



CITY OF COOPER CITY CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Mayor Curran called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken. The City Manager reported no emergency items or agenda changes.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. National Diaper Needs Awareness Week - **Mayor Curran**

The City presented a proclamation recognizing September 14-20, 2026, as National Diaper Need Awareness Week. Representatives from the Greater Fort Lauderdale Diaper Bank and the Florida Essential Needs Coalition thanked the City and described their diaper assistance programs for babies and adults.

2. The Next Generation Referendum - **Superintendent Dr. Howard Hepburn, Chief of Staff Mr. John Sullivan (BCPS), or designee.**

Broward County Public Schools representatives presented information on the November 3, 2026, referendum to continue the existing one-mil property tax for four years, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year. They said the project's annual proceeds of about \$358 million would support employee compensation, school safety personnel, and mental health services, with charter schools participating as required by state law.

The representatives reported that Broward County Public Schools had earned an A rating for the third consecutive year, with no D- or F-rated schools, and that all Cooper City public schools had received A ratings. They also cited a 97.5 percent graduation rate for traditional high schools and a 91.4 percent rate when all schools were included, along with district recognition of accelerated academic programs.

The referendum would continue funding first approved in 2018 and renewed in 2022. Representatives explained that at least 90 percent of the proceeds would go to employee compensation supplements and about 10 percent to safety and mental health services. The supplements would benefit teachers and other frontline employees, including paraprofessionals, transportation employees, cafeteria workers, custodians, and security personnel. The representatives emphasized that the supplements were separate from base salary and would continue only for the duration of the referendum.

Commissioner Mallozzi asked whether for-profit charter school operators would receive proceeds. The representatives stated that, for this purpose, charter schools are treated as public schools and are subject to state law. Commissioner Smith asked what revenue alternatives would be available if the referendum failed, how the projected proceeds were calculated, and how employee supplements would be distributed. Staff explained that the state sets the required local millage, making the referendum the School Board's primary mechanism for raising additional operating funds.

Commissioner Mallozzi emphasized that public communications should clearly state that the referendum would continue an existing tax rather than impose a new one. School representatives acknowledged concerns about consolidated bus stops and agreed to review the transportation issue at Pioneer Middle School that families from Cooper City raised.

3. Pet Adoption - **Commissioner Mallozzi**

Commissioner Mallozzi highlighted Hannah, a brown rabbit available for adoption through the Humane Society of Broward County.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

- Jose Soengas questioned the \$50 boat, recreational vehicle, and trailer registration fee, whether future renewal charges could be imposed, and why the program had been implemented without broader notice.

- Roni Sterin addressed the elimination and consolidation of a school bus stop serving students at Pioneer Middle School. She described the distance, weather exposure, backpack weight, and transportation burdens on families, and requested that Broward County Public Schools provide its safety analysis, alternatives, and projected savings.
- Carrie Worley objected to the registration program's fee, annual renewal language, inspection and private-property entry provisions, notice procedures, and what she characterized as inconsistent code enforcement. She requested that the ordinance be corrected and that enforcement be made more consistent.
- Christopher Jones supported reasonable property maintenance standards but objected to language that could permit entry onto private property without prior coordination and requested that the ordinance be revised.
- Gregory Hartman requested better microphone audibility for online viewers and questioned the need to include personal addresses on public comment cards.
- Kaylee Gomez presented her Brave Box Community Service project to collect comfort items for people undergoing chemotherapy. The items would be delivered to Gilda's Club South Florida for distribution at no charge. The Commission expressed consensus in support of and promotion of the project.
- Robert Voll addressed the registration fee and the private property entry provision, described the threatened daily penalties for noncompliance, and requested the removal of the fee and entry provision.
- Patti Fentner spoke about the City's spending priorities and transparency. She said residents were absorbing utility rate increases and long-term debt for water and wastewater improvements, while the City maintained significant general fund and emergency reserves. She urged the City to use flexible revenues for utility infrastructure and water main replacement rather than for what she characterized as nonessential capital and park projects.

She reported sustaining an injury after tripping over a misaligned sidewalk and said she documented the incident in a police report. She questioned expenditures for a proposed public safety complex, park restroom improvements, and playground equipment. She asked the Commission to freeze the park restroom project, improve communication about major expenditures, and prioritize drinking-water infrastructure, sidewalks, and streets, along with other needs affecting the broader community.

