



CITY OF COOPER CITY CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Shrouder opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Smith, Mallozzi, Katzman, Shrouder and Mayor Curran was present via Zoom.

CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS

No changes or emergency matters.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation - Recreation Advisory Board - Commissioner Smith

A proclamation was presented to the members of the Recreation Advisory Board thanking them for their time and dedication to the City.

LuAnn Scott thanked the City for the acknowledgment. She also thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for all their work on behalf of the residents.

Proclamation – Captain De Giovanni

Commissioner Shrouder thanked Captain De Giovanni for his unwavering service to the City. Captain De Giovanni inherited a contentious relationship between the City and BSO when he took the position in 2020. Captain De Giovanni repaired and rebuilt the relationship and public safety in the City. Commissioner Shrouder thanked Captain De Giovanni for his service and dedication the past four and a half years as he moves forward in his career to the rank of Major overseeing law enforcement throughout Broward County.

Commissioner Shrouder read a proclamation thanking the Captain De Giovanni recognizing his service and contributions towards Public Safety in Cooper City. Under Captain De Giovanni's leadership Cooper City has experienced a significant reduction in crime, ranking amongst the safest cities in Florida.

Captain De Giovanni thanked the City for the proclamation. He thanked his team at District 16 and knows when he leaves the community will continue to remain one of the safest in Broward County thanks to their work. He spoke on a 70% decrease in vehicle and residential burglaries since he took the role of Captain. He stated there is unity and strength when everyone joins together. He thanked the residents for the opportunity to serve their families. He also thanked his wife and children for all their support the past four and a half years.

2. Pet Adoption - Commissioner Mallozzi

Commissioner Mallozzi advised Greg a dog is available for adoption by contacting the Humane Society of Broward County at www.humanebroward.com or 954-989-3977 Ext 6

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Open Public Meeting/Agenda Concerns -

Mayor Greg Ross thanked Captain De Giovanni for his service the past four and a half years. He is grateful for the work he has put in making Cooper City one of the safest cities in Broward County. Captain De Giovanni is the epitome of a public servant and has ethics second to none.

Pete Schlang, interim Cooper City Optimist Club president spoke on Soccer Fest that was held this weekend that was a huge success. He hopes the Commission can attend opening day of baseball on February 22, 2025. He also advised the Optimist raised close to \$900 dollars to help feed the homeless and a family that recently lost a loved one.

Commissioner Shrouder asked for a consensus to move items 11 and 12 to the consent agenda.

Consensus was reached to add items 11 and 12 to the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board/Administrative Reports

3. Financials ending December 31, 2024
4. Police Chief's Report
5. Fire Chief's Report

Minutes

6. January 23, 2025 City Commission Workshop Minutes
7. January 28, 2025 City Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve

8. Motion to Approve the Purchase of two (2) Kubota Mx600 via Sourcewell Contract Kubota Tractor Corporations – Florida Coast equipment for the amount of \$69,438 - **Parks and Recreation Department**
9. Motion to approve Irrigation Renovation Services via City of Weston's RFP No. 2019-13 for Parks Maintenance Services, Parks Group A: Regional Park and Heron Park; awarded to Juniper Landscaping of Florida, LLC in the amount of \$44,453.03 for the renovation of our current irrigation infrastructure at Bill Lips Sports Complex Multi-Purpose Field's. – **Parks and Recreation**

MOTION: Commissioner Katzman moved to approve the consent agenda including items 11 and 12. Mayor Curran seconded the motion which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Discussion and possible action to implement a "Crafts with the Commission" initiative. – Commissioner Mallozzi

Commissioner Mallozzi asked for support implementing Crafts with the Commission. This provides a great opportunity for the Commission to interact with residents. The cost would be minimal and the event can be held four times a year.

Commissioner Shrouder supports the idea and suggested using a professional painter. Commissioner Mallozzi explained there is a cost to use a professional.

Commissioner Katzman believes it is a great idea.

Consensus was reached for Commissioner Mallozzi to work with the City Manager on implementing the event.

REGULAR RESOLUTIONS

11. Resolution 25-09 - (Commission)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CITY'S CHARTER REVIEW BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 7.02 OF THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. – **Commissioner Katzman**

12. Resolution 25-10 - (Utilities)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE OWNERSHIP OF THE WATER IMPROVEMENTS, DEDICATION OF THE WATER EASEMENTS AND RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND #608-102197-2, ASSOCIATED WITH THE TEMPLE BETH EMET CLASSROOM BUILDING WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT GENERALLY LOCATED AT 4807 SOUTH FLAMINGO ROAD, COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, 33330; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

13. Ordinance 25-06 (BSO)

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES;" BY AMENDING ARTICLE II ENTITLED, "PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING;" AMENDING SECTION 17-16 ENTITLED "PARKING PLACES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS;" AMENDING SECTION 17-17 ENTITLED "CITATIONS FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS;" AMENDING SECTION 17-18 ENTITLED "PROHIBITED STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING ON CERTAIN ROADWAYS;" AND AMENDING SECTION 17-19 ENTITLED "PROHIBITED PARKING, ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS;" PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN REGULATIONS RELATED TO SWALE PARKING; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Commissioner Mallozzi understands why the ordinance change was brought forth but she wants to ensure signage will be displayed. City Manager Rey said yes signage will be posted.

Commissioner Shrouder asked if the penalty amounts are consistent with the penalty fee schedule that was developed to avoid fees in ordinances. City Attorney Horowitz advised these fees were specific recommendations but he will confirm they agree with the prior schedule.

Commissioner Shrouder asked that the ordinance reference the schedule instead. City Attorney Horowitz will revise the ordinance.

MOTION: Commissioner Smith moved to approve Ordinance 25-06. Mayor Ross seconded the motion which prevailed by a unanimous roll call. (5-0)

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING (Public Hearing)

14. Ordinance 25-04 (Utilities)

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES" BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 17-37 ENTITLED "PRIVATE ROADS" OF ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES"; AMENDING THE PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS TO INSTALL TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES ON PRIVATE ROADS WITHIN RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Commissioner Shrouder opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak. Commissioner Shrouder closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Katzman moved to approve Ordinance 25-04. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which prevailed by a unanimous roll call. (5-0)

15. Ordinance 25-05 (Commission)

City Attorney Horowitz read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE V ENTITLED, "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES;" CREATION SECTION 2-131, TO BE ENTITLED "PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD;" ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD AS A PERMANENT ADVISORY BOARD TO THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES, MISSION AND SCOPE; PROVIDING FOR RULES OF PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title. – **Commissioner Smith**

Commissioner Smith believes the board will be an effective way for the residents to offer input.

