm not in favor and I know that you.

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00:17:15.570 --> 00:17:24.030

Cooper City Hall: Know i'm all over the place, but I know that you said lat last week that the more time an elected official has an office.

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00:17:25.140 --> 00:17:27.990

Cooper City Hall: there's a there's a better chance of getting things done.

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00:17:29.190 --> 00:17:36.990

Cooper City Hall: I just may i'm just not in favor of that of that I believe here in Cooper city what we what we currently have in place.

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00:17:37.860 --> 00:17:42.810

Cooper City Hall: That says that if you've served three consecutive full terms that you that you sit out a term.

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00:17:43.770 --> 00:18:00.090

Cooper City Hall: I don't see the harm in having sit out a full if we're going to serve for years, then you should then you should be willing to sit out for years if you've served three consecutive if you've served for 12 years I don't believe that.

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00:18:01.710 --> 00:18:11.400

Cooper City Hall: that it would be right and proper for an individual after two years to come back and run for it let's say.

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00:18:12.450 --> 00:18:16.380

Cooper City Hall: And i'll use you i'll use you as an example, because both of us are turned out.

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00:18:18.360 --> 00:18:24.180

Cooper City Hall: I would, I would I would be comfortable based on what it is now.

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00:18:25.290 --> 00:18:37.470

Cooper City Hall: i've served 12 years, right after the 12 years I would be willing to sit out for years because i've my Lord i've served three consecutive four year terms.

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Cooper City Hall: I don't have a problem with that I don't believe that the elector has a has a problem with that.

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00:18:45.480 --> 00:18:46.680

Cooper City Hall: that's just where i'm at.

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00:18:48.390 --> 00:19:05.130

Cooper City Hall: With with this with this, I don't see the harm and keeping it, as is, if you serve one term is four years if you serve three four year terms, I think you should you should bail out for four years that's all I have to say for right now i'm here, thank you.

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00:19:06.960 --> 00:19:07.680

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner charter.

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00:19:12.180 --> 00:19:27.240

Cooper City Hall: I don't think it's fair that if I don't think that the the term should be different, depending on which district you live in, so you live in district one or two, you can only serve 10 years 11.

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00:19:29.700 --> 00:19:36.360

Cooper City Hall: three and four, you can serve 12 years if you're adding the mayor if you wanted to run for mayor well.

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00:19:39.600 --> 00:19:44.910

Cooper City Hall: So I mean I favor the tournaments I think the 12 years the three terms is good.

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00:19:46.110 --> 00:19:48.390

Cooper City Hall: On i'm not opposed to fixing the language.

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00:19:49.680 --> 00:20:10.830

Cooper City Hall: I think it should apply by position, I think the intent behind term limits is that one person can't remain and in the have a strong hold on position so to me if one of the right, I think it should be separate whether she doesn't have a language to wear district one and two are not analyzed.

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00:20:12.750 --> 00:20:16.230

Cooper City Hall: So somebody who lives in district wanted to wanted to run.

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00:20:17.430 --> 00:20:21.630

Cooper City Hall: They would have to basically because the state long have to resign the run.

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00:20:22.800 --> 00:20:31.740

Cooper City Hall: You know genre RON and then you couldn't couldn't fill the same amount of usually 10 years right, so I don't think you should get based off where you live, you should get penalized.

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00:20:32.850 --> 00:20:33.900

Cooper City Hall: By 25%.

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00:20:35.130 --> 00:20:36.840

Cooper City Hall: I also don't think it should say and or.

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00:20:37.980 --> 00:20:38.550

Cooper City Hall: it's.

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Cooper City Hall: conjunct the disjunctive.

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00:20:44.520 --> 00:20:45.960

Cooper City Hall: Because it's really.

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00:20:46.980 --> 00:20:55.050

Cooper City Hall: that's that's that but also the language or go on record regarding the qualifications that needs to be clarified to.

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00:20:56.400 --> 00:20:57.840

Cooper City Hall: We, we need to.

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00:20:59.040 --> 00:21:00.720

Cooper City Hall: fix that language so that.

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00:21:01.920 --> 00:21:15.030

Cooper City Hall: So, Commissioner, shroud are based on what i'm hearing you say and and i'm going to use Commissioner Meltzer and he's not here at the moment, but there are two seats districts one and two, that are up for reelection.

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00:21:16.140 --> 00:21:23.460

Cooper City Hall: In November of 2022 based on what i'm hearing you say is that, if we clean up the language, and it should not.

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00:21:25.320 --> 00:21:27.870

Cooper City Hall: It shouldn't be any different or it shouldn't be.

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00:21:29.850 --> 00:21:32.220

Cooper City Hall: A district seat should not be penalized.

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00:21:34.290 --> 00:21:35.700

Cooper City Hall: let's say hypothetically.

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00:21:37.980 --> 00:21:54.210

Cooper City Hall: Both individuals who are in there running for district one and two let's say that they get back into the office in 2022 theoretically in 2024 they could vacate or they could run for mayor.

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00:21:55.680 --> 00:22:07.260

Cooper City Hall: While i'm well not fulfilling the term the four year terms that they ran for yeah they'd have to I guess it would have to resign the run under State law, so they would.

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00:22:08.760 --> 00:22:18.930

Cooper City Hall: Basically resign and to and have done two years and, if they ran for mayor, that would be it'll be four years so that can be that Max will be 10.

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00:22:20.550 --> 00:22:32.940

Cooper City Hall: It would be a 10 years versus if it were district three or four or the same election cycle, as the mayor but but but it, but if i'm following you correctly in doing that.

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00:22:33.900 --> 00:22:45.900

Cooper City Hall: than anyone in any of the seats let's say after two because the elections I think it's a one, three and the one three at now i'm sorry the mayor, three and four, and then one and two they're staggered.

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00:22:46.470 --> 00:22:55.020

Cooper City Hall: So every election cycle, theoretically, you could have people that may have gotten elected in it for a seat.

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00:22:56.730 --> 00:23:11.640

Cooper City Hall: decide that they're going to step down from that seat let's say that they want went and run for a seat that's gonna that's going to come open right so let's say that if this was in place right if this was in place right now.

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00:23:12.840 --> 00:23:16.290

Cooper City Hall: I could say hey you know what i've got two years left.

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00:23:17.340 --> 00:23:19.110

Cooper City Hall: As the as the district three.

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00:23:21.120 --> 00:23:21.720

Cooper City Hall: REP.

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00:23:22.740 --> 00:23:30.150

Cooper City Hall: turned out in 2024 let's say if this was in place, then I could step down, I can say well you know what I want to step down, I want to run for another district.

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00:23:31.500 --> 00:23:41.160

Cooper City Hall: No, no i'm saying for america's right right, no, no, no, we have and and the difficulty is when you say run for another district.

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00:23:42.000 --> 00:23:54.660

Cooper City Hall: we've already determined that should be going to the voters and whether they're our districts or not, will affect what we're doing here tonight, but if there's not if there's.

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00:23:57.120 --> 00:24:04.170

Cooper City Hall: General I, I think that we're going to is just my humble opinion, and I can be wrong i've been wrong before.

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00:24:05.430 --> 00:24:11.310

Cooper City Hall: I just as we're what we're talking about tonight is we're talking about.

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00:24:14.220 --> 00:24:25.380

Cooper City Hall: Removing that prohibition that says that a letter that says that a person if they have run if they have been in office for three full to four year terms.

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00:24:26.250 --> 00:24:32.310

Cooper City Hall: They have to sit out one four year term if they decide that they want to run for.

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00:24:32.970 --> 00:24:40.980

Cooper City Hall: A different position, so if there were a Commission they'd have to sit out and run they'd have to sit for years and run for mayor, or vice versa.

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00:24:41.760 --> 00:25:00.840

Cooper City Hall: I don't I don't understand oh I don't see why we would, why would be why we would be willing to change that if it's if it's been working there hasn't been may that this problem is being created by the position of mayor.

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00:25:02.640 --> 00:25:04.410

Cooper City Hall: How about other cities that.

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00:25:05.970 --> 00:25:19.830

Cooper City Hall: have five Commissioners and rotate the position of mayor among Commissioners would they not have this problem, because the position rotates so would they not have the problem of.

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00:25:20.970 --> 00:25:23.880

Cooper City Hall: The maker of having to wait.

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00:25:25.440 --> 00:25:30.150

Cooper City Hall: The return, because that position would rotate so they would have the chance.

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00:25:31.380 --> 00:25:45.870

Cooper City Hall: whenever they were presented with their election comes up, so this is one can be a major decided to can be mayor, we have five districts and each district can be a mayor would that eliminate the problem well yeah you can eliminate position right.

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00:25:47.220 --> 00:26:01.650

Cooper City Hall: Having five districts you're eliminating the problem you really eliminating marrying the position of mayor and just say that would eliminate the problem be ineffective with the Mayor is causing the problem and how did you determine the mayor's.

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00:26:03.180 --> 00:26:06.120

Cooper City Hall: I don't know how to other cities do it, how to the cities that rotate.

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00:26:08.040 --> 00:26:15.030

Cooper City Hall: They do it in, and I think the resonance away actually like this is it this or some some cities, probably like Okay, the broader kind of Commission.

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00:26:15.420 --> 00:26:24.120

Cooper City Hall: that's a farce there's no broward county mayor that's why they put it in for mayor shoulder isn't a PIC amongst each other the county residents did not vote for that person right.

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00:26:24.630 --> 00:26:36.330

Cooper City Hall: And they spent all kinds of money changing out letterhead and business cards every year and effect, even if the residents who vote for the mayor the mayor does not have extra powers.

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00:26:37.290 --> 00:26:50.520

Cooper City Hall: or extra has been no extra voltage, but rather the same version or four years right and it actually was voted on by all the resin but we're talking about giving the residents of voice, this is a choice that we may want to give the residents.

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00:26:51.210 --> 00:26:58.680

Cooper City Hall: Well, that that's what i'm putting forth honestly is is and let's not forget something big and and I just have to say.

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00:26:59.580 --> 00:27:16.620

Cooper City Hall: So that i'm clear as clear last time and apparently certain people didn't quite understand, so let me address that issue once again because when on Facebook you think if you write it it's true it's wrong, and let me just say that.

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00:27:17.670 --> 00:27:29.520

Cooper City Hall: And what's wrong is when I said it, and Commissioner Meltzer agreed when i'm asking for this to be changed it's not and, I repeat, not.

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00:27:30.060 --> 00:27:43.950

Cooper City Hall: to affect me Howard agreed on that as well, but it will affect you may Ross if you get reelected and we'll get back to Mr Mr Horowitz I heard what mayor Ross just said and what they said at the lab at the prior Commission meeting.