- Doreen Bermudez stated that she lived in Cooper City for 28 years and kept a registered recreational vehicle behind a six-foot fence on her property. She stated that she paid the \$50 fee and consented to the City's entry requirement only to avoid threatened legal action and daily fines. She opposed both the fee and the entry requirement, characterizing the fee as an unnecessary additional charge because property taxes already fund code compliance and because state registration documentation establishes ownership and current registration.

She objected to unannounced or scheduled physical entry into her fenced backyard, citing privacy, dog safety, and liability concerns. She requested that Section 25-10 be revised to eliminate annual registration fees and any required or implied right to entry. She suggested verifying registration through submitted documents and verifying height through photographs or measurements taken from the public right-of-way or other noninvasive methods.

- Ypsen Rojas stated that residents generally seek to preserve their property values and comply with City ordinances. He expressed concern that tree roots were damaging sidewalks and streets and that grinding raised sidewalk sections did not adequately address the problem. He questioned the recent paving and paver improvements around a school while other neighborhood streets and sidewalks still needed repair.
- Ian Russ, a new resident, stated that he had received a warning for parking a 14-foot commercial HVAC vehicle at his home. He explained that he was frequently on call, needed the vehicle nearby, and could not fit it behind a fence or fully cover it. He asked what options were available to avoid potential daily fines. The Commission directed him to consult the appropriate sergeant about possible compliance options, including whether the signage could be covered, and noted that no solution could be guaranteed. The City Attorney noted that the City's Code includes a variance process for qualifying commercial vehicles.
- Joshua Giancarlo addressed concerns about Cooper City Optimist Basketball operations. He explained that the list prepared to process nonresident volunteer-coach fee refunds was compiled from registrations and did not confirm that every listed person had coached. He stated that, to his knowledge, no one has coached without completing the

required background check, and that one name on the list was a test account created while staff learned the new registration system.

Regarding uniforms, he explained that orders were not finalized until after team drafts and that late registrations, incorrect size selections, production lead times, sponsor approvals, and the need to redistribute available sizes made exact fulfillment difficult. He stated that excess uniforms could reduce future costs but could not support an immediate fee reduction until actual savings were known. He advised that registration language had been revised to clarify that requested sizes were not guaranteed and that the program's goal was to ensure every participant received a usable jersey.

Mr. Giancarlo described the substantial volunteer time required to operate the nonprofit program and cautioned that direct City operation would require additional staff and pose operational challenges. He stated that the recent audit did not identify any theft, recommended improvements to internal controls, and expressed concern that the audit's findings had been overstated. He offered to review the coach list and the uniform ordering process with the Commission.

Commissioner Katzman explained that he had proactively emailed the City Manager and staff to request improved policies and practices for Optimist basketball and flag football ahead of future seasons. He cited recurring issues with duplicate jersey numbers and procurement and said the goal was to find solutions while recognizing the program's positive aspects. Mr. Giancarlo reiterated his willingness to share the uniform-ordering spreadsheet and said the organization remained an asset to the City despite its imperfections.

- Brenda Kezar, a resident since 1971, opposed fees and entry onto private property for recreational vehicles unless there is a health, safety, or welfare concern. She recalled that recreational vehicles had historically been kept at residences without inspections or charges. She acknowledged recent sidewalk and tree maintenance improvements in her neighborhood, complimented the Mayor and City Manager on the visible improvements, and strongly supported investment in safe, high-quality drinking water. She concluded by requesting that the City not enter her yard or charge her for keeping a recreational vehicle on her property.
- Ozzy R. (Last name not given) opposed enforcement of the \$50 vehicle-registration fee and described the code-enforcement warnings he received while preparing his boat for use. He supported creating an application or notification process to allow residents to document how long a boat would remain temporarily in front of their residences during fishing or family trips.

He also described receiving a \$250 citation for placing bulk waste outside on a Sunday for Wednesday collection and asked how long prior warnings remained active. He asked the City to prioritize tree-trimming clearances needed to protect fire apparatus and stated that enforcement related to boats, recreational vehicles, trailers, and property maintenance had become excessive.