Mayor Curran asked if Commissioner Smith will oversee the board. Commissioner Smith answered no he would leave that to staff and the City Manager.

Commissioner Shrouder asked if they are restricting appointments to not include individuals who are employed by BSO or a neighboring municipality. He asked that if an employee of the Broward Sheriff's Office does serve they do not make specific recommendations to benefit themselves. He asked that the employed individual recuse themselves from anything benefiting their employer.

Commissioner Shrouder opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak. Commissioner Shrouder closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Smith moved to approve Ordinance 25-05 adding a clause that requires a recusal of vote if someone is voting on a matter that involves their public safety employer. Commissioner Mallozzi seconded the motion which prevailed by a unanimous roll call. (5-0)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

16. Public Records Exemption for Municipal Clerks & Code Enforcement

City Manager Rey asked for a consensus to establish a resolution urging the legislator to provide a public record exemption for municipal clerks.

Consensus was reached to have the City Attorney's Office draft the resolution.

17. Budget Transfer Notification

City Manager Rey advised there is a transfer from contingency to Finance for the buildup off additional cubicles in City Hall.

18. BSO Contract

City Manager Rey said the contracts for BSO expire on 9/30/2025 and the contracts provides a notice of intent to renew by March 31, 2025.

Commissioner Shrouder is okay with the renewal.

Consensus was reached to send the intent to renew the BSO contracts.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

No report.

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

Captain De Giovanni thanked the City as it has been his pleasure to serve the community. He advised he seen his role as an ambassador between the City and BSO. He tried his best to represent both. There was a 48% reduction in crime comparing January 2024 and January 2025. He wants the City to stay the course in investing in public safety.

Commissioner Smith hopes Mayor Curran feels better and thanked Commissioner Shrouder for running the meeting. He also thanked Captain De Giovanni for his service as he knew the moment he met him he was an all-star. He congratulate him and his family on his well-deserved promotion. He thanked Mr. Schlang for speaking tonight and thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for all their work.

Commissioner Mallozzi advised she went to Washington D.C this past week and met with several of our legislators. She asked for the City's grants to be honored and did inquire about postal zip codes. She also attended a transportation summit for MPO and gave the City Manager some information on technology that can detect cracks in the sidewalks. There was a speaker who spoke on ways to prevent flooding in streets and another speaker who spoke on lowering speeding. She asked about the area of Stirling Road and Palm Avenue and the wait on the signage. She also advised grants for waste water will be coming soon. She also spoke on issues with the fields with flooding and holes. City Manager Rey will address the fields.

Commissioner Katzman thanked Captain De Giovanni as he will be missed and his legacy will live on in Cooper City. He commended the Parks and Recreation Department as Soccer Fest and the Senior Expo were both successful events. He advised Founders Day will take place on March 8th, 2025 and he looks forward to the Charter Review Board convening.

Commissioner Shrouder asked that staff look through items that need procedurally cleaned up. He also asked that the zoom option for public speaking be removed. If there is an advance request it can be set up.

Commissioner Smith agrees zoom options for public speaking can be removed.

Commissioner Katzman believes public comments are important and the zoom option offers an opportunity to hear feedback.

Commissioner Mallozzi agrees with Commissioner Katzman and wants to keep the zoom option available.

Commissioner Smith asked that a video option be available and in the meantime sunset the zoom option for public speaking.

Commissioner Katzman wants to keep the zoom option available.

Mayor Curran wants to keep the zoom public speaking option.

Mayor Curran thanked Captain De Giovanni as he has been a friend to the community and has set the bar for service. He hopes to see everyone at Founders Day and thanked City staff for all the events held this past weekend.

Commissioner Shrouder thanked Captain De Giovanni on behalf of the City and personally for his wisdom and knowledge.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES)

No additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

The minutes of the regular City Commission Meeting of February 11, 2025 were approved during the regular Commission meeting of February 25, 2025.

Mayor James Curran

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James Curran: There we go!

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Cooper City Hall: That's exactly.

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James Curran: Yeah, fine.

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Cooper City Hall: Good evening. Good evening, everyone welcome to the commission meeting.

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Cooper City Hall: The mayor is under the weather. I think he might be on Zoom. He's on zoom. Okay? So if I can have a pledge of allegiance

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Cooper City Hall: we have.

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Cooper City Hall: do I have to start it. 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 liberty and justice for all.

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Cooper City Hall: Madam Clerk, can I roll, call, please Commissioner Smith, here

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Melosi, here Commissioner Katzman, here Commissioner Schrouter, here Mayor Curran.

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James Curran: Here.

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Cooper City Hall: Managers not up here. But do we have any changes to the agenda? Emergency matters?

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Cooper City Hall: Not that I'm aware of, I'm sure. No, okay.

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Cooper City Hall: Alright. Then we'll move to proclamations. I'll ask

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner join me down there for the 1st proclamation.

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Cooper City Hall: So on that one.

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Cooper City Hall: You guys keep switching it on.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, maybe when I got

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Cooper City Hall: this is Johnson.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, good evening. Can I? Please have our

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Cooper City Hall: Recreational Advisory Board Committee come up this way? Can you stand with me.

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Cooper City Hall: All right.

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Cooper City Hall: Come on over. Come on up over here.

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Cooper City Hall: So as they're

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Cooper City Hall: this is just some of the group, and there's been reasons why not everyone can make it tonight. But how many is total in our advisory group? There's 10.

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Cooper City Hall: So on July 20, second, 1986, the city of Cooper City adopted an ordinance which created a recreational advisory board. This board provides feedback to the city's parks and recreational activities within our community. Some of the more recent things you'll probably realize or recall is pickleball tends to be one that you all engaged in to make happen.

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Cooper City Hall: The board has given input into initial plans for new parks, and have suggested names for these parks.

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Cooper City Hall: Several city events, including Founders Day. You're a very big part of

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Cooper City Hall: the Recreational Advisory board suggests on rates, times, rules for all the rentals inside of the city.

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Cooper City Hall: In addition to that, the Board routinely visits Cooper City parks as part of their community outreach and awareness, and they keep objectives in from what they're hearing from the community. Hey? We've got some issues with maybe some wasps that are bothering us, or some of the wood may be rotted. Maybe we need to look at that type of stuff

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Cooper City Hall: the board routinely visits like I said the Park for those awareness, and the Commission just wants to thank all present and past members that have been a part of the Recreational Advisory Board, and I know that we have our mayor. That's on Zoom tonight and the commission behind you. We're extremely appreciative of the volunteer hours and the time that you put into that. So we wanted to recognize you tonight

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Cooper City Hall: for all of the efforts and consistent time that you give not only our residents, but this beautiful city. So with that, I want to offer and present you with this proclamation and ask you, Luanne, would you go ahead and tell our residents and everyone here tonight watching, and just a little bit about the Advisory Board that you navigate through. Come right this way.