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00:27:45.120 --> 00:27:56.670

Cooper City Hall: Is there what the mayor saying is there's some validity in that or would they be affected if this if this was the past by the voters would they be affected by this.

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00:27:58.290 --> 00:27:59.850

Cooper City Hall: I guess it depends, how it was drafted.

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00:28:01.770 --> 00:28:07.590

Cooper City Hall: You know where it's going to show this could be drafted, where it would take effect at a future election.

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00:28:08.580 --> 00:28:21.540

Cooper City Hall: So our lord's This could take effect in November of 2026 yeah but the mayor from it okay so so the next, so the next question to Commissioner puccini's point.

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00:28:21.990 --> 00:28:32.670

Cooper City Hall: Are we go so with this kid so am I hearing that this Commission is would be willing to have that language in there that specifically points out well.

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00:28:33.660 --> 00:28:40.290

Cooper City Hall: To elected officials would not be able to participate and future elections.

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00:28:40.590 --> 00:28:52.200

Cooper City Hall: A time certain or time dated after whatever the whatever the will of the people is is that what i'm hearing, can we be you would not be able to draft a charter and then it's specific to any one individual.

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00:28:52.560 --> 00:29:02.850

Cooper City Hall: Okay, you could extend the effective date, but you will not be able to specifically identify a particular race so theoretically, so we can't so you can't do this.

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00:29:03.630 --> 00:29:20.070

Cooper City Hall: You just can't rule out anybody from running at the end of the day, you can rule me out so well i'm up in 24 right if your perspective and effective on 26 I can run i'm done.

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00:29:21.300 --> 00:29:32.550

Cooper City Hall: You can run with her, but she its protective I could run later, you I will have waited out, if you will get rid of time it doesn't have to be 26 it can be 28 okay so.

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00:29:33.210 --> 00:29:45.030

Cooper City Hall: It right now, you can still do that when you're turned out, if you if you were to wait out sit out for years, as opposed to you could come back and run in 2028.

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00:29:45.480 --> 00:29:54.810

Cooper City Hall: For an elected for Commission see correct absolutely Okay, so I don't know i'm going to excuse me one second because i'm hearing.

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00:29:55.590 --> 00:30:03.450

Cooper City Hall: Someone out there, talking and i'm not paying attention to you and that's not fair to the residence so i'm going to warn you one time, thank you.

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00:30:04.230 --> 00:30:10.740

Cooper City Hall: So I don't understand I don't understand why we why there is a push.

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00:30:11.340 --> 00:30:27.210

Cooper City Hall: To eliminate what we currently have in place, because the voters get to decide and I don't know why you're fearful of the voters narrow setting up and I, and I appreciate you bringing that to our attention because, let me remind you that the voters.

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00:30:27.570 --> 00:30:38.880

Cooper City Hall: voted this past election they what the voter said overwhelmingly in all of the various precincts here throughout Cooper city at a minimum of 80% in each of the.

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00:30:39.420 --> 00:30:50.250

Cooper City Hall: Each of the precincts that they want it sink that they want it to continue to have the four districts and that they want it single district election races.

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00:30:51.030 --> 00:31:06.990

Cooper City Hall: That was thrown and you have to appreciate what happened, Commissioner, and let me remind you that when that occurred, that was not what the Charter review gave to this Commission in fact that was changed by this Commission in a frustratingly.

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00:31:09.030 --> 00:31:17.640

Cooper City Hall: Lengthy Commission meeting, and so it was it was tossed out there, the Commission took it and ran and that's not what.

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00:31:18.780 --> 00:31:29.580

Cooper City Hall: was suggested nor wanted, but I the Charter review in fact charter review said no districts at all here, but again to Mr Horowitz point mayor Ross.

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00:31:30.000 --> 00:31:38.850

Cooper City Hall: This Commission at the end of the day this mission, this Commission can determine can bypass what the Charter would be what they bring forth in terms of recommendations.

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00:31:39.090 --> 00:31:49.500

Cooper City Hall: And this Commission can say okay we've heard what the Charter review board has said, this is how this is what we're going to do the five electorates, this is what we're going to put forth.

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00:31:49.890 --> 00:32:01.920

Cooper City Hall: On the ballot for our for for the residents that's exactly correct me if i'm wrong that's exactly what happened and as a result of that mayor Ross the voters.

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00:32:02.310 --> 00:32:13.980

Cooper City Hall: Because I looked at the language I read the BAT the ballot, the amendment on the ballot, it was clear, then, when I voted it's clear, it was clear last week, when I read it, I.

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00:32:14.580 --> 00:32:25.770

Cooper City Hall: don't believe that the voters misunderstood the language that was on the on the on the ballot I don't believe that they misunderstood that and and.

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00:32:26.820 --> 00:32:38.310

Cooper City Hall: And here's why I say that there has not been a an uproar of residents that have come in, since the last election and have said wait a minute we were duped.

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00:32:39.450 --> 00:32:55.260

Cooper City Hall: This is not what we, this is not what we, this was not our expectations, this is not what we want it and we need to have a change i've not heard that has never happened since the last election, Sir, and what i'm bringing up is the.

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00:32:56.790 --> 00:33:01.710

Cooper City Hall: thing that she likes pack the room yeah I know I wrote was split they only have the road.

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00:33:02.310 --> 00:33:16.350

Cooper City Hall: Block right, with all due respect to missions router That was because we, the Commission decided to embassy lakes was one voting block, it was one district for one representative representing district for.

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00:33:17.070 --> 00:33:27.360

Cooper City Hall: When we did the redistricting we are the majority of the of the of the Commission eliminated that and created a district one now dish now embassy lakes.

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00:33:27.960 --> 00:33:35.820

Cooper City Hall: Which is a is a gated community on all sides were in times past they were being represented by one.

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00:33:36.690 --> 00:33:44.370

Cooper City Hall: Elected official now there's two elected officials and that's what they that's why they pack the room recently, they did not want that.

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00:33:45.240 --> 00:33:55.470

Cooper City Hall: And and that's why I suggest and going back to what we passed the other day of no districts that's what they want, you know and it works.

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00:33:56.130 --> 00:34:06.090

Cooper City Hall: nope no problem and, and it would work very well for that I don't understand the fear of bringing something back as a new idea.

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00:34:06.630 --> 00:34:15.570

Cooper City Hall: or an old one and, and let me just come back to this 302 because you indicated Commission shouter the end or.

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00:34:16.170 --> 00:34:34.260

Cooper City Hall: And I think that's to be looked at, because if you are a Commissioner and then you want to run for mayor, should you not be allowed to serve the full three terms as Mayor and or the full three terms, as Commissioner, if you are then the word cumulatively has to be deleted.

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00:34:35.280 --> 00:34:47.940

Cooper City Hall: So I stand by what I said Commissioner, green, and that is the longer you serve the more effective, you are and it's simply because of relationships up in.

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00:34:48.390 --> 00:34:57.090

Cooper City Hall: tallahassee relationships up in the federal government in Congress and the relationships down here in the broward.

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00:34:57.810 --> 00:35:10.140

Cooper City Hall: league of cities and the county as well, I think you're aware that with my 10 years I only have two more and i'm working on an issue now with solid waste that will require.

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00:35:10.680 --> 00:35:27.030

Cooper City Hall: Many more years and it's going to be a shame that that won't be allowed to be continued, but if we look at the bigger picture of having voters vote out those who should be voted out.

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00:35:27.900 --> 00:35:44.310

Cooper City Hall: As opposed to mandatory term limits when someone's doing a good job and and i'll pointed out again and I don't think I mentioned it, the last Commission meeting, and that was how it came about that.

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00:35:46.110 --> 00:35:58.260

Cooper City Hall: Sue Ellen H foreign woman who served, I think it was 22 years, all of a sudden had been faced with term limits, because someone wanted to become mayor.

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Cooper City Hall: debbie I guess in current district two elements when before that.

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Cooper City Hall: Mr shadow When did the term limits go into effect they went in in the 90s under Poland and Japan blank and.

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00:36:13.680 --> 00:36:20.760

Cooper City Hall: debbie it was when it was who did she run against Barry water wash yeah it went and then.

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00:36:21.840 --> 00:36:26.130

Cooper City Hall: So the reason they go in and I may have had the wrong people.

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00:36:26.610 --> 00:36:37.080

Cooper City Hall: The reason they go in, is because other people say oh she's an incumbent and we want to get in so let's mandatory kick her out, and then we can.

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00:36:37.410 --> 00:36:45.870

Cooper City Hall: come in and do that so that was so that so and i'm glad we're talking about that so that was on the ballot in 1994 give or take.

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00:36:46.440 --> 00:36:56.370

Cooper City Hall: That went out to the voters right that said that they want to term limits right and so that's what i'm saying Look how many years ago and the vote and the voters said then.

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00:36:57.060 --> 00:37:06.000

Cooper City Hall: That they want to term limits correct correct the voter said in 2006 that they did not have a problem with because I believe.

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00:37:06.750 --> 00:37:17.070

Cooper City Hall: It was three it was the term was three years the voters didn't have a problem with for years correct, but that was for staggering purpose for it wasn't those.

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00:37:17.760 --> 00:37:32.970

Cooper City Hall: Our elections in March we had them as part of it, so it so it changed, but on the November right but at no point because you said a lot of time has elapsed, if there was a there was a.

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00:37:34.800 --> 00:37:35.760

Cooper City Hall: desire.

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00:37:36.900 --> 00:37:40.710

Cooper City Hall: To remove term limits right.

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00:37:41.760 --> 00:37:55.020

Cooper City Hall: Based on 1994 because that's when it passed when the voter said we want term limits if the residents and Cooper city, they have more than enough time 22 years to say hey wait a minute.

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00:37:55.680 --> 00:38:05.550

Cooper City Hall: We like that we, like the way it was we like the fact that whoever the mayor was at that time, they did because they had served, for you know more than 20 years.

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00:38:06.030 --> 00:38:19.560

Cooper City Hall: We, like the effectiveness of that mayor, we want that to come back that didn't happen you didn't give it a chance to happen this get 19 1994 mayor to 2006 What do you mean we.

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00:38:20.940 --> 00:38:31.740

Cooper City Hall: This is opportunity to not a request us coming from the residence it's not coming from a former residents board it's coming from us, it should it should come.

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00:38:32.790 --> 00:38:41.910

Cooper City Hall: from us, this is something that residents should be asking us to do, and then we react to them, and we do it we nobody nobody has ever asked me for that.