- Michael Weathers stated that he had lived in Cooper City for more than 20 years, had recently returned, and had complied with the fencing and other requirements for his boat. He stated that he did not receive a door hanger before receiving an enforcement notice and paid the \$50 fee to avoid daily fines. He opposed entry onto private property and agreed with other speakers' concerns about inconsistent and targeted enforcement.

He also described a tree root that had raised the sidewalk near his home. Although he provided photographs to the City, he stated that he was later cited to clean the sidewalk and that the subsequent repairs did not remove the root or provide a lasting correction; the sidewalk had risen again and cracked. As the parent of a young child, he also expressed concern about school capacity and the transition from elementary to middle school, noting that he had chosen Cooper City in part because of its schools.

13. **Taken Out of Order** - Discussion and Possible Action on Section 25-10 of the Code of Ordinances – Parking of Commercial Vehicles, RVs and Boats. – **Mayor Curran/Administration**

The Commission discussed Section 25-10 of the Code of Ordinances and expressed concern about the registration program's rollout and the language authorizing entry onto private property. The Commission supported removing the registration requirement and fee, eliminating annual renewals, limiting inspections to areas visible from public access, and establishing reasonable evidentiary presumptions for enforcement. The Commission also discussed implementing the 36-hour parking rule, warning retention, and a possible electronic notification process.

Mayor Curran stated that the \$50 registration fee was codified in 2005 but has not been consistently enforced. He objected to the recent rollout, requested that the fee be rescinded and refunded, and emphasized that City personnel should not enter residential yards for inspections. He also requested that the 36-hour parking provision, warning procedures, and the proposed electronic notification system be addressed in a comprehensive revision rather than through piecemeal changes.

The City Manager explained that the registration process had been initiated to identify the types and heights of boats and recreational vehicles throughout the City. He stated that approximately 110 registrations had been completed and that the projected maximum revenue was not material to the City's budget. He agreed that the Code could be revised to eliminate the fee, clarify that no annual renewal fee would be charged, and require coordination with the property owner before any inspection.

Commissioners Shrouder, Katzman, Mallozzi, and Smith questioned the need for proactive registration and inspection, noting that code enforcement could respond to visible conditions or complaints. They discussed adopting a rebuttable presumption based on visibility from a public right-of-way, allowing an owner to provide documentation if a measurement were disputed, and avoiding enforcement when a compliant vehicle was screened from public view. Commissioner Mallozzi noted that the Commission should preserve its ability to address unsafe conditions, unlawful occupancy, and the rental use of recreational vehicles while avoiding unnecessary intrusion into lawful private property use.

Commissioner Smith criticized the lack of advance notice and said the rollout had put code-enforcement personnel in a difficult position. The Commission apologized to affected residents and emphasized that the revised ordinance should balance neighborhood appearance, public safety, property rights, and practical enforcement.

The Commission clarified that the immediate enforcement pause applied only to the registration requirement and did not suspend other existing restrictions. The City Attorney advised that a separate variance process was available for certain commercial vehicles and that staff would follow up with the resident who had raised the work-vehicle concern.

Motion: Commissioner Mallozzi made a motion to pause registration enforcement and authorize refunds to all persons who had paid the registration fee. Seconded by Commissioner Smith, which prevailed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

The City Attorney was directed to prepare an ordinance reflecting the Commission's direction for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4. Finance Report
5. Fire Chief Report
6. Police Chief Report

The Commission received the Finance, Fire Chief, and Police Chief reports (Items 4-6).

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

7. July 21, 2026 Commission Budget Workshop Minutes
8. July 21, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes

Resolutions

9. **Resolution 26-40 (Community Development Department)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE, AS DETAILED IN THE PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
10. **Resolution 26-41 - (Administration)**
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) FOR THE RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT PROGRAM; APPROVING A LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT EQUAL TO FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED TO THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FUNDING AND TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY

TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to Approve

11. Motion to authorize retroactive repairs to Lift Station No. 57 utilizing City of Palm Beach Contract No. PBCWUD 23-031-1 with Hinterland Group, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$50,647.00 for Fiscal Year 2026, and as appropriated in subsequent annual budgets, with the agreement's term running concurrently with the City of Palm Beach utilities contract – **Utilities**
12. Motion to Approve the Piggyback of Sourcewell Contract No. 101625 GRN, Awarded to Greenfields Outdoor Fitness, Inc., for Playground, Water Play, and Aquatic Equipment, Site Amenities, and Outdoor Fitness Equipment, with Related Accessories and Services, in the Amount of \$101,414.21 – **Parks and Recreation**

Motion: Commissioner Katzman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 7 – 12. Seconded by Commissioner Mallozzi, which prevailed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

14. Discussion and possible action to direct City staff to include, in agenda staff reports for land development matters, a statement indicating whether the applicant has any pending City code enforcement violations. - **Commissioner Katzman**

Commissioner Katzman requested that staff reports on land-development matters disclose whether an applicant has any pending City code-enforcement violations. The City Attorney advised that such information may be included as a public record but generally may not, by itself, constitute competent, substantial evidence to deny a quasi-judicial land-use application.

Commissioner Katzman explained that the information was requested to promote awareness and transparency, not to prevent an applicant from being heard. Commissioner Mallozzi asked whether relying on unrelated violations could create legal exposure if an application were denied. The City Attorney responded that decisions must be supported by competent, substantial evidence related to the applicable land-development criteria and that unrelated code matters generally would not, on their own, support denial. The City Manager stated that including the information is a common municipal practice.

Motion: Commissioner Katzman made a motion to direct staff to add the requested code-enforcement status statement to land-development staff reports. Seconded by Commissioner Smith, motion passed by a 3-2 vote. Mayor Curran and Commissioner Shrouder voting no.

15. Motion to Approve the Purchase and Installation of New Playground Equipment at Ted Ferone Park in the Amount of \$445,914.31 and at Dawn Park in the Amount of \$366,532.67 from PlayCore Wisconsin, Inc. d/b/a GameTime through OMNIA Partners Contract No. 2017001134, for a Combined Total of \$812,446.98 – **Parks and Recreation Director. Parks & Recreation**

The Commission considered the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Ted Ferone Park for \$445,914.31 and at Dawn Park for \$366,532.67, both from PlayCore Wisconsin, Inc. doing business as GameTime, under OMNIA Partners Contract No. 2017001134, for a combined total of \$812,446.98. The Commission discussed procurement procedures and vendor-notification opportunities for future solicitations.

Commissioner Mallozzi reported that a resident affiliated with another playground-equipment provider asked how vendors could be notified of future opportunities. The City Manager advised that interested vendors should contact the Procurement Division to be added to the appropriate notification records for future solicitations.

Motion: Commissioner Katzman made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the playground equipment as amended to include fence enclosures at each park. Seconded by Commissioner Shrouder, which prevailed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

16. Motion to approve the reclassification of the Director of Communications position to Communications Manager, approve the revised job description, assign the position to Pay Grade 121, and authorize the City Manager to implement the reclassification and update the City's classification and pay plan accordingly. – **Human Resources**

The Commission considered reclassifying the Director of Communications position to Communications Manager, revising the job description, and updating the classification and pay plan. The discussion focused on departmental expectations, the appropriate pay grade, and maintaining the incumbent's current pay.

Commissioner Shrouder proposed Pay Grade 120 rather than 121, citing the position's supervisory responsibility. Commissioner Smith asked whether the reclassification would reduce the incumbent's compensation and supported protecting the current salary. Human Resources confirmed that the incumbent's salary fell within the proposed range and that compensation would not be capped. Commissioner Mallozzi acknowledged recent improvements in City communications but noted that misinformation circulating on community social-media pages required a faster, more proactive City response. The City Manager reported that staff had recently gained access to additional platforms and were increasing monitoring and participation.

Motion: Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to approve the reclassification to Communications Manager at Pay Grade 120, with no reduction in the incumbent's current pay, and to authorize the City Manager to implement the change and update the classification and pay plan. Seconded by Commissioner Katzman, which passed by a 4-1 vote. Mayor Curran voted no.