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Cooper City Hall: Jason asked me to say a few words, and when you're a speech pathologist, it's hard to say just a few.

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Cooper City Hall: We on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board are honored to be acknowledged tonight we try to be the eyes and ears of the community for the department. We appreciate how quickly our concerns and suggestions are addressed, and how easy they make it for us to be involved in our community tonight. I would like to acknowledge all the Parks and recreation Department for all that they do for our city. It's important to consider where we started. The progress we made and where we hope to be.

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Cooper City Hall: My family moved to Cooper City in December, 1983. At that time Flamingo Road and Griffin Road were 2 lanes, and Cooper City had a population of about 12,000 residents. Initially, the Cooper City optimists would bring their own lawn mowers and mow and mark all our sports fields. When I looked at the sports fields that they now use, I think Optimist was truly a fitting name.

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Cooper City Hall: Next to the High school where the Pentecostal church now stands, there was a field with a sign which read, Wilma Cow, Camp, Cooper City made the local evening noons when a cow escaped and was seen heading down Sterling Road.

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Cooper City Hall: We went to our 1st Founders Day celebration in 1984, when it was held at the High School. The crowd sat on the home team side of the football bleachers and fireworks were set off behind the visitors bleachers.

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Cooper City Hall: It was up close and personal, and a few falling ashes kept us on our toes.

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Cooper City Hall: The Cooper City leisure Van drove onto the field and delivered the pips minus Gladys Knight. It was probably budgetary considerations to provide our evening entertainment.

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Cooper City Hall: Much of the credit for the success of Parks and recreation should go to Sue Ellen Fartelman, a previous mayor. She made sure there were sidewalks connecting neighbors to neighbors, and subdivisions to each other. Builders were, and I think, are still required to include either a neighborhood park within the development, or contribute a large amount of funds that, like amount of funds toward one of our large community parks.

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Cooper City Hall: The foresight of Mayor Fardelman and previous commissioners resulted in a close, active, and interactive community.

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Cooper City Hall: I became a part of the Cooper City Parks and Recreation Board in 1990, when new members discuss their reasons for joining the Rec. Board, they often comment on the way the Parks and Recreation department, and optimists shape their children or the many opportunities adult recreation for adult recreation in our city.

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Cooper City Hall: They want to become a part of that effort. Our Commissioners have always been very involved and supportive of the many programs and events that are provided.

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Cooper City Hall: If you've never been to a Rec. Board meeting, you may be unaware of the scope that the Parks and Recreation Department covers.

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Cooper City Hall: Cooper has Cooper City has 3 large sports complexes, the pool and tennis center, the community center and 21 neighborhood parks, including playgrounds.

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Cooper City Hall: In addition, The Recreation Department Hosts Founders Day, Easter Egg Hunt Cookies and Cocoa with Santa Menorah Lighting Light of Cooper City Daddy, daughter, dance, mother's day tea, the Boo for Halloween extravagance, trick or treat shop to shop, holiday, homecoming decorations, garage sales, movies in the park book swaps each of the beat, and both mommy and me and senior citizen programs to name just a few.

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Cooper City Hall: The department oversees the facilities for optimist soccer, baseball, softball, flag, football beach, volleyball, travel, team, swim team swim lessons, a master's swim program, basketball and least I forget pickleball.

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Cooper City Hall: They host summer camps after school programs and camps for days when there is no school. I've been on the recreation board for 35 years. Our parks and recreation staff has always been of the highest quality. Our city must be a magnet for caring creative, hardworking employees. After each event they sit down and break down what went right and what they could improve upon this way. They maintain high quality programs and continue to add, I'd say, squeeze in even more.

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Cooper City Hall: All this progress leads me to say, where do we hope to go with inputs from the Park and Recreation Department? The Cooper City Commissioners have hired Miller leg to provide the city with a 10 year parks and recreation master Plan very comprehensive, and Miller Leg has sought to

include as many residents and employees input as possible. I can't wait to see the direction our city is going to go.

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Cooper City Hall: In my very unbiased opinion the Parks and Recreation Department certainly helped Cooper City become make it someplace. Special.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay? Well, Captain Digiovanni, come up, please.

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Cooper City Hall: Oof oof!

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Cooper City Hall: See if I can get through this without tearing up.

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Cooper City Hall: Have you hold this while I read this? So.

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Cooper City Hall: Yes.

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Cooper City Hall: I wish I could say it's bittersweet to stand here today and wish you farewell. But if I'm being truthful, it's nothing sweet about it

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Cooper City Hall: to truly understand the impact Captain Digiovanni has had on our community. You have to understand the history and relationship he inherited when he came to our district as chief. 4 years ago.

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Cooper City Hall: at the time the city had just wrapped up very contentious, contentious, contractual negotiations with Bso. That included the largest reductions in our police force disputes over pensions, disputes over stolen confiscation funds.

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Cooper City Hall: The city manager, unable to get his choice for police chief, approved by the Commission and the city's desire to leave Bso and reopen its own police force.

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Cooper City Hall: Essentially, Captain Digiovanni took over the proverbial sinking ship, and by many beliefs would be overseeing the transition of services from the sheriff's office while Cooper City created his own, its own police force. Some people thought the city was bluffing about leaving Bso, but, truth be told the city had budgeted over 2 million dollars for police startup costs and was literally interviewing police chiefs.

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Cooper City Hall: For those of you who know our commission can at times be very resolute or stubborn in its convictions, second only to the sheriff.

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Cooper City Hall: I hope the people watching put the smiley face on that thing.

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Cooper City Hall: so you can only imagine the environment. This, then 36 year old, Captain was walking into as a strong supporter of reopening our own police department. There was very little anyone employed by the sheriff's office could do to convince me otherwise. So I thought.

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Cooper City Hall: while any reasonable person would have thrown in the towel on this 15 year partnership, Captain Giovanni set out to repair this unrepairable relationship. What we didn't know at the time was that Chris was more stubborn and more determined than all of us.

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Cooper City Hall: Chris set out to rebuild this relationship and strengthen our public safety partnership by demonstrating mutual understanding, respect, effective communication, and, more than anything trustworthiness.

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Cooper City Hall: Before I knew it we were amending our Bso contract, adding deputies, detectives, code officers, service aides, millions of dollars in technology for some TV room of his.

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Cooper City Hall: and he strategically spent all of our startup money.