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00:38:42.300 --> 00:38:52.020

Cooper City Hall: i've never heard one resident as we should be asking for patients to stay even were the leaders, Commissioner, I, we need to leave, and we need to lead the show me.

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00:38:52.770 --> 00:39:03.960

Cooper City Hall: Show me they're not on their roster as Mayor Ross to your point we are the leaders in sometimes leaders if you're a good if you're an effective leader, that you have to be willing to follow.

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00:39:04.470 --> 00:39:28.140

Cooper City Hall: And what are right, no one step down and our residents have to met to Commissioner puccini's point we have not had a resident or a group of residents that have come to this Commission meeting and have said, we want to we want you all to eliminate districts and we want you all to eliminate.

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00:39:29.250 --> 00:39:52.710

Cooper City Hall: terms that this to Commissioner parties point the residents aren't bringing this forward it's it's this Commission, that is, in my humble opinion, right is this Commission trying to cram something down the residents cramming anything down big levers that we use a convention well well.

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00:39:55.020 --> 00:40:07.890

Cooper City Hall: Okay, so and and to my point and and don't quote me in the commercial, no, no, I know, in my my apologies, I don't want to i'm not going to put words, I will never put words in any of my colleagues mouth that's not why i'm why i'm here.

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00:40:09.390 --> 00:40:23.010

Cooper City Hall: When redistricting, the most recent redistricting redistricting that came here, because you said that we are leaders and we need to lead after when the embassy lakes residents came in.

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Cooper City Hall: enforce they sent emails they said to this Commission, we do not want you to split up embassy lakes, we are okay, with the way it has been, and the majority of this body.

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00:40:42.930 --> 00:40:51.150

Cooper City Hall: voted against what the will what the voice of the people that if noticed that the most Jeff, let me just correct you.

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00:40:51.690 --> 00:41:01.950

Cooper City Hall: I was just gonna say, let me just correct you on something that was voted against quote embassy lakes, we voted for, as we always do.

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00:41:02.370 --> 00:41:09.570

Cooper City Hall: We voted for the majority of the people of Cooper city what's best for the majority of Cooper city and majority of you.

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00:41:09.990 --> 00:41:15.630

Cooper City Hall: Now that you bringing that point up that's exactly why they should vote.

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00:41:16.020 --> 00:41:26.760

Cooper City Hall: For what we had passed, the last week, and that is no districts at all and their roster goes to their advantage, thank you Ross and i'm appreciating the conversation This is great back and forth.

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00:41:27.210 --> 00:41:38.280

Cooper City Hall: But it's a great back and forth and but to your point i'm going to piggyback on what you just said it wasn't just about embassy likes it was about the totality of this Community well.

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00:41:39.240 --> 00:41:47.550

Cooper City Hall: Cancer where was the rest of the Community that had come into this Commission meeting and said hey wait a minute.

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00:41:47.820 --> 00:41:55.920

Cooper City Hall: It is not about embassy lakes, it is about the will of of all of the people, and this is what we want, we want, that is a simple answer.

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00:41:56.190 --> 00:42:00.510

Cooper City Hall: That is simple and they wouldn't have come in, if they were affected well if they would have been.

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00:42:00.870 --> 00:42:14.250

Cooper City Hall: More simple answer is let's look at the Charter what it required it required us to do the boat that we took hard as it was that was the mission or shrouded just said something that was very important, he said.

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00:42:14.490 --> 00:42:25.680

Cooper City Hall: That they would have come in, if it had affected them, you are absolutely right, if we were to split a large a larger group we did the minimal we could do we had a we had an.

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00:42:26.250 --> 00:42:35.220

Cooper City Hall: Independent person the math that and that's an essence small fraud, in essence, in essence, it it affected everybody because.

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00:42:36.060 --> 00:42:55.140

Cooper City Hall: positives expect it no, no, it affected everybody, because the district's the district's chain all four districts changed right the most effective group was the group that came in here that said wait a minute, this is impacting us the most the most because we've gone from.

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00:42:56.700 --> 00:43:01.680

Cooper City Hall: One elected official representing this particular district to now having to.

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00:43:03.120 --> 00:43:23.430

Cooper City Hall: write that didn't happen and shall show me where that happened throughout the city where that happened it didn't happen in Montero it didn't happen in embassy like a rock creek it didn't happen i'm just throwing out the big the big developments here it didn't happen in.

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00:43:24.840 --> 00:43:29.400

Cooper City Hall: Well flamingo gardens before that it happened because we went from.

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00:43:32.280 --> 00:43:40.470

Cooper City Hall: district for representing apart because of because of the reduction of senses back in 2010.

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00:43:41.670 --> 00:44:02.250

Cooper City Hall: But show me that didn't happen by and large, where let's let's let's be honest about real things statistically, the majority of things that we that we, or any other governing body puts forth on a referendum will pass statistically, that is, statistics in America.

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00:44:03.270 --> 00:44:17.730

Cooper City Hall: So we say Oh, you know we can it's easy to say Oh, I think the rules are smaller and all red, and we know that that's kind of just grandstanding and we've said, all of us have said it in favor argument, but if we put something forward.

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00:44:18.270 --> 00:44:24.780

Cooper City Hall: it's statistically going to pass that's what statistics in America tell us, so I think we should be.

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00:44:26.010 --> 00:44:36.870

Cooper City Hall: Very careful i'm putting things forth, and I think the perfect example of that is when the mayor put forth is compromised last time right and it resulted in.

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00:44:38.370 --> 00:44:43.080

Cooper City Hall: Less representation correct because you wouldn't have had the NBC lakes problem.

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00:44:43.950 --> 00:44:49.650

Cooper City Hall: They would they would have people complaining about embassy legs if the other system was up using say now, you can have three people and Embassy.

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00:44:49.920 --> 00:45:05.040

Cooper City Hall: You have a mayor to Commissioners because you know that one over the other argument but, so I think we have to be very careful before we put things forward, because the chances are it's going to pass and we don't have the ability to put options with the put yes, no.

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00:45:06.750 --> 00:45:13.770

Cooper City Hall: Every election, we should be putting stuff on there, because we have a lot of charter changes the things that we put on there.

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00:45:14.250 --> 00:45:23.460

Cooper City Hall: From the Commission and not through the Charter review committee, in my opinion, should not be drastic things they should be language things so i'll tell you.

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00:45:23.850 --> 00:45:32.880

Cooper City Hall: We have which we haven't talked about is the qualifying we have an issue with the qualifying statute now is last time we put for you have to live in your district for one year.

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00:45:33.330 --> 00:45:49.020

Cooper City Hall: But the redistricting statute or part portion of the Charter says that our redistricting has to be done, six months in advance of qualification so used to it didn't matter you would always be fine now it's an issue you have to live in the district number, with a geographical district.

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00:45:50.580 --> 00:45:55.920

Cooper City Hall: I think we need to clean that language up, we have other things in the Charter that talk about and or which.

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00:45:56.520 --> 00:46:05.790

Cooper City Hall: shouldn't be and that's the same so here do we need to put that up for a referendum to fix a language yeah yeah that's in the same one so.

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00:46:06.300 --> 00:46:14.430

Cooper City Hall: What I would be in favor for you to look at it, like, for example, the Charter, these things are agree with these things, I agree with fixing the language.

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00:46:14.670 --> 00:46:26.340

Cooper City Hall: I do not agree with drastic changes right, I can affect the city people moving Cooper city, knowing what the charger is so draft people move that's that's not a valid argument drastic changes should come from the residents.

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00:46:26.670 --> 00:46:36.060

Cooper City Hall: Correct and we don't have a method for the residents to put a charter amendment on that we don't have a petition in the only method review board, as I said, the only method we have is the chart viewer.

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00:46:36.510 --> 00:46:50.070

Cooper City Hall: So I think anything drastic, we should we should have we can we can convene the Charter review board sooner absolutely So the question becomes that you gives us, so the question becomes right the statue give us gives us that.

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00:46:50.880 --> 00:47:02.160

Cooper City Hall: Am i'm in my mind this is drastic and so it wasn't a term limits, but when I go do those when I will do those just clean up the words this weekend savvy.

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00:47:03.060 --> 00:47:14.520

Cooper City Hall: I agree, getting rid of tournaments to me, would be a drastic things that you that's that's why it should be brought up to the referendum to the resident, no, no, no, no, no you've got a question.

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00:47:15.030 --> 00:47:21.480

Cooper City Hall: don't give OPS right Commissioners router just so you're right no options well, Commissioner traveler just said, and I agree with them.

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00:47:22.260 --> 00:47:29.550

Cooper City Hall: If it's going to be that drastic the form the method that we have in place is to convene the Charter review board.

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00:47:30.000 --> 00:47:35.490

Cooper City Hall: which comprises residents that are going to potentially be affected by this.

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00:47:35.730 --> 00:47:49.680

Cooper City Hall: and allow them to weigh in and allow them to have allow them the opportunity to have a discussion to say Okay, let them like what we're doing here the residents are not going to have an opportunity to do that.

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00:47:50.220 --> 00:47:57.780

Cooper City Hall: And this is that it's drastic, in my humble opinion, and and your your definition of drastic.

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00:47:58.830 --> 00:47:59.340

Cooper City Hall: is why.

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00:48:00.660 --> 00:48:04.740

Cooper City Hall: That yours is different yours is different than yours, well, I can tell you this.

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00:48:06.030 --> 00:48:16.980

Cooper City Hall: I wouldn't I wouldn't be sitting here if term limits weren't in place you wouldn't be sitting here tournaments weren't in place, I don't believe I mean, yes, we can either run you know.

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00:48:17.550 --> 00:48:32.250

Cooper City Hall: yeah, so I think term limits are good, and I think we all benefited by the little change from three to four year term that's a little bit wider nine to 12 I agree with you there I could change my 10 years I might think that you know but.

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00:48:33.570 --> 00:48:41.430

Cooper City Hall: We do have language fixed in our Charter, for example, our meetings private charter convenient 630.

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00:48:41.970 --> 00:48:53.610

Cooper City Hall: that's ridiculous that that will be a charter, we have the meeting time you know it should say you're going to meet twice a month, and then you know what if we have to so I saw, though, that I agree with that's the stuff we should look at, and I think.

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00:48:55.170 --> 00:49:09.750

Cooper City Hall: We should agree as a group, we can disagree, but that goes to row Commissioners router do you believe that this is drastic drones yes not fixing qualification language and it's something that needs to jive with all right, but.

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00:49:11.010 --> 00:49:19.950

Cooper City Hall: It has to it has to jive with what we know with the redistricting there's two sections of don't match and there's there's month one says oh right right right, no, no, no, no.