17. Increase the contract ceiling with CAP Government to \$150,000 until August 2027, due to the current shortage of Structural, Mechanical, and Plumbing Inspectors. – **Community Development**

Due to vacancies and a shortage of qualified structural, mechanical, and plumbing inspectors, the Commission considered raising the CAP Government contract ceiling to \$150,000 through August 2027. Staff explained that consultant services are more expensive than hiring employees but are necessary to maintain inspection coverage during ongoing recruitment.

The City Manager reported that two inspectors had recently left City employment and that another position had remained vacant despite advertising. The Commission discussed restrictive credentialing requirements, the limited availability of qualified part-time inspectors, the comparative costs of employees versus consultants, and whether recruitment incentives might be appropriate. Staff confirmed that CAP Government had personnel available to provide the required services and that other firms and Broward County had reported staffing shortages.

Motion: Commissioner Smith made a motion to increase the CAP Government contract ceiling to \$150,000 through August 2027. Seconded by Commissioner Shrouder, which prevailed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

REGULAR RESOLUTIONS

18. **Resolution 26-39 (Commission)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 4.01 OF THE CITY CHARTER, APPROVING A CITY COMMISSION PROCLAMATION POLICY (POLICY #09-008), ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A," RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATIONS BY THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. – **Commissioner Katzman**

The Commission considered Resolution No. 26-39 approving City Commission Proclamation Policy No. 09-008. Commissioner Katzman explained that the policy was intended to streamline and professionalize the proclamation process. The Commission also discussed adding an online request form as an administrative implementation measure.

Commissioner Shrouder supported an online form that would state the eligibility requirements and collect the necessary information. The City Attorney advised that an online request tool could be implemented administratively and did not require amendment of the policy or resolution.

Motion: Commissioner Katzman made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-39 approving the City Commission Proclamation Policy No. 09-008. Seconded by Commissioner Shrouder, which prevailed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

19. Public Safety Facility Site Plan Scope of Work Options

The City Manager and project architect presented two revised concepts to avoid temporarily relocating fire personnel during construction. Option A placed the fire station, emergency operations center, real-time crime center, and future municipal facility primarily in one-story buildings. Construction would be phased, starting with the new apparatus bay, then removing

the existing apparatus bay, constructing the operational portion of the new fire station, relocating fire operations, removing the remaining existing station, and finally constructing the emergency operations center and future municipal facility.

The project team stated that Option A provided 267 parking spaces, meeting the zoning requirement of 263, including designated lawn overflow parking. Option B used similar phasing but placed the fire station's operational space on the first floor and the emergency operations center and real-time crime center on the second floor. The reduced building footprint would preserve additional ground area for parking and community use.

The City Manager recommended Option B and stated that the earlier parking-garage concept did not provide sufficient value relative to the number of spaces created. Under Option B, firefighter living and apparatus functions would remain at ground level, while emergency operations and crime-center functions would occupy the second floor. A potential second-level connection to the future municipal facility was discussed, allowing the emergency operations space to serve as a training or meeting room when not in use.

Commissioner Smith asked about building configuration, the potential connecting bridge, emergency-operations capacity, the event lawn, and parking east of the proposed buildings. Commissioner Katzman asked about comparative square footage and the architect's recommendation. The architect stated that the two options contained similar program area, but that Option B used less land and better separated emergency-operations functions from fire living and operational areas.

Commissioner Mallozzi supported construction of the fire station and the real-time crime center but continued to oppose the future municipal facility and questioned the cost and necessity of a connecting bridge. Commissioner Shrouder supported vertical construction and requested pricing for an unfinished third-floor shell to preserve future expansion capacity. The Commission reached consensus to proceed with further development of Option B, and obtain alternate pricing for a third-floor shell for the proposed structures.

20. Optimist Compliance Update/Cheerleading Program Status

The City Manager presented an update on the Cooper City Optimist Club's response to the forensic audit recommendations. He said staff needed Commission direction on the pace of implementation, financial controls, and the City's options if the Club did not complete the high-priority recommendations. Additional discussion covered cheerleading operations, background checks, uniform procurement, governance, and the distinction between program administration and financial oversight.

Optimist representatives described policies and corrective measures that had been adopted or were under development. They stated that the Club was seeking a qualified treasurer or another individual to provide secondary financial review, that board approval and bylaw processes required time, and that the organization had questions about the City's proposed level of involvement. Representatives asked for City assistance in identifying qualified financial support while preserving the Club's ability to operate sports efficiently.