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Cooper City Hall: As I look back trying to figure out how this Houdini tricked a bunch of stubborn politicians into not only getting along, but actually strengthening our public safety partnership. The answer lies in the character of this man.

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Cooper City Hall: I would define Captain Digiovanni as one of the most genuine humans I've ever met.

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Cooper City Hall: He's dedicated himself to being compassionate, tolerant, and understanding of others, and encourages people to be the best versions of themselves.

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Cooper City Hall: I had to take out some of the personal stuff. So I think, not only to me, but to all the the employees here.

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Cooper City Hall: Everyone knows

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Cooper City Hall: what an amazing person you are, and how you challenge everybody to be the best version of themselves.

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Cooper City Hall: I don't know that the people who you're going to work with. Understand how much work they're gonna have

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Cooper City Hall: simply by you challenging them to be the best versions of themselves.

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Cooper City Hall: I knew eventually that it wasn't fair, we would have you any longer than we had you, because you have way way, more important things and bigger bigger things to do in in your career. I used to say that. I I knew how, and I'm joking about this, but I knew how unsmart the leaders of Bso were, because you were only a captain, and you should be the head of the whole agency.

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Cooper City Hall: I know someone from Bso watches this and types notes so put in their satire, because many times they take my words literal, and then they call him yelling at him.

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Cooper City Hall: But,

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Cooper City Hall: You're you're truly just an amazing person, and you've been an amazing person, not just to me, but to everyone in this community. Everybody you've come in contact with. So

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Cooper City Hall: you know we we wish you best of luck.

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Cooper City Hall: We thank you for everything you did for us. I want to specifically thank your family, your wife, Jackie.

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00:12:42.530 --> 00:12:46.060

Cooper City Hall: your children, Elijah Seth, Caleb, Uriah.

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Cooper City Hall: Sarah Nathan. Who'd I forget Josiah? I think I forgot him earlier today, too, the only one I forgot.

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Cooper City Hall: for the sacrifice you guys have made over the last 4 years and the sacrifice you made for our community.

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00:12:57.880 --> 00:13:08.200

Cooper City Hall: We know how many late nights he stayed, how many phone calls that probably weren't that important that he's taken and how much he's done for our community. He, he really

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00:13:10.470 --> 00:13:15.950

Cooper City Hall: you know, change public safety in our community. And and when I tell you he's probably one of the best humans I've ever met.

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00:13:16.300 --> 00:13:19.410

Cooper City Hall: You know. I'm thankful for the the amount of time we've had with them.

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00:13:19.840 --> 00:13:31.009

Cooper City Hall: And I know where I have to find him. If he doesn't answer my calls, so I know where I could find him. I don't wanna have to find him there on Sundays, but if I have to, I know where I'll find. So I want to thank you. We have this proclamation.

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00:13:31.400 --> 00:13:32.519

Cooper City Hall: guess I'll read this.

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00:13:34.410 --> 00:13:54.830

Cooper City Hall: whereas Christopher Digiovanni has demonstrated unwavering dedication, exemplary commitment to public safety, beginning in services in the United States Marine Corps, when he honorably served in 2 combat tours in Iraq, earning the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal with a distinguished V for combat valor, Presidential unit citation, and numerous other awards and accommodations.

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Cooper City Hall: whereas, after his military service, Christopher Digiovanni continued his lifelong commitment to public service by joining the broward sheriff's office as a deputy sheriff in 2,004,

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Cooper City Hall: and whereas throughout his career, with the Broward sheriff's office, he's served with distinction as a road patrol, deputy property Crimes detective, later earning promotion to sergeant in 2015, subsequently serving in various leadership roles, including as a detective bureau sergeant, overseeing criminal investigations and crime suppression units in West Park and Parent Park

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00:14:24.310 --> 00:14:36.560

Cooper City Hall: before being promoted to lieutenant, and ultimately serving as executive officer for the cities of West Park and Hern Park, whereas on October 24th 2020, Christopher Digiovanni was promoted to captain and selected to serve as the district chief for Cooper City.

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00:14:36.860 --> 00:15:02.100

Cooper City Hall: and whereas this police chief, chief, Digiovanni, redefined and modernized Cooper city's public safety by adopting state of the art technologies, expanding upon traditional law enforcement measures and implementing innovative community involvement initiatives. And whereas Chief Digiovanni spearheaded and successfully launched Cooper City State of the art. Real Time Crime Center 24, 7. Operation utilizing license plate readers, surveillance cameras and advanced software to track, solve and prevent crime

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00:15:02.270 --> 00:15:04.840

Cooper City Hall: significantly enhancing public safety in Cooper City.

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00:15:04.950 --> 00:15:19.740

Cooper City Hall: whereas Christopher Digiovanni prioritized increased police presence and account and accessibility by reopening and fully staffing the crop city police station, making it the only broward sheriff's district station staff 24, 7,

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00:15:20.240 --> 00:15:36.799

Cooper City Hall: and whereas Christopher Digiovanni expanded sworn, deputy positions to historical levels, strengthened road patrol coverage citywide and developed a new or redeveloped the traffic enforcement unit with increased staffing and dedicated sergeant to enhance safety in school zones, residential areas and major roadways.

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00:15:37.020 --> 00:15:48.799

Cooper City Hall: and whereas Chief Digiovanni established the Priority Service Unit's specialized team of highly trained deputies operating unmarked vehicles to proactively combat emerging crime trends and supplement road patrol operations.

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00:15:49.090 --> 00:16:05.180

Cooper City Hall: And whereas Christopher Digiovanni led a transformative effort in code enforcement by redesigning the code enforcement unit increasing personnel appointing proven leaders and integrating technologies to enhance compliance, promote awareness and foster collaborative collaboration between residents and local government.

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00:16:05.440 --> 00:16:28.120

Cooper City Hall: And whereas Chief Digiovanni redefined community policing and crime prevention by expanding the community involvement unit adding a crime prevention, deputy and a community involvement specialist embracing social social media outreach and launching innovative community engagement initiatives, including get the scoop operation front door, crafting with a cop, community, clergy, breakfast letters to Santa and peddle it forward.

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Cooper City Hall: and the interactive jailbreak escape house experience, strengthening relationships between law enforcement and the community, and whereas.

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Cooper City Hall: as a result of Chief Digiovanni's leadership, has experienced a significant reduction in crime, ranking amongst the low amongst the safest cities in Florida, to live.

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00:16:46.510 --> 00:16:55.010

Cooper City Hall: whereas, through his commitment to leadership, dedication, and innovation, Chief Digiovanni has created an everlasting legacy of service in Cooper City, both professionally and personally.