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00:49:20.580 --> 00:49:27.930

Cooper City Hall: You will get no argument out of me from there that that that has to be cleaned up because I believe that what that has done is that presents.

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00:49:28.530 --> 00:49:41.100

Cooper City Hall: A prediction a contradiction and it it it just is that needs to I completely agree with you, so so, Commissioner, if you do that, then, if you take a look at 302.

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00:49:42.180 --> 00:49:43.950

Cooper City Hall: The word cumulatively.

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00:49:44.970 --> 00:49:59.010

Cooper City Hall: should be struck, so that it is clear, if you want to serve as Commissioner, you may and then, if you want to serve as Mayor, you may now we are differing between the positions.

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00:49:59.460 --> 00:50:14.550

Cooper City Hall: Now i'm not saying term limits are not involved, they are, but they are to the position, but I don't believe so, and that's where you and I were not on we're not we're not on the same page here, because for me.

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00:50:15.690 --> 00:50:22.650

Cooper City Hall: If we are, this is the Commission, we are the elected a body that matters you know the Commission you're one of five.

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00:50:23.670 --> 00:50:26.550

Cooper City Hall: Right you're one of five, this is the elective body.

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00:50:27.720 --> 00:50:30.060

Cooper City Hall: I don't believe that we should change this.

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00:50:31.350 --> 00:50:36.090

Cooper City Hall: right because I don't believe that anyone.

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00:50:37.560 --> 00:50:50.070

Cooper City Hall: If you're going to according to what we have right now, it is clear hey if you serve three four year terms, yes, what if you want to run for a seat that you did that you did not.

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00:50:51.270 --> 00:51:02.160

Cooper City Hall: That you did not hold prior to the three four year terms, you have to sit out a four year term, and then just change that scenario ever so slightly.

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00:51:02.610 --> 00:51:11.790

Cooper City Hall: You have a first term person i'm going to pick on Commission and charter for a moment he served four years now all of a sudden, he says, I want to be married.

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00:51:12.840 --> 00:51:19.920

Cooper City Hall: Now he goes ahead, and he moves into the position as Mayor should he not because it's a different position.

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00:51:20.550 --> 00:51:34.140

Cooper City Hall: And while you want to say it's a fifth, Commissioner, is a different position mayor is a different position should he not be able to serve all three terms it's man no you don't believe so, you don't believe so, I believe.

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00:51:35.190 --> 00:51:45.270

Cooper City Hall: The Charter is if if someone's talking about a chain there so yeah here's into and here's here's my here's my thinking behind that.

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00:51:46.290 --> 00:51:56.130

Cooper City Hall: If an individual you're talking about Commissioners router Commissioner Strauss as an example, now as an example, no, no, no, I just as an example, Commissioners router says.

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00:51:58.230 --> 00:52:02.760

Cooper City Hall: You know what I want to run he's in the position he's here until 2024.

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00:52:04.080 --> 00:52:07.320

Cooper City Hall: He says, I want to run for mayor right.

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00:52:09.000 --> 00:52:18.270

Cooper City Hall: What he what he, in my opinion, what he's doing in essence is he's for going because he ran for for your seat he's for going to have those years.

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00:52:18.750 --> 00:52:33.000

Cooper City Hall: so that he could run for mayor, I don't believe that he should be able to get those back because he is now I can be wrong, but I don't think because he thought he's he's making a decision.

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00:52:34.860 --> 00:52:49.050

Cooper City Hall: to forfeit two years or whatever to run for mayor but it's okay and and if you're if you're saying it's okay to take away then it's okay to give we've given you additional two years.

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00:52:50.520 --> 00:52:57.420

Cooper City Hall: We we gave how did you give me two more years well you serving 14 and told, but I didn't run for better run in 2008.

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00:52:58.740 --> 00:53:04.260

Cooper City Hall: This is where i'm trying to explain the differences of this Commission.

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00:53:05.460 --> 00:53:18.060

Cooper City Hall: The the voters didn't vote for that either right, but the mission did a change what the what the term was a four year term back in 2008 right i'd never ran for the four year term.

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00:53:19.170 --> 00:53:33.060

Cooper City Hall: Because of because of because one individual vacated left it open it opened up an opportunity for not just me but for others to run for that seat that had been vacated.

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00:53:33.510 --> 00:53:37.050

Cooper City Hall: But the question was whether it was going to be added or not added.

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00:53:37.740 --> 00:53:55.230

Cooper City Hall: And this Commission on its own without sending it for a referendum said yeah let's add it well that's drastic, so we do have precedents, showing that we up here to get to make the decisions, I prefer that the voters make the decisions.

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00:53:56.460 --> 00:53:57.030

Cooper City Hall: it's easy.

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00:53:58.170 --> 00:54:04.830

Cooper City Hall: That way they get to do it yeah but yeah that's just grandstanding because we all know, statistically if we put forward.

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00:54:05.520 --> 00:54:15.810

Cooper City Hall: Something on the Charter it's going to get voted on across always then that's the truth, if we put it forward participants getting going on, I don't disagree with that I I.

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00:54:17.070 --> 00:54:23.280

Cooper City Hall: Think, the intention of term limits is to require the vacation of the specific see.

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00:54:24.570 --> 00:54:43.650

Cooper City Hall: and allowing someone else to run Personally, I think you should apply by position, but I think that's just a personal decision that should be decided on by the resonance is green by the Charter review not me putting it for all of it, I agree, is the mayor a Commissioner.

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00:54:45.120 --> 00:54:51.060

Cooper City Hall: See, is what I said see So if I was district if moved to different district.

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00:54:51.630 --> 00:55:00.600

Cooper City Hall: You start your terms all over again, yes and that's how it is in the state legislature and it's in in in that's because you're having to move in rerun.

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00:55:00.900 --> 00:55:10.350

Cooper City Hall: versus staying in that seat, but that's just a personal preference thing that's an argument I would pitch to a charter review board and they make whatever decision, they want, because you would have.

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00:55:10.710 --> 00:55:21.630

Cooper City Hall: to your point, you will allow for folks other than the body of elected officials to weigh in on this conversation and to have an opportunity.

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00:55:22.110 --> 00:55:36.540

Cooper City Hall: Prior to it going to the voters at large, you have a very small sample size of residents that can come in and argue back and forth, and then they put forth the recommendation to this commission's that says.

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00:55:36.990 --> 00:55:46.470

Cooper City Hall: Okay here's where we're at so what i'm hearing is this Commission wants cover of a committee.

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00:55:47.520 --> 00:56:03.720

Cooper City Hall: To bring to the Commission how well did that work, the last time they weren't great besides the one that Commission exactly all the committee on, so why, why is the Commission so fearful of being the leaders, you need to be not the little take away if I.

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00:56:05.190 --> 00:56:06.930

Cooper City Hall: send it to the reason why is it.

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00:56:08.850 --> 00:56:13.590

Cooper City Hall: Why don't why don't we why don't we even need elections, why don't we just why don't we just leave and tell them what the.

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00:56:14.880 --> 00:56:16.440

Cooper City Hall: term term number.

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00:56:19.320 --> 00:56:19.650

Cooper City Hall: i'm sure.

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00:56:22.440 --> 00:56:26.490

Cooper City Hall: The opposite of yo yo is what what is the fear of.

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00:56:26.880 --> 00:56:39.120

Cooper City Hall: Members of this Commission, to put it back to the residents to convene a charter review board and have have allowed the residents to have an opportunity to do that what's that the regular is no fear, but the Statute.

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00:56:39.750 --> 00:56:54.240

Cooper City Hall: Literally took that into account and said we don't need to wait for that this Commission can do it and the Statute gives us the right to do and one instance you're saying what is the fear of this commissioned by doing that.

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00:56:54.690 --> 00:56:57.810

Cooper City Hall: I know that fear, but the other but let just because they know what.

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00:56:59.220 --> 00:57:05.670

Cooper City Hall: you're saying you're saying we have the right to do that what's the fear of doing that because, by state statute, we can do that.

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00:57:05.970 --> 00:57:13.110

Cooper City Hall: But the argument that i'm making is well, what is the opposite of that is what is the fear of convening residents.

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00:57:13.830 --> 00:57:25.710

Cooper City Hall: To allow them an opportunity to weigh in on this prior to it being on a bad I think you know it, and it hasn't been stated, the timeframe to convene one now.

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00:57:26.070 --> 00:57:38.070

Cooper City Hall: For this to be on the next ballot and it not be done in your point but to your earlier point there if this is not going to affect anybody up here now, why are we rushing to do it right now.

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00:57:41.310 --> 00:57:41.910

Cooper City Hall: No, no, no.

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00:57:43.110 --> 00:57:44.040

Cooper City Hall: it's wait.

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00:57:51.630 --> 00:57:53.760

Cooper City Hall: No 2026 or seven.

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Cooper City Hall: suggestion was showing that I was 24 eight tonight about me my good friend matt Ross.

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00:58:02.400 --> 00:58:12.120

Cooper City Hall: I can't wait it's not about me I can wait, I can wait if it's not Mer Mer Ross if it's not about okay if it's not about any of us up here.

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00:58:12.750 --> 00:58:20.730

Cooper City Hall: I don't see the harm in saying okay let's do this the right way, we are let's do this in a manner.

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00:58:21.210 --> 00:58:30.240

Cooper City Hall: That allows for our residents in the form of a charter review board to come forward and say hey we want to throw this idea out to you.

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00:58:30.720 --> 00:58:39.600

Cooper City Hall: Right and not only that hey here are some other things that we want you all to have an opportunity to look at to clean up some things that that needs to get done, what is the.

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00:58:40.230 --> 00:58:59.430

Cooper City Hall: If it's not going to impact any of us now we're rushing to do it, I think we should divide topics into things that need to be cleaned up, we should look at and decide and try to put some stuff on I don't think we should have 1215 questions.

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Cooper City Hall: On on I brought her condition shorter, I can agree with ager things we should make a note of and camino board and say division router I have no problem or make a list I don't know yeah I mean so one of the other issues is.

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00:59:16.830 --> 00:59:24.300

Cooper City Hall: In this is, in general, what what is the enforcement of the term limits who's going to enforce the term Lawrence.

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00:59:25.770 --> 00:59:44.700

Cooper City Hall: Show so under our current interpretation Jacob says that the city is right in there in there, they have the right to just if the candidate if safe may roswell the South to run again says he qualifies that the Clerk is has to take it as to accept it that's one method.

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00:59:47.430 --> 00:59:57.480

Cooper City Hall: So basically there's no tournaments the other method is no, no, because I think after assume for a moment that happens we assume for a moment and 24 and see.