The Commission discussed requiring dual review of expenditures, receipts, and supporting documentation; limits on unilateral spending by sports commissioners; procurement controls; and independent financial oversight. Commissioners said the audit identified internal-control weaknesses requiring prompt correction, even though the report found no theft. The City Attorney addressed potential Sunshine Law and public-record implications if City employees became directly involved in Club finances.

The Commission emphasized that the immediate compliance focus was limited to the high-priority financial recommendations identified by the forensic auditor. The City Manager stated that staff would pursue two paths simultaneously: assisting the Optimist Club with compliance and, if necessary, preparing for City control of financial operations. Jimena was designated as the primary staff contact for meetings, with the City Manager remaining involved in decisions requiring higher authority.

Commissioners expressed a preference for preserving the Optimist Club and avoiding a City takeover of sports programming, provided that transparent financial controls were in place. The Club was asked to compile its concerns about City financial administration so staff could respond during the compliance period.

Motion: Commissioner Shrouder made a motion to send written notice of termination for convenience under Section 2.3 of the Facility Use Agreement, effective 60 days after transmittal, contingent upon the Optimist Club's failure to comply with all high-priority financial recommendations of the audit report. At that time, the City shall assume all financial operations of the

Optimist Club or the agreement shall terminate immediately. If the Optimist Club complies before the effective date, the conditional notice will not take effect. Seconded by Commissioner Smith, which prevailed by a 5-0 unanimous vote.

21. Monterra Median Update

Staff reported that the Monterra board had selected Juniper Landscaping, the sole bidder, to remove the existing median landscaping and install the design approved by Broward County, Monterra, and the City. Monterra provided approximately 15 days for the contractor to begin work. Staff reiterated the City's willingness to use its own contractor and, if necessary, invoice Monterra to expedite the improvements.

Commissioner Katzman thanked staff for their continued follow-up and asked whether the City had authority to proceed if Monterra's contractor did not begin work promptly. Staff stated that Monterra's action authorized City intervention and that preliminary City contract pricing appeared comparable to or lower than the submitted bid. The Commission requested continued monitoring and prompt action if the work did not proceed.

The City Manager reported that the City's janitorial contractor had provided notice of termination. Staff will use temporary personnel while evaluating replacement services and the feasibility of an in-house model. The Commission requested that any future solicitation consider stronger performance protections.

Several Commissioners supported evaluating permanent in-house custodial staffing. Commissioner Shrouder noted that the prior contract pricing may not have been sufficient to support satisfactory performance and requested a performance bond or comparable protection if services were solicited again.

The City Manager also advised that changes to the Florida Retirement System affecting police and fire cost-of-living benefits were projected to increase the City's cost by approximately \$550,000.

The City Manager explained that recent legislation allowed eligible police and fire employees to accrue cost-of-living adjustments while participating in the Deferred Retirement Option Program. Revised actuarial contribution rates were expected to increase the City's pension-related expenses, and the governing public-safety agreements generally treat statutory pension changes as additional costs.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

The City Attorney reported that the Cooper Colony developer had not submitted a revised site-plan application and had requested that Development Review Committee consideration be extended to September. He also reported that the City's application-processing policy required by the Infill Redevelopment Act had been posted on the City's website.

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

Commissioner Katzman announced the Cooper Connect event on August 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Community Center to connect residents and students seeking service hours with nonprofit organizations.

Commissioner Mallozzi requested expanded opportunities for youth volunteer service on City projects and asked staff to coordinate with Sheridan Technical College on work-based learning opportunities for individuals with special needs. Staff noted that related programs already operate through youth and community partners.

Commissioner Smith requested expanded City promotion of the Brave Box project and recurring social media updates on sidewalk improvements, upcoming projects, and reporting tools.

Commissioner Shrouder asked the Communications Department to identify the staffing and resources required to meet the Commission's heightened communication expectations.

Mayor Curran directed the City Manager to support the Optimist Club's efforts to meet the audit requirements for the compliance period.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:05 p.m.

The minutes of the regular Commission meeting held on July 21, 2026, were approved at the regular Commission meeting held on August 11, 2026.

Mayor James Curran

Tedra Allen, City Clerk