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00:16:55.430 --> 00:17:02.689

Cooper City Hall: whereas the City Commission wishes to honor and recognize Chief Digiovanni's remarkable service and contribution towards public safety in Cooper City.

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Cooper City Hall: Now, therefore, I, filling in for the Mayor of Cooper City.

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Cooper City Hall: Broward County, Florida, and the City Commission do hereby proclaim June 3, rd which isn't a typo

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00:17:14.339 --> 00:17:22.780

Cooper City Hall: as Cooper City police. Chief Christopher Digiovanni day, and wish him the best of luck on his promotion of the rank of major overseeing law enforcement throughout Broward County.

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00:17:25.640 --> 00:17:26.410

Cooper City Hall: you know.

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Cooper City Hall: If you could

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00:17:41.020 --> 00:17:46.969

Cooper City Hall: save some words with his wonderful public speaking, and we can have his colleagues and family come up

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00:17:47.220 --> 00:17:52.600

Cooper City Hall: now, mind you, he does all of this while having

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00:17:52.900 --> 00:17:57.739

Cooper City Hall: 7 children, so we know his wife really does a lot of the work for us. Okay.

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00:17:59.570 --> 00:18:03.169

Cooper City Hall: answering every email. I don't know if he sleeps. I don't know what he does. But

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00:18:09.320 --> 00:18:11.160

Cooper City Hall: well, good evening, everybody.

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Cooper City Hall: I don't want to take up too much of your time. I really truly appreciate the honor. Tonight.

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00:18:20.410 --> 00:18:28.280

Cooper City Hall: October 24, th 2020 was a very special day for me. I actually, Stacey will remember I actually showed up to work that day. It was a Saturday

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00:18:28.820 --> 00:18:43.240

Cooper City Hall: because I wanted to be here on my 1st day as a new chief of this district. And you guys were doing your wonderful Halloween creative Covid environment drive through. It was, I really saw the heart of the community that day because.

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00:18:43.966 --> 00:18:44.580

Cooper City Hall: I've worked.

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00:18:44.580 --> 00:18:45.579

James Curran: So they're sitting.

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00:18:45.870 --> 00:19:07.540

Cooper City Hall: Everybody comes out in Cooper City. There's so many people that make this community special because everybody's invested and care about what they're doing. That's why we have volunteers here willing to give countless hours of their own time to help support public safety, or to ensure that the recreation in this community is among the best.

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Cooper City Hall: I have to tell you that.

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Cooper City Hall: I believe certain things now that I was raised and I was taught by my family.

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Cooper City Hall: Sometimes it's just little truths that you cling to.

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Cooper City Hall: There's life and death in the power of the tongue.

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00:19:30.160 --> 00:19:31.240

Cooper City Hall: Speak life.

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00:19:31.680 --> 00:19:34.540

Cooper City Hall: You leave things better than how you found it.

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00:19:34.730 --> 00:19:37.330

Cooper City Hall: It could be as simple as picking up the piece of trash.

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00:19:37.590 --> 00:19:40.420

Cooper City Hall: or it could be making the district better than you found it.

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Cooper City Hall: It's not about ego.

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00:19:42.140 --> 00:19:52.199

Cooper City Hall: It's about doing the right thing. It's about working hard. It's about believing in people, about encouraging people. It's about challenging people and trying to make them the best that they can be.

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00:19:52.380 --> 00:19:58.720

Cooper City Hall: and I got to tell you that these men and these women standing here right now in this room

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00:19:59.220 --> 00:20:02.119

Cooper City Hall: before I was here. They were great people.

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00:20:03.280 --> 00:20:04.740

Cooper City Hall: They were great people.

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00:20:05.585 --> 00:20:14.149

Cooper City Hall: They just needed somebody to believe in them, somebody to be their voice, somebody to support them, somebody to give them the resources that they needed to be successful.

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Cooper City Hall: So I'm encouraged knowing that when I leave this community is going to continue being the safest community. I believe in this county, because you still have these people that are here gifted, equipped, and ready to serve you.

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00:20:29.010 --> 00:20:32.360

Cooper City Hall: When I arrived in Cooper City. I was told 3 things mattered

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Cooper City Hall: in Cooper City. They concerned themselves with burglaries, traffic, and code.

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Cooper City Hall: One of the 1st things I did was redo the organizational chart. To put a supervisor over each one of those areas to make sure that we're addressing the city's needs.

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00:20:47.270 --> 00:20:55.800

Cooper City Hall: The law enforcement needs to be adaptive. This community's needs are important. We just have to listen to them and adapt our response to them.

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00:20:56.190 --> 00:21:09.129

Cooper City Hall: When I closed out that year, the year that I inherited this team. We had 136 vehicle burglaries for that year, which the truth is in the county is not that much comparison to many cities.

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00:21:09.770 --> 00:21:18.519

Cooper City Hall: But 2024. We just closed the year with 45, vehicle burglaries that's over 70% reduction

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Cooper City Hall: that's less less than one a week.

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Cooper City Hall: one a week, less than one a week. You know how many communities would be envious of that Stat.

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Cooper City Hall: We had approximately 30 residential burglaries that we closed out the year in 2020 again. Not not a big number in comparison to a lot of cities.

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Cooper City Hall: right, but an important number, because nobody wants their home violated. That that's your that's your your kingdom, right?

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00:21:47.550 --> 00:21:50.410

Cooper City Hall: We closed out 2024, with 10

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00:21:50.850 --> 00:21:53.430

Cooper City Hall: for the entire year. That's less than one a month.

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Cooper City Hall: That's a 66% reduction in residential burglaries over year after year.

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00:22:02.930 --> 00:22:13.749

Cooper City Hall: But that didn't happen without hard work. It didn't happen without the investment of city managers, mayors, and commissioners who believed that public safety was important.

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00:22:14.000 --> 00:22:19.929

Cooper City Hall: We're willing to not just say it from the dais, because it's popular, but we're willing to back it with resources.

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Cooper City Hall: and trusted me and my team with those resources. And then we took those resources, and we did real tangible things

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Cooper City Hall: that belong to this city, to the residents

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Cooper City Hall: that are going to impact this community for the next decade. And so I challenge you to continue to invest in public safety.

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Cooper City Hall: Never get complacent in the military. My brother knows this. In the Marine Corps he served with me. We'd say complacency kills.

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00:22:44.890 --> 00:23:00.239

Cooper City Hall: Never get too comfortable, never get complacent, keep investing in public safety, keep bonding together, keep supporting the men and women in uniform keep keep together as a community. There's a lot of divisive issues that want to pull us apart.