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00:59:57.870 --> 01:00:03.300

Cooper City Hall: I don't care about the term limits on a kebab charter i'm gonna run now how about you say this, the more likely you say this.

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01:00:03.660 --> 01:00:14.640

Cooper City Hall: You know what I took office on May and November 10 November 7 so I didn't get a full full year right I don't think it's a full thing i'm going to send up to run again.

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01:00:15.600 --> 01:00:24.810

Cooper City Hall: And he signs the form under our current method he's on unless somebody unless someone challenges it but but I don't think I could be encouraged.

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01:00:25.650 --> 01:00:33.000

Cooper City Hall: That will they have to file a lawsuit I get, but when but but it's after the election takes place in my career now you're not.

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01:00:33.900 --> 01:00:43.080

Cooper City Hall: There the very limited challenges that can occur after the election that takes place when both selection challenges occur prior to the above okay Okay, not that I have any experience in election.

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01:00:43.470 --> 01:00:55.260

Cooper City Hall: suits but what would happen is it puts a disadvantage for the majority of residents in the city, I can tell you to people who have the advantage, probably the two people don't have to hire lawyers.

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01:00:56.160 --> 01:01:02.520

Cooper City Hall: You know, and these these aren't major these are major campaigns right, you know i'm like the amount of money would cost.

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01:01:03.180 --> 01:01:09.270

Cooper City Hall: You have other cities that have decided that have put in their language that if there's a question.

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01:01:09.870 --> 01:01:22.920

Cooper City Hall: Like city of Miami I think it says if there's a question on determination that the city attorney Shell file suit for determination usually termination so to me that's that's that's a question of.

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01:01:24.480 --> 01:01:41.610

Cooper City Hall: You know, does this have teeth or not, but into the term limit thing, how do we determine the right, well, I know that what so what we're talking about tonight is this particular this this amending section 3.02, so I think.

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01:01:42.870 --> 01:01:53.190

Cooper City Hall: The Mayor had put this question had had had asked this question i'll put it out there and said hey you don't really consider this to be drastic.

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01:01:54.360 --> 01:02:02.040

Cooper City Hall: I don't i'm not putting words in your mouth, I want to make sure I heard you say that what is the disc what we're talking about tonight tonight.

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01:02:02.640 --> 01:02:12.750

Cooper City Hall: You don't believe that that is, this is a drastic measure know to change it's a change okay I happen to believe that it is a drastic measure right, I think.

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01:02:13.440 --> 01:02:25.230

Cooper City Hall: That you know what we have to determine tonight is the selected this selected body has to determine this item, right here is this an item that is worthy.

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01:02:25.860 --> 01:02:39.960

Cooper City Hall: To allow for our residents in the form of a charter review board to weigh in and have a discussion and really, really dig into this and bring it back to this Commission, and I believe that.

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01:02:42.390 --> 01:02:43.410

Cooper City Hall: That should occur.

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01:02:45.270 --> 01:02:51.360

Cooper City Hall: Because I am not comfortable and I am not going to support amending this.

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01:02:52.650 --> 01:02:53.550

Cooper City Hall: This section.

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01:02:54.600 --> 01:03:09.660

Cooper City Hall: Because I don't know if we have said collectively that it's not going to affect anybody up here I don't understand why there is a move a rush to get something on the ballot where.

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01:03:11.130 --> 01:03:18.690

Cooper City Hall: I just don't feel that we should rush that's all I have to say thank you mayor, not a problem, so this is a workshop we don't get to decide anything tonight.

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01:03:19.920 --> 01:03:20.400

Cooper City Hall: So.

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01:03:21.900 --> 01:03:39.210

Cooper City Hall: I think everyone has had their time, if you will, to say what they needed Ryan what I was gonna say Ryan, you want to finish on your end to get your changes well I just think we have to alright, so my example city Miami said says.

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01:03:41.640 --> 01:03:43.950

Cooper City Hall: I really think it should be a one year resident not.

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01:03:45.480 --> 01:03:51.750

Cooper City Hall: I think it should be a one year residency requirement not a historic district one, but whatever that's not for.

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01:03:52.290 --> 01:04:04.440

Cooper City Hall: me, you know that's for the residents as a candidate for mayor Shelby residence, the city for at least one year prior to qualifying and shall be elect and Shelby electors there in then it says.

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01:04:05.580 --> 01:04:17.340

Cooper City Hall: The City of Miami clerk is authorized and directed to file prosecuting appropriate action in the circuit court for dade county in the name of the city clerk solely for the purposes of receiving a judicial termination with regards to the qualifications of the candidate.

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01:04:18.390 --> 01:04:24.180

Cooper City Hall: So what could happen under our current issue is if.

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01:04:25.920 --> 01:04:35.490

Cooper City Hall: I think we just we have from one we got to fix the one year we either got to tell a residence that it doesn't jive with the six month thing, because what we could do is we wanted to prevent somebody from running.

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01:04:35.910 --> 01:04:44.070

Cooper City Hall: We can keep we could change the thing six months out because, because the other markets as six months out there, not the one year and that's not fair, when you go and so.

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01:04:44.340 --> 01:04:51.120

Cooper City Hall: It doesn't and I understand why we have that is because you couldn't put to charge questions on there you couldn't put If this fails, then you the other.

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01:04:52.620 --> 01:05:07.620

Cooper City Hall: And then, at the at the other point is, is there any teeth to what the residents want if if we are going to accept based off of the legal memorandum, we got if somebody comes forward with a driver's license from town a day and they sent to run for mayor and they sign the form.

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01:05:08.760 --> 01:05:14.640

Cooper City Hall: they're going to under our current system we're going to qualify them no they wouldn't be able to qualify you wouldn't be able to qualify.

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01:05:14.910 --> 01:05:26.010

Cooper City Hall: Was the Clerk I think would have to accept it Am I correct if a candidate comes in and submits a complete package of qualifying paperwork signs the oath of residency.

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01:05:26.280 --> 01:05:33.360

Cooper City Hall: which has criminal penalties for violating signs the oath of candidacy, which has similar penalties for violating.

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01:05:33.720 --> 01:05:37.770

Cooper City Hall: And pays properly pays a qualifying fee drawn on a campaign account.

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01:05:38.100 --> 01:05:43.620

Cooper City Hall: The clerk's job is to take those documents on their face value, look at the four corners, the documents that are submitted.

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01:05:43.890 --> 01:05:50.070

Cooper City Hall: And if it's a complete package to qualify that candidate so, but so to your point, Commissioner shouter if someone had a Davey.

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01:05:50.430 --> 01:05:55.290

Cooper City Hall: license they wouldn't qualify, no, no, no, no, no, because I to your point.

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01:05:55.590 --> 01:06:06.720

Cooper City Hall: Someone could have a day be licensed and live here and Cooper city and produce documentation for correct me if i'm wrong produced documentation, ie in the form of a water bill.

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01:06:07.020 --> 01:06:13.770

Cooper City Hall: A light bill some things they don't produce we don't look at what they produce there but that's an overview of it, but no, no, wait okay so.

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01:06:14.310 --> 01:06:24.000

Cooper City Hall: you're saying, Commissioner, is if a person has a rental home, if you will hear, and you know, even if I if I live in pines and I intend to run.

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01:06:24.450 --> 01:06:34.710

Cooper City Hall: For mayor and pines and I, and I come to the wrong place Cooper city I bring all my documents and I sign the form and keep your city and hand it over they have to accept it no she doesn't.

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01:06:35.250 --> 01:06:38.580

Cooper City Hall: Okay, Miss Alan do you have to accept that, if they are not a.

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01:06:39.300 --> 01:06:53.010

Cooper City Hall: If they are running for Mayor of pembroke pines and they still happen to stumble in here to Cooper city and they have all their qualifying documents for pembroke pines, no, no, no, the the on the form they write Cooper city mayor they they're confused okay.

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01:06:53.400 --> 01:07:04.980

Cooper City Hall: But it's the belief miss Ellen I believe that it's the responsibility of the of the local supervisor of elections miss Allen she would have to look at those documentation is to determine.

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01:07:05.730 --> 01:07:14.940

Cooper City Hall: If those document if those documents qualify, I agree with you, but that's not what we were just told them illegal memorandum, we were told that they will not do that.

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01:07:16.020 --> 01:07:18.870

Cooper City Hall: I am with you, I believe.

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01:07:20.580 --> 01:07:29.730

Cooper City Hall: But Mr Horowitz it looking at this issue straightforward Mr Horowitz we have consulted with the general counsel's office for the division of elections in tallahassee.

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01:07:30.270 --> 01:07:33.840

Cooper City Hall: Your city clerk was consulted with the broward county supervisor of elections.

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01:07:34.350 --> 01:07:41.460

Cooper City Hall: And we've all reached the same legal conclusion that if a candidate comes in and submits a complete package of qualifying paperwork.

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01:07:42.000 --> 01:07:48.060

Cooper City Hall: signs the oath of candidacy and signs the oath of residency which both have criminal penalties attached to them.

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01:07:48.570 --> 01:08:03.060

Cooper City Hall: and properly files a probably pays the filing fee drawn in a campaign account the clerk's job is to accept that candidate as a qualified, no question what constitutes proper documentation qualifying documents.

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01:08:04.500 --> 01:08:12.450

Cooper City Hall: Whatever whatever package when when a candidate comes in, to pick up a qualifying package okay so package okay so to my point to miss Alan.

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01:08:13.200 --> 01:08:25.350

Cooper City Hall: What documents what qualifying documents are needed that needs to be brought forth as a part of the qualifying process here in Cooper city there's Alan Thank you miss Ellen.

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01:08:26.670 --> 01:08:38.460

Cooper City Hall: The candidate, we need to bring forth the appointment of the treasure and the designation of the deposit office campaign account, he would have to sign an oath the residency he would have to sign an oath of.

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01:08:39.600 --> 01:08:58.200

Cooper City Hall: A statement of Canada see and he would have to pay the filing fee Okay, so he he or she would have to file sign an oath of residency yes, pursuant to the Charter, yes, the Charter has requirements that say, if you want to run for office here in Cooper city.

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01:08:58.680 --> 01:09:11.790

Cooper City Hall: You have to live in for a district seat, you have to live in the city for at least a year, and now you have to live in the district for at least a year correct.

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01:09:12.270 --> 01:09:31.560

Cooper City Hall: But then the question begs to be asked, because we all know, that's incorrect, who has standing to challenge that is a city going to do an injunction for relief, or is the individual that is running against them and God forbid, no one runs against them, then you're going to have a pines.

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01:09:32.610 --> 01:09:50.670

Cooper City Hall: So listen as Mayor so Okay, so we have elections in Cooper city and November of this year, the districts have changed to Commissioner shouters point earlier, the districts have changed and if.