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00:23:00.720 --> 00:23:13.350

Cooper City Hall: But remember, we're all in this together. There's unity, there's unity, and there's strength. When we bound when we bind together for common purposes, and what better than public safety, to make sure that we can raise our families in the safest

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00:23:14.340 --> 00:23:16.369

Cooper City Hall: community in this county.

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Cooper City Hall: So thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your families these last 4 years, and I look back fondly, always of the city. I look forward to volunteering to come back to events in Cooper City, just to say Hi! And to see the faces, and my number is not changing. So if you need something. Give me a call. So thank you so much.

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00:23:42.520 --> 00:23:44.929

Cooper City Hall: And I do want to just say one quick thing

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Cooper City Hall: in 4 and a half years. Not one time does she complain about me coming home late?

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00:23:51.060 --> 00:23:54.910

Cooper City Hall: Not one time does she complain about the phone calls the emails

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Cooper City Hall: completely supportive my children as well, always cheering me on, always believing, which made it a lot easier to serve you and your families, because they understood. And they've always been behind me. I'm telling you not one time complaining, not even that one Marathon meeting at 6 30 in the morning.

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00:24:13.940 --> 00:24:15.029

Cooper City Hall: Oh, thank you.

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00:25:30.530 --> 00:25:31.190

Cooper City Hall: Right!

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00:25:31.670 --> 00:25:35.489

Cooper City Hall: 1, 2, and 3. Everybody hold one second.

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00:25:40.620 --> 00:25:44.546

Cooper City Hall: Thank you.

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00:25:47.660 --> 00:25:48.360

Cooper City Hall: Okay.

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00:25:51.910 --> 00:25:53.950

Cooper City Hall: Alright. Hey, guys.

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00:26:05.640 --> 00:26:06.880

Cooper City Hall: all right. Yeah.

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00:26:08.694 --> 00:26:11.310

Cooper City Hall: How are you doing?

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00:26:21.950 --> 00:26:27.780

Cooper City Hall: You're not talking, John. Can you get in here?

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Cooper City Hall: You see, John.

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00:26:32.740 --> 00:26:33.600

Cooper City Hall: my.

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Cooper City Hall: we canceled that tonight, right?

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00:27:34.240 --> 00:27:40.860

Cooper City Hall: This is the natural break in the meeting. If you don't want to stay, you can slide out. We're gonna do pet adoption. Now

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00:27:41.080 --> 00:27:42.270

Cooper City Hall: it's not nice.

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00:27:47.660 --> 00:27:52.639

Cooper City Hall: Greg is such a handsome fellow. Can he go home with you?

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Cooper City Hall: His past is a mystery since he came from enough. The dog, Greg. That's why I said handsome people.

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Cooper City Hall: His past is a mystery since he came from another shelter.

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Cooper City Hall: but the Volunteers and staff at the Humane Society say he is a sweet fellow.

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00:28:11.920 --> 00:28:32.170

Cooper City Hall: Greg is quiet in his kennel, but take him outside, and he loves to play with toys, make sure to get him lots to play with. This fellow appears to be potty trained, and might sit if a yummy treat is involved. If you have another dog at home, a meet and greet would be a fun way to make sure. Everyone gets along.

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00:28:32.430 --> 00:28:42.729

Cooper City Hall: Thanks to Dolly's dream, they have kindly paid Greg's adoption fee, and he gets to go home with goodies from the shelter's pet boutique to help him settle in

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00:28:42.870 --> 00:28:49.009

Cooper City Hall: to meet Greg or any other pet. Please visit www.humanebrower.com.

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00:28:49.390 --> 00:28:50.380

Cooper City Hall: Thank you.

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00:28:51.830 --> 00:28:53.609

Cooper City Hall: I think you should adopt, Greg.

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00:28:56.770 --> 00:29:03.400

Cooper City Hall: This one is cute, kind, and well-natured. We'll move on to public speaking. The 1st speaker is

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Cooper City Hall: Mayor Greg Ross, former Mayor, Greg Ross.

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00:29:11.630 --> 00:29:23.669

Cooper City Hall: Thank you. Good news does travel fast, and I want to personally congratulate the captain on his promotion. Where did he go? He's outside, that's okay. Still, watching on video.

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00:29:24.030 --> 00:29:40.360

Cooper City Hall: I do thank him for keeping his word. And the word was, Yes, he will be here for the 4 years for my last term, and when I interviewed him I said, Look, last term, I need 4 years. I need someone who can do the job. You're walking into a crazy situation.

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00:29:40.490 --> 00:29:58.880

Cooper City Hall: and he accepted the challenge, and he actually kept his word, and he stayed over the 4 years. So I'm grateful for him staying here more importantly, Cooper City has been safer because of him. And that's why you hire a police chief

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Cooper City Hall: supervision of the men and women and of Cooper City

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00:30:04.330 --> 00:30:08.510

Cooper City Hall: is second to none. You've heard the statistics.

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00:30:08.760 --> 00:30:31.080

Cooper City Hall: the reduction in burglaries, and the reduction of both of the burglaries, home and car is second to none. The public safety. You have a juggling act, and I think you, as commissioners understand it, from juggling personnel assets and finances, and he did it. He did it with innovative ideas

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Cooper City Hall: from the originally the Lprs turned into the real Time Crime Center, but his legacy is more along the lines of the personnel and the people that he works with

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00:30:42.950 --> 00:30:46.340

Cooper City Hall: leaving them here in Cooper City leaves us in a good position.

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Cooper City Hall: and the legacy doesn't stop there because of his support of the police explorers and the cop program

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00:30:54.950 --> 00:30:59.370

Cooper City Hall: that is truly going to be his legacy in the future.

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Cooper City Hall: The man is, has high morals, the epitome of a true public servant, ethics second to none, and is

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00:31:11.230 --> 00:31:15.210

Cooper City Hall: truly of high character.

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00:31:15.410 --> 00:31:44.659

Cooper City Hall: and I am proud to have been just a very small part of his success here in Cooper City, and really happy that he's going to give his services now to Broward County. We know what he is. We know what he's capable of. And now to give that over to Broward County. We've trained him well, and now he goes forward, and he goes forward as a captain, and I'm sure soon to be colonel as well, because the the

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00:31:44.720 --> 00:32:01.300

Cooper City Hall: sheriff has recognized, and I know he's recognized it earlier than the 4 years, but he kept him here did a good job for Cooper City in doing that, and now we only wish him the best, and I do thank his family for sharing him with us, so thank you for the opportunity.

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00:32:03.740 --> 00:32:07.229

Cooper City Hall: Thank you. The next speaker is Mr. Pete Schlange.