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01:09:51.600 --> 01:10:01.770

Cooper City Hall: Pursuant to so what the what the what the wreck what the the the information is now or the requirement is that you have to live within the district for at least a year.

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01:10:03.120 --> 01:10:12.990

Cooper City Hall: Well, who has lived if the district if it went from if embassy lakes went from district for to now district three and one.

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01:10:13.830 --> 01:10:21.870

Cooper City Hall: Technically, nobody can run for that seat right that's one interpretation and that's why the Charter said you had to do it.

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01:10:22.320 --> 01:10:35.010

Cooper City Hall: Six months in advance the and you had a six month residency but now, with the one year, I think that that's the thing you could make the other interpretation that you just have to geographically live there.

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01:10:36.300 --> 01:10:40.500

Cooper City Hall: This is an issue, and then the Clerk does not look at the address right.

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01:10:41.370 --> 01:10:50.280

Cooper City Hall: Actually, according to the Charter, I do have documents of residency that they have to provide provide at least three that's what I yeah I know I ran for time see.

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01:10:50.730 --> 01:10:54.450

Cooper City Hall: Mr Horowitz legal opinion and don't go into the.

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01:10:54.900 --> 01:11:05.280

Cooper City Hall: One thing that doesn't matter, Mr Horowitz legal opinion said that as long as the person submits the documents that the Clerk is not supposed to look into the veracity of the Doc that's correct.

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01:11:05.520 --> 01:11:14.100

Cooper City Hall: So So are we have a legal opinion says it doesn't matter what it has and i'm going to show up next time with mine i'm going to walk pines water bill and everything.

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01:11:14.520 --> 01:11:24.030

Cooper City Hall: And there's nothing they can do that, you did it that's it there's no determination, but that's that the also qualifying we haven't signed is a state, one that doesn't mention anything it's right here.

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01:11:24.570 --> 01:11:33.900

Cooper City Hall: it's the state one doesn't mention anything specific it doesn't have our Charter things on it, we don't have a sign of thing so most candidates will not even be lying because they wouldn't even know.

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01:11:34.350 --> 01:11:47.760

Cooper City Hall: What the rules are specific charter thing so Commissioner sure you're absolutely correct in your point I know player, I know that we're talking about this particular item up your that's a valid point and I agree with you on that.

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01:11:48.930 --> 01:11:50.700

Cooper City Hall: For our discussion tonight mayor.

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01:11:52.110 --> 01:11:55.260

Cooper City Hall: On Jun 302 i'm good, it is, I know I know.

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01:11:56.820 --> 01:12:02.400

Cooper City Hall: In so we have to, we have to fix that or we have to, and so what that.

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01:12:03.090 --> 01:12:07.980

Cooper City Hall: It look there's, the reality is there's two ways to look at it there's a way to look at it, that you can't because you.

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01:12:08.400 --> 01:12:19.860

Cooper City Hall: Because you weren't in the numerical district ahead of time and then there's the other way, you could look at it and say well they're going to be in district three or one now right.

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01:12:20.370 --> 01:12:33.270

Cooper City Hall: And they've they've been in one, the new one, for at least a year I do want to add one other comment, if I may, and again this is in section 3.2 is i'm looking further as well for one comment, the charters very clear in this point the Commission.

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01:12:33.900 --> 01:12:39.540

Cooper City Hall: shall be the judge of the qualifications of its members and the grounds of portraiture for office.

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01:12:40.170 --> 01:12:50.340

Cooper City Hall: yeah, but we need directions, I understand, so i'll make it something less okay so Mr Horowitz if the Commission shall be the judge is that does that mean that.

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01:12:50.730 --> 01:13:00.630

Cooper City Hall: For our current election, the election cycle that we're currently in if we have residents that are going to put for bringing their qualifying documents into City Hall.

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01:13:01.680 --> 01:13:10.020

Cooper City Hall: Are you are you saying that this Commission is going to be the judge in terms of the qualifications of those people, and when.

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01:13:11.010 --> 01:13:23.370

Cooper City Hall: that's under State law your city clerk is the filing officer when a candidate comes into qualified, they do not qualify before this Commission they qualify before your city clerk as the local supervisor of elections in your filing officer.

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01:13:23.910 --> 01:13:30.180

Cooper City Hall: If there is any Gray area in the Charter, this Commission under State law and under the plain language of our Charter.

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01:13:30.390 --> 01:13:46.680

Cooper City Hall: Is the judge, as it relates to interpret okay so currently what we have currently include it's several interpretations, I know we're talking about something we have several interpretations, the current election cycle that we are in, because we had redistricting.

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01:13:48.300 --> 01:14:02.400

Cooper City Hall: district know district for embassy lakes, is no longer a part of district for embassy lakes, is part district three and part district one.

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01:14:03.420 --> 01:14:12.930

Cooper City Hall: We have any folks that are running in pursuing pursuant to what was passed in November says that you have to live in the district.

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01:14:13.590 --> 01:14:24.780

Cooper City Hall: In the end, and your district it doesn't it doesn't speak to there's no language that says well wait a minute we know the district change, however, you know if you live there, you know if it was district one big.

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01:14:25.350 --> 01:14:30.030

Cooper City Hall: district for before you live there, you know you're okay there's no language that says.

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01:14:30.510 --> 01:14:37.890

Cooper City Hall: Brent so the only language that references that says, however, in the event that an adjustment is made the configuration of election districts.

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01:14:38.190 --> 01:14:46.680

Cooper City Hall: Pursuant to 3.3 said adjustment shall not apply in any manner that would affect or impair the qualifications of a Commissioner who was qualified when elected.

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01:14:47.400 --> 01:14:51.510

Cooper City Hall: Only actually right there have our own for the city Commissioners right right they're not.

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01:14:52.020 --> 01:15:01.500

Cooper City Hall: Not representative right so to the exclusion of the others, which is not fair to them, which is not fair, so the folks so people they're bringing their.

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01:15:01.950 --> 01:15:18.510

Cooper City Hall: it's a great area to your point, Mr Horowitz or potential it's a potential Gray area when the folks bring in the their document documentation and it's great right I think what i've heard, I think what i'm hearing you say is.

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01:15:19.800 --> 01:15:27.120

Cooper City Hall: there's a Gray area, then the Commission so i'll be the judge of the qualifications, that is what your Turner says, but how does that happen.

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01:15:29.670 --> 01:15:37.320

Cooper City Hall: it's a good question, and this discussion may provide some opening for that conversation and for some interpretation by this Commission.

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01:15:39.360 --> 01:15:45.090

Cooper City Hall: Okay, so to your point if this Commission is going to have to provide some language.

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01:15:46.770 --> 01:15:50.340

Cooper City Hall: To clarify or you know, make it more abundantly clear.

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01:15:51.450 --> 01:16:05.280

Cooper City Hall: doesn't that information still have to go because it's in the Charter, it has to be put to a referendum and the voters have to decide that if it were a charter amendment than the answer is yes it's an interpretation, we in.

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01:16:06.300 --> 01:16:09.060

Cooper City Hall: The Commission under State law gets to interpret its charter.

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01:16:09.450 --> 01:16:19.860

Cooper City Hall: Okay, so we can interpret it, but I mean the harsh reality, the reality is, we can interpret it some way and folks that are running for office they can interpret it a different way, and they can say wait a minute I just been.

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01:16:20.250 --> 01:16:28.080

Cooper City Hall: I got duped I got you know and i'm going to challenge the commission's interpretation right that's correct.

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01:16:30.270 --> 01:16:32.550

Cooper City Hall: there's not even yeah so we you know and.

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01:16:33.660 --> 01:16:43.860

Cooper City Hall: So what ends up happening is it put work it puts us in a position and and having the Clerk service ministerial with a stamp.

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01:16:44.310 --> 01:16:51.510

Cooper City Hall: regardless, this is not a bad way probably most places do that, but the issue you have with that is you basically have no teeth to your turn.

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01:16:51.990 --> 01:17:00.270

Cooper City Hall: So it doesn't matter, so I can come and sign up and and look the penalty of perjury thing 100% you're not you're not going to be.

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01:17:00.510 --> 01:17:11.100

Cooper City Hall: charged with perjury for signing this form because this form does not say anything about a Cooper city thing in there, so you would say Oh, I thought it was it didn't have it's not like it says.

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01:17:11.550 --> 01:17:23.220

Cooper City Hall: You have lived in district one to it does is it, this is the state form, you know that that is just a generic form that you know says that I qualify, you know.

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01:17:24.300 --> 01:17:29.640

Cooper City Hall: i'm a i'm a candidate nonpartisan candidate for Cooper city Commission, I am a qualified electric.

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01:17:30.420 --> 01:17:37.920

Cooper City Hall: broward county and i'm qualified under the Constitution and the laws of Florida to hold office, to which I desire to be nominated and elected I have.

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01:17:38.250 --> 01:17:45.630

Cooper City Hall: qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part there there have runs concurrent with this.

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01:17:46.260 --> 01:17:50.640

Cooper City Hall: That I seek and I have resigned from any other office I hold this this is anything about.

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01:17:51.060 --> 01:17:57.690

Cooper City Hall: What you got so there's no way you're getting perjury here you're the criminal Defense lawyer, is there any perjury here doesn't even mention.

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01:17:58.500 --> 01:18:08.550

Cooper City Hall: A residency requirement or anything like that so, Commissioner, if I may, according to the Charter when I do qualify candidates, I am to request at least three.

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01:18:09.480 --> 01:18:17.670

Cooper City Hall: Proof of residency and if they cannot provide those proofs I do not call, no, no that's what I thought, but that's not what the opinion said from.

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01:18:18.090 --> 01:18:26.190

Cooper City Hall: I don't know if they sent you a copy but that's not what the opinion said from Jacobs office and if that's the case, then, what do we do, do you do we look and see that they.

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01:18:26.550 --> 01:18:30.180

Cooper City Hall: lived in Cooper city, do we look at, but she lived in a Commission, if I could just.

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01:18:31.080 --> 01:18:35.040

Cooper City Hall: Take issue only because I don't think that what the clerks that is in conflict with our opinion if.

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01:18:35.490 --> 01:18:45.210

Cooper City Hall: A candidate is supplying all the paperwork required by our Charter, including the documents your clerk just referred to think and she would qualify those candidates so here's my question, I think.

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01:18:47.220 --> 01:18:59.520

Cooper City Hall: Here you go, this is the really bad box situation, so my question to you is what is your determination if they're an MC lakes, do they qualify to run for district one or.

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01:19:00.450 --> 01:19:13.680

Cooper City Hall: not read only district one that's up for three oh yeah one, the only well, so I don't run for district one if their current document documentation puts them in district one, yes, but how could they how could they be there for a year.

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01:19:14.820 --> 01:19:16.320

Cooper City Hall: If we just change it, six months ago.

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01:19:19.140 --> 01:19:20.250

Cooper City Hall: And that's the that's.

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01:19:22.350 --> 01:19:30.540

Cooper City Hall: How i'm oh i'm not saying it's not about oh no I said it's not in conflict, I would like to answer that question, if so, if we currently do it, unlike.

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01:19:32.760 --> 01:19:44.430

Cooper City Hall: So many Ross I mean, I know that, where I love that i'm loving the COMP the discussion, but what we're here what we're talking about tonight is this this eliminating this prohibition.

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01:19:45.480 --> 01:19:48.180

Cooper City Hall: and moved off back to scratch.

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01:19:51.600 --> 01:19:59.520

Cooper City Hall: Other section of free to write, but we, I mean we're moving on to another and very valid you're absolutely right, it is valid.

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01:20:02.040 --> 01:20:12.030

Cooper City Hall: I don't believe that we're not gonna we're not going to solve this issue tonight at this works out well, I want to know what they currently do is the Clerk not qualify oh.

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01:20:13.320 --> 01:20:15.420

Cooper City Hall: it's been a clerk your job.

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01:20:17.400 --> 01:20:20.220

Cooper City Hall: Everybody in embassy likes disqualified from running.

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01:20:21.360 --> 01:20:30.840

Cooper City Hall: Right now, because, because we know that it changed in November and it says one year prior to qualifying which should be before that date so is every what is the position of the Clerk.

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01:20:33.360 --> 01:20:44.910

Cooper City Hall: Classification doesn't take place until June, so no one is qualified, but it says one year if either one year prior to qualification, so one year prior to June would be like the last June, and we know the change happened in November.

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01:20:45.660 --> 01:20:50.310

Cooper City Hall: So I think why don't you think you're not the one taking the paper.

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01:20:52.890 --> 01:21:04.080

Cooper City Hall: yeah I understand what Commissioners, the Commissioners Oh, you said you said, your opinion is not, and she says that they do verified, so I just want to know, because when I read the opinion it said it's a ministerial act.

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01:21:05.160 --> 01:21:15.840

Cooper City Hall: And then the Charter says that there is a verification process so i'm just confused between the verification process that the Clerk does and the memo it says there's no verification is just ministerial.

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01:21:17.820 --> 01:21:24.960

Cooper City Hall: i'm not sure what i'm not sure that there's a conflict, and I say that because the Clerk is going to repeat my answer my question if they were to give me documentation.

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01:21:25.410 --> 01:21:36.270

Cooper City Hall: That they're living in a certain if the if I were provided documentation, showing that they have lived at their living at a certain resident in that district that's up for election now.

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01:21:37.080 --> 01:21:45.090

Cooper City Hall: How would I prove how long they've been there, I was talking about a lie i'm saying somebody and NBC likes, we know that everybody in MC lakes.

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01:21:45.480 --> 01:21:54.450

Cooper City Hall: That there's, not a single person MC leaks that has lived in district one in June, I mean in yeah and one year before June would be.

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01:21:54.960 --> 01:22:01.770

Cooper City Hall: June right, so we know there's, not a single person that missy lakes that lived district one or in district three.

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01:22:02.610 --> 01:22:16.170

Cooper City Hall: In October, if I can offer this one call mom she can she's doing it every day, so I just wanted to, not a single person in there has lived in there because everybody and NBC likes lived in district four until November.

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01:22:17.910 --> 01:22:26.190

Cooper City Hall: What you're referring to our district yesterday, what i'm referring to in the interpretation is a geographical location.

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01:22:27.270 --> 01:22:30.570

Cooper City Hall: And that mad Now I want to know what she what is the process.

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01:22:32.670 --> 01:22:43.980

Cooper City Hall: So when they show up what do we, what do we do we do you pull up the map and you say if they show up with documentation, showing that they live in a certain district in this case i'm imagining district one.

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01:22:44.610 --> 01:22:55.110

Cooper City Hall: embassy legs embassy lakes and if that's the district that's up for election at that time and if all the documentation is supports the address and everything he will be qualified.

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01:22:55.890 --> 01:23:11.010

Cooper City Hall: But if they couldn't have lived in district one in October, because we changed it, but it will be someone to we created an impossibility, no one should suffer for what we have created Okay, but we did create an impossibility.

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01:23:12.240 --> 01:23:24.930

Cooper City Hall: I think I think the possibilities, in fact, no one would be able to run because of that possibility so that's why the interpretation goes to the none of us graphic located you know it means we need to fix it.

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01:23:25.650 --> 01:23:36.570

Cooper City Hall: Well, I don't know we don't interpret it differently, we have imperfect and then let me put it this way, how do you propose fixing it in time for the election, you can.

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01:23:37.830 --> 01:23:44.220

Cooper City Hall: So then, you can have an election is that what i'm here now, you know what we need, we need more research.

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01:23:44.730 --> 01:23:55.410

Cooper City Hall: on it, because it is, it is a Gray area but we've got three different opinions coming up with the same what three opinions who's improviser but like, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no.

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01:23:56.010 --> 01:24:07.260

Cooper City Hall: Okay, he runs elections, now that that is not fair, because they have different situations, the the person who interprets that the.

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01:24:08.910 --> 01:24:15.330

Cooper City Hall: The you talk to the election person at the state level they don't interpret they're not interpreting statutes.

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01:24:15.870 --> 01:24:24.600

Cooper City Hall: You can actually get an ag opinion statutes, if a government governing body of the question problem we have is under State law we're the people who make that decision.

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01:24:25.470 --> 01:24:34.560

Cooper City Hall: So we need, we have a more of a need for Laura to give us advice, then they do is they don't make that decision that decision, we got was it can be done.

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01:24:35.880 --> 01:24:41.640

Cooper City Hall: And I didn't get advice on it, no, I disagree yeah you didn't make this.

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01:24:42.150 --> 01:24:48.780

Cooper City Hall: Written determination of which, if it goes off geographical or no miracle I provided My advice to the city clerk.

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01:24:48.900 --> 01:25:01.410

Cooper City Hall: And the city manager as to what they should do if a candidate comes in and submits a completely offline pack, yes, which was just accepted regardless, but that contradicts was saying, and then Jeff asked the question, so we don't verify this your we do verify.

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01:25:01.740 --> 01:25:15.210

Cooper City Hall: So the memo we got says, we do not verify the veracity of the information contained within correct that's fair that's fair all right, so, but then don't tell me, we verified that means I can show up with my water bill from pembroke pines.

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01:25:16.830 --> 01:25:20.640

Cooper City Hall: and say you wanted water water bill you wanted this this and there you go.

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01:25:21.360 --> 01:25:30.990

Cooper City Hall: But the Commission shorter but there's a, but there is, I hear I hear what you're saying I think you're being facetious a little facetious because the Doc you.

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01:25:31.710 --> 01:25:45.840

Cooper City Hall: I think you can exclude if the city clerk is if there are several documents that are needed for for the purpose of quality qualifications right.

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01:25:47.490 --> 01:25:53.190

Cooper City Hall: You wouldn't be able to if you live, if you live in pembroke pines right you're gonna.

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01:25:55.020 --> 01:26:03.330

Cooper City Hall: you're gonna have to produce documents that say that you live here and Cooper city right no they don't check that the actual accuracy of it here, they just.

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01:26:04.050 --> 01:26:12.720

Cooper City Hall: So one so Commissioner shutter when you ran because you're, the most recent one up here when you had to qualify.

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01:26:13.320 --> 01:26:23.700

Cooper City Hall: Did you bring in any documentation that showed where you live, did you bring in a water bill, did you bring in the light build that the city clerk look at any of that documents, I think the only thing I brought was a voter registration.

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01:26:24.600 --> 01:26:30.240

Cooper City Hall: But that and the old I don't think I brought in a water bill or an error or anything like that well I.

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01:26:31.110 --> 01:26:42.510

Cooper City Hall: I brought in, I had a license I had a water bill I didn't like I had a light bill I had at least three pieces of documentation.

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01:26:42.990 --> 01:26:56.160

Cooper City Hall: And I took the old That said, I lived in this city difficulty in, let me, let me say you live in it, though, because we don't have we didn't make her an oath we use the status, which just said it doesn't say you live in the city, let me just say one.

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01:26:56.400 --> 01:27:05.460

Cooper City Hall: Additional complexity to this whole thing, and that is when I ran I brought in my electric bill which showed I lived in Hollywood.

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01:27:06.150 --> 01:27:13.710

Cooper City Hall: I brought in my utility or was a another bill that I had that showed I lived in pembroke pines.

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01:27:14.430 --> 01:27:20.250

Cooper City Hall: And then, and then I think I brought the utility bill in which actually said I lived in Cooper city.

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01:27:20.700 --> 01:27:36.990

Cooper City Hall: So I only had I brought in three but they only had one, but my license my license I had I had lost my license and then, once you get a new one, and they gave it to me and I gave it back to them because it's a member binds so may Ross Are you suggesting to us that you are a broad.

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01:27:38.700 --> 01:27:41.280

Cooper City Hall: not be as you dry air.

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01:27:42.840 --> 01:27:51.420

Cooper City Hall: graphically I buried your here's The other thing The other thing is, do you your license does it show you here for one year.

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01:27:52.770 --> 01:27:53.700

Cooper City Hall: But it should write.

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01:27:54.840 --> 01:28:01.170

Cooper City Hall: It shows when I received or the licensed physician, have you done a divorce before yeah.

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01:28:02.250 --> 01:28:09.810

Cooper City Hall: So when you go through a divorce, you have to have been a resident for six months, six months, one of the biggest problems you're gonna have is when your client gets a new license right.

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01:28:10.470 --> 01:28:18.360

Cooper City Hall: right because it doesn't take much you hand it to the judge and they go hey just punishing and now you got to bring it witnessing with an affidavit.

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01:28:19.050 --> 01:28:38.880

Cooper City Hall: But that's not happening well we're happening is OK license checkmark doesn't we're not looking into the accuracy of that information, according to the legal OMO so gentlemen great conversation gentlemen, all the more reasons why this particular section I don't believe that.

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01:28:40.380 --> 01:28:43.800

Cooper City Hall: That this Commission should be.

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01:28:44.880 --> 01:28:58.050

Cooper City Hall: Putting anything out on ballot for our residents, I believe that a charter review Board should be convened, so that the so that the public, I know that there, there are points, there are several different pieces.