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00:32:15.080 --> 00:32:24.999

Cooper City Hall: Evening peach slang. I live over in Country Glen. I'm here tonight. I am the new interim president of your optimist club, our optimist club.

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Cooper City Hall: And I want to get back to

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Cooper City Hall: sharing good things with the commission and city.

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Cooper City Hall: There's a lot of been back and forth and hectic times over the last couple of years.

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00:32:39.674 --> 00:32:42.340

Cooper City Hall: We completed soccer fest this weekend.

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00:32:42.980 --> 00:32:56.800

Cooper City Hall: I know. Commissioner Malozi came out and helped. Commissioner Katzman came out and helped. Mayor Koran came out and helped give out all the trophies to a bunch of the kids. We had about 2,500 people there during the day.

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00:32:56.920 --> 00:33:20.299

Cooper City Hall: a big gathering of people. And we saw all these kids running around with their families having a good time, and it was a great day in Cooper City, and I just think we need to get back to sharing some of the good points that go on and stop some of the bickering that goes back and forth behind the scenes. We do a good thing together, and we should acknowledge the good things once in a while.

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00:33:20.370 --> 00:33:32.620

Cooper City Hall: So I wanted to share that. I know that we have invited the Commission to come out and be part of opening day for baseball. We hope that you guys can come out. Throw in a 1st pitch.

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00:33:33.390 --> 00:33:34.130

Cooper City Hall: you know.

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Cooper City Hall: mingle with the kids and the families. Let them know that we're all in this together to provide a great thing for our community.

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00:33:43.490 --> 00:33:46.500

Cooper City Hall: February 20. Second, I think.

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Cooper City Hall: also as part of soccer fest. We did sell baskets for a fundraiser. We raised.

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00:33:55.600 --> 00:34:08.429

Cooper City Hall: I think, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$900 that will be shared with the New River church, which, as I understand, feeds many of the homeless here in Cooper City, and also with

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00:34:08.659 --> 00:34:12.040

Cooper City Hall: the Rt. This Ortiz family.

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00:34:12.859 --> 00:34:22.650

Cooper City Hall: It was a coach that was part of our club that passed away. The family doesn't have a lot of means, so those those 2 groups will share

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00:34:23.330 --> 00:34:25.890

Cooper City Hall: 400 \$500 each to help them

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Cooper City Hall: go on their way and do their do their thing.

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00:34:30.940 --> 00:34:32.849

Cooper City Hall: That's it. Thank you very much.

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00:34:33.360 --> 00:34:34.050

Cooper City Hall: Yeah.

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00:34:35.070 --> 00:34:37.329

Cooper City Hall: Do you have anyone else wishing to speak.

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00:34:38.780 --> 00:34:39.480

Cooper City Hall: Okay.

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00:34:40.000 --> 00:34:47.819

Cooper City Hall: all right, before we move to the consent agenda. I want to see if I can get consensus from the rest of you to move 11

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00:34:48.199 --> 00:34:51.080

Cooper City Hall: and 12 items, 11 and 12, to consent.

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00:34:51.800 --> 00:34:52.710

Cooper City Hall: Hold on.

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00:34:53.469 --> 00:34:54.269

James Curran: Second.

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00:34:56.800 --> 00:35:06.070

Cooper City Hall: And okay. So I'll take a motion on consent to approve.

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00:35:06.250 --> 00:35:07.120

James Curran: Second.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, I have a motion, a second that call the vote.

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00:35:13.730 --> 00:35:15.790

Cooper City Hall: Do you have to vote on that? Okay.

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00:35:16.650 --> 00:35:23.349

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith. Yes, Commissioner Malozi. Yes, Commissioner Katzman. Yes, Commissioner Schrader. Yes, Mayor Curran.

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00:35:23.350 --> 00:35:24.100

James Curran: Yes.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay. The next item is, item 10, discussion and possible action to implement a crafts with the cut, with the Commission Initiative, Commissioner

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Cooper City Hall: Crafting with Commissioner Crafts with commission.

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Cooper City Hall: Right? So.

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Cooper City Hall: I put some photos in the backup, and this is something that I stole from Bso.

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00:35:47.140 --> 00:35:50.310

Cooper City Hall: They do it. They do crafting with a cop.

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00:35:50.790 --> 00:35:57.090

Cooper City Hall: It is a great way for the community to get together, and

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00:35:57.620 --> 00:36:21.949

Cooper City Hall: in an informal setting where you're not running around nonstop, we could do it in chambers here. We don't. We can all be at separate tables. We don't have to worry about sunshine, or anything like that. I showed pictures of painting rocks which has a a minimal cost. The Bso does more expensive

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00:36:22.590 --> 00:36:23.620

Cooper City Hall: graphs.

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00:36:24.870 --> 00:36:31.850

Cooper City Hall: I was looking more towards very inexpensive crafts, and I was thinking, maybe one activity a quarter.

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Cooper City Hall: So we we wouldn't do. You know a lot, maybe, you know, for a year.

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Cooper City Hall: 1st come 1st serve. They could sign up on eventbrite and

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Cooper City Hall: If ever if we sat at a table

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Cooper City Hall: you would have, you know, 6, 7, 8 residents, and you could as you're doing. You know nothing that's going to involve

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Cooper City Hall: talent crafts.

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Cooper City Hall: Then you can talk, talk about everyday issues, get to know residents on a you know.

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Cooper City Hall: calm, non-insane level. I think it's a great idea, but I don't think we should. I think we should probably do like them and have the painter come in. Well, that's going, that's a fee. So that's 3rd that cost them. I had asked Athena already left. I had asked Athena, so when the painter comes in. That's \$35, and they've also done the rocks. They also do you could you could do plants? We could get our green Advisory Board. I thought if we started with the rocks it would be simple

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00:37:37.720 --> 00:37:52.740

Cooper City Hall: it again. You're looking at a minimal, and I thought we would charge of like a \$5 fee per person, only because I know Bso. Would like to charge a fee, because then people don't not show up

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Cooper City Hall: because they have a problem where people say, Okay, I'll do it. They reserve it, and then there are no shows, and then they have empty seats. Whatever you want. Commissioner Melosi, would that be something you and the city manager would work out?

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Cooper City Hall: If you all are happy with it, Alex and I can quality Bond and do it.

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James Curran: All of them.

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Cooper City Hall: And let's yeah. Well, I think it's just a consensus. Yeah. And so if if everybody's happy, then Alex and I will quality bond over our 1st craft with

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00:38:22.880 --> 00:38:47.159

Cooper City Hall: with Cooper City. Awesome, awesome. You guys practice crash together. Don't hit me with a rock, Alex. No great. Next item, we have ordinances on 1st reading. Item 13, ordinance, 25, 0 6. Thank you, Commissioner, for the record, if I may. Item 13 is an ordinance of the city of Cooper City, Florida. Amending chapter 17 of the city's Code of Ordinances, entitled Traffic and Motor Vehicles.