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01:28:59.070 --> 01:29:01.050

Cooper City Hall: Here in section 3.02.

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01:29:02.340 --> 01:29:07.410

Cooper City Hall: And the more we talk about this, the more it seems that there's more.

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01:29:08.880 --> 01:29:23.790

Cooper City Hall: complexities that continue to that continue to show up all the more reasons why I don't believe that it would, I think it would be irresponsible for us to try to move forward in this particular section.

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01:29:24.630 --> 01:29:35.790

Cooper City Hall: Right without convenient convening a chart review board and that's not even going to from what I understand tonight it's going to be whoever decides to run.

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01:29:36.360 --> 01:29:47.160

Cooper City Hall: In district one or district two, for that matter, they're going to bring in what they what they believe are qualifying documents that the city clerk.

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01:29:48.810 --> 01:29:57.810

Cooper City Hall: Based on their Charter, and I know that there is an issue there potentially there is there's a Gray area, but the city clerk.

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01:29:59.370 --> 01:30:05.430

Cooper City Hall: will be using their her discretion in terms of qualifying and she would be she would be.

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01:30:05.850 --> 01:30:13.380

Cooper City Hall: Consistent Mr Horowitz she would be consistent with the opinion that you all, provide it to the city manager into the city and, if I may offer one of.

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01:30:13.710 --> 01:30:26.820

Cooper City Hall: Our discretion, if I may offer what other kind of Commission mayor Commission given this discussion, I certainly understand the the issue and the intellectual nuances as it relates to the various components, it is an interesting issue.

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01:30:28.560 --> 01:30:34.050

Cooper City Hall: I will stand by the opinion we provided by the to the Clerk I think it's the correct legal answer in the context of her role under State law.

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01:30:34.440 --> 01:30:42.120

Cooper City Hall: If this Commission would like i'm happy to supplement that opinion and provide you with a more specific issue with regards to the recent redistricting.

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01:30:42.480 --> 01:30:55.920

Cooper City Hall: And the issue of the one year residency I don't have a problem, providing that opinion but again i'd like to continue to research that issue a little bit of clarification on the current memorandum, now that you stand by, does it not say that the.

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01:30:57.390 --> 01:31:00.600

Cooper City Hall: clerk does not make that decision does not make a determination.

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01:31:01.470 --> 01:31:12.300

Cooper City Hall: The clerk's role is to accept paperwork that is submitted on its face without making a determination if if somebody were to submit a water bill from the city of Hollywood.

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01:31:13.050 --> 01:31:21.750

Cooper City Hall: I think that that's an incomplete paperwork as incomplete package of qualifying people what if they submitted watermill for one month, so does our clerk.

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01:31:22.110 --> 01:31:32.910

Cooper City Hall: I just wanted the process, they can give me a water bills for one year that will that I would defer to the political interest, as it relates to that process, I mean, I can tell you know, no one here when they qualify brought in bills for a year.

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01:31:34.770 --> 01:31:47.730

Cooper City Hall: or six months at the time, not more than six months yeah nobody so what's the process, do we feel we get on do we look and see So are we does the documents have to be accurate, on the face.

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01:31:48.900 --> 01:31:57.000

Cooper City Hall: Do we look into the veracity of them what what did what did we need to hammer this out, and I know it's a big problem, but I think this can be fixed.

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01:31:57.630 --> 01:32:06.540

Cooper City Hall: I think the process, if you will, needs to be addressed only because the when factor is it issue.

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01:32:07.200 --> 01:32:14.970

Cooper City Hall: And what I mean is, when do we look at all this when does it get decided when does it get challenged, it needs to be.

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01:32:15.840 --> 01:32:24.420

Cooper City Hall: So, if they do come in with the and I I came in, with my my bill saying Hollywood and no one challenged it.

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01:32:24.900 --> 01:32:39.030

Cooper City Hall: Because I had two other things, but damon show only one show you have a mayor, we know that, but we know we know in Cooper city depending on geographically, where you live in Cooper city your your bill which show Hollywood.

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01:32:39.780 --> 01:32:50.670

Cooper City Hall: Right your zip codes, we could be glad because of the zip code not it doesn't mean that you don't live here and Cooper city right and so that the.

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01:32:51.510 --> 01:32:59.760

Cooper City Hall: The license along the light heck the license could say, Commissioner, opportunities yours my seat pembroke pines originally said, I said to I said to him.

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01:33:00.630 --> 01:33:13.800

Cooper City Hall: I live in pembroke pines were there were there were several police officers that have their license to the police station right that don't live in there, so your your license could say 2601 West bar boulevard.

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01:33:15.120 --> 01:33:20.070

Cooper City Hall: And, and you can say one or five or one of those tournaments so.

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01:33:21.390 --> 01:33:32.790

Cooper City Hall: But those are the memorandum says we that the Clerk accepts it if the physical documents are there and it's all completed, I find this intellectually stimulating, however, let the Attorney.

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01:33:33.660 --> 01:33:42.540

Cooper City Hall: At least give us a more precise response after he did some additional research, and I think it might be able to answer all the questions.

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01:33:43.680 --> 01:33:50.310

Cooper City Hall: Having said that, is there anything else just Commission needs to I think it's kind of a pressing issue, no, no, no, I think that's why.

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01:33:50.880 --> 01:34:01.530

Cooper City Hall: Everybody in embassy legs, but like to know, I just want to be very clear, we will provide our legal advice to this condition, we would not provide our legal advice to anyone candidate for office this.

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01:34:03.120 --> 01:34:05.790

Cooper City Hall: is to a specific one, so a candidate shouldn't come up to you as.

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01:34:06.960 --> 01:34:10.500

Cooper City Hall: My girlfriend over here for three months and I moved back and yeah I get that but.

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01:34:10.920 --> 01:34:17.280

Cooper City Hall: A whole group of people, because we redistricting it warrants the Commission having advice, because we're going to be asked to interpret.

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01:34:17.670 --> 01:34:30.600

Cooper City Hall: This Charter and say hey does this mean geographical or seat wise and in order for me to interpret it honestly, I would like some legal research on it, because I think it's not fair to exclude all of them.

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01:34:31.710 --> 01:34:41.220

Cooper City Hall: But it's got with it and, but if you agree with you, permission to let on the wall, but at the but currently what we, this is what we currently have right.

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01:34:41.970 --> 01:34:43.740

Cooper City Hall: I don't I don't believe that.

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01:34:44.700 --> 01:34:56.430

Cooper City Hall: We tonight are going to be able we're not going to address this tonight, no, no we're not going to change anything we're not changing anything already moving forward this was my intent on having to fix this right this ordinance I.

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01:34:56.880 --> 01:35:06.870

Cooper City Hall: I agree with you wholeheartedly nor charter I don't know I agree with you wholeheartedly it's not going to take place tonight it's going to take place at a later date, all the more reasons why.

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01:35:08.850 --> 01:35:09.780

Cooper City Hall: It bears repeating.

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01:35:10.800 --> 01:35:14.790

Cooper City Hall: let's put this list can convene a charter review board.

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01:35:16.290 --> 01:35:36.990

Cooper City Hall: And to your point bifurcated have things that just language things that that we can do as an elected body, but those more things that are more pressing that can cause conflict or confusion or complexities put it out to the Charter review board yeah and but, at the moment.

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01:35:38.010 --> 01:35:48.210

Cooper City Hall: What we're what we have is what we have in terms of the most pending election in 2022 if folks come in.

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01:35:49.560 --> 01:35:55.470

Cooper City Hall: That process, although we know we know that it has to be cleaned up at the end of the day, the.

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01:35:57.060 --> 01:36:08.670

Cooper City Hall: Local supervisor of election is going to receive those documents and it's going to be their responsibility to determine if they if those residents meet those qualifications.

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01:36:12.180 --> 01:36:18.540

Cooper City Hall: I thank you for all that, I think we'll go ahead and ask what do you think, by next meeting.

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Cooper City Hall: I should hope to it let's put it back let's put it back on the agenda for the next Commission meetings, so we can address it, and at least, and we can vote on items.

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01:36:31.770 --> 01:36:48.630

Cooper City Hall: You don't think it's too early yeah I just asked him if he can do the eventual What about the time the time can we get the one of the times that we have to have to the deadline to submit an item to the supervisor of elections, to make the November ballot is June 13.

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01:36:49.890 --> 01:37:02.790

Cooper City Hall: We didn't know recall the last Commission meeting we were directed to prepare an ordinance to eliminate permission districts that ordinance has been drafted, we will have that ready for your meeting on Tuesday if it's the condition is desire, we can add that to the agenda.

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01:37:05.400 --> 01:37:05.730

Cooper City Hall: Okay.

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01:37:07.740 --> 01:37:16.530

Cooper City Hall: So I think off the top my head if we have things that need to be that are not major can certainly do June out Nina charter review and that that that might you.

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01:37:18.480 --> 01:37:30.930

Cooper City Hall: know because you have to have to reading suck your readings and so, when will that timing will become an issue in this discussion, do you have Oh, we have two weeks, you have two meetings in May and one meeting in June and and to me, and when we enable.

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01:37:32.250 --> 01:37:39.150

Cooper City Hall: Gentlemen, I don't believe that this should be moving forward, I just don't I don't believe that this is in the best interest of our residents and.

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01:37:40.140 --> 01:37:49.710

Cooper City Hall: i'm not i'm just going to say for the record, I am not supporting anything this i'm not supporting this i'm not supporting that we do away with the district's.

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01:37:50.850 --> 01:37:53.520

Cooper City Hall: This is a rush to get something done.

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01:37:54.660 --> 01:38:04.020

Cooper City Hall: You know when when the Commission X it's not a rush it's deliberate it's you know, this is a rush me Ross back to my humble opinion, okay that's fine.

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01:38:05.340 --> 01:38:06.360

Cooper City Hall: No direction given.

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01:38:07.680 --> 01:38:13.980

Cooper City Hall: Tonight yeah other than the legal attorney working memory right and work on the memorandum a breach.

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01:38:15.810 --> 01:38:17.400

Cooper City Hall: Anything else to come before the Commission.

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01:38:19.590 --> 01:38:33.000

Cooper City Hall: Thank you very much motion to adjourn know we got two minute comments good try, though, do we have anyone in City Hall or anyone on virtual wishing to comment for the two minutes, no one, a virtual so.

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01:38:34.260 --> 01:38:37.140

Cooper City Hall: Knowing getting up motion to adjourn Thank you very much.

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01:38:40.320 --> 01:38:41.670

Cooper City Hall: Thank you very much.