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Cooper City Hall: by amending Article 2 entitled Parking Stopping and standing amending. Section 1716, entitled Parking Places for Handicapped Persons.

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Cooper City Hall: amending 1717, entitled Citations for Parking Violations, Amending, section 1718, entitled Prohibited Stopping Standing or parking on certain roadways and amending section 1719, entitled Prohibited Parking and additional Regulations, providing for certain regulations related to swale parking, fighting for penalties, fighting for codification, fighting for conflicts, separability and fighting for an effective date

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00:39:16.050 --> 00:39:16.940

Cooper City Hall: motion.

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James Curran: Take it.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay. Motion a second. Any good discussion.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Katzman, Commissioner Malozi.

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Cooper City Hall: The only thing that I want to bring up is. I know I know that is gone again. No, that that's fine. I know why. I know why this was brought up, and I know that we have issues around the schools and whatnot.

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00:39:46.450 --> 00:39:49.439

Cooper City Hall: I just wanted to to ensure that.

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Cooper City Hall: Are we going to put up signage to let everybody know this is now going to be official, and you're going to be fined.

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Cooper City Hall: I know. When. When we did something at the High School we changed everything. We put a sign up and let people know. And then people were still ticketed and I still got complaints. So I just want to make sure that yeah, we're getting yelled at as little as possible. We do that. And just

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00:40:15.860 --> 00:40:28.889

Cooper City Hall: for your verification, the the main reason we had to bring this up was because there was a typo in the original ordinance right? That it says, an hour after the end of the school to what I mean, that

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00:40:29.290 --> 00:40:53.339

Cooper City Hall: instead of the school dismiss. At 2 30 we would begin enforcing at 3 30, which was, we really know what the intent was. So we had to correct that. So while we were doing that. The department, you know, proposed some additional cleaning items that will help with the enforcement process. So yeah, we'll do the proper signage on there. I think we could maybe send it to the principals and let them do a blast, and then we're covered. Perfect. Thank you.

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James Curran: The Federation.

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James Curran: Mayor Ross, Mayor. Correct, I mean.

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Cooper City Hall: Mayor Kearney.

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James Curran: Come on, brother, serious out of sight, is out of mind. Huh?

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James Curran: Good! I'm solid. Thank you, Ryan.

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Cooper City Hall: The only question I had was, Jacob. We have the the penalty amounts defined in here. Is that consistent with

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Cooper City Hall: with what we were trying to do before by taking them out and only having them on this one sheet. Well, Commissioner, these were specific recommendations for fines for this section from Bso. They're not consistent with the penalty schedule, the fee schedule we have. These are specific fines for violations of this section. Okay, so just on secondary, you can just double check, because we wanted to make sure that if we had to adjust fines later on, we weren't going through each ordinance to adjust it. We were just referring

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Cooper City Hall: all to the penalty sheet. Correct? Yeah, we'll work with Bso on that. Again. There were some specific recommendations for the fine amounts for violations of this code. But we'll go ahead and cross reference it to the prior schedule.

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00:41:48.070 --> 00:42:03.019

Cooper City Hall: Yeah. Or maybe we just reference the schedule. We could do that, too, because that was the goal to. Only if we change fine amounts, we only change the schedule, not having to go through each ordinance. If in that case we'll need to bring the schedule to right correct. We'll bring the schedule as well. Okay, that's the preference. So that we don't have to change no problem. That's it.

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00:42:07.270 --> 00:42:08.420

Cooper City Hall: Yes, yeah.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah. I asked if I had to. And they said, Yeah, we took it. Okay, madam clerk in Covid

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith. Yes, Commissioner Malozi. Yes, Commissioner Katzman, Commissioner Schroeder. Yes, Mayor Curran.

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00:42:21.570 --> 00:42:22.300

James Curran: Yes.

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00:42:23.040 --> 00:42:51.609

Cooper City Hall: Okay, yeah. Ordinances on second reading ordin, or, item, 14, ordinance, 25, 0 4. Thank you, Commissioner, for the record. The item is an ordinance of the city of Cooper City, Florida. Amending chapter 17 of the city's code of ordinances, entitled Traffic and Motor Vehicles, by specifically amending section 1737, entitled Private Roads of Article 4, entitled Traffic Calming Devices, amending the process and Requirements to install traffic calming devices on private roads within residential Communities, finding for conflicts fine for severability, planning for an effective date. And this is public hearing, Commissioner motion to approve.

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Cooper City Hall: Second, do I have any public comment you could open up for public comment.

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Cooper City Hall: No, sir. Okay. Commissioner, who who motioned Commissioner Katzman. I think it's great. Let's do it. Okay, you need a second. I have one. I'm sorry. Yeah. Mayor Curran.

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00:43:14.930 --> 00:43:16.050

James Curran: I'm good. Thank you.

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00:43:16.220 --> 00:43:23.829

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith. Yes, Commissioner Malozi. Yes, Commissioner Katzman. Yes, Commissioner Schrouter. Yes, Mayor Curran.

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00:43:24.050 --> 00:43:24.770

James Curran: Yes.

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00:43:25.320 --> 00:43:45.489

Cooper City Hall: Next item is, item 15. It's an ordinance for second reading ordinance, 25, 0 5. Thank you, Commissioner, if I might. The item is an ordinance of the city of Cooper City, Florida, amending the City's Code of ordinances by amending chapter 2, entitled Administration and Article 5, entitled Boards, Commissions and Committees, creating Section 2, 1, 31, to be entitled the Public Safety Advisory Board.

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Cooper City Hall: establishing the Public Safety Advisory Board as a Permanent Advisory Board of the City Commission, fighting for duties, mission and scope, fighting for rules of procedure, fighting for standards of conduct for its members, fighting for codification, fighting for conflicts, severability and fighting for an effective date. And again, this is also a public hearing. Commissioner.

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00:44:00.130 --> 00:44:03.869

Cooper City Hall: Okay, take a motion, and do I have a second?

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Cooper City Hall: I'll second mine. Sorry the clerk will will swap the priority motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Melosi, Commissioner Smith.

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, everything looks good as far as in the way that it was written. I think it's going to be very effective to allow our residents to be a part of this, and I don't have anything else.

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James Curran: Tab, tab, tab.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Melissi.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm good. What? We were putting our appointments today. Correct? No, no.

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Cooper City Hall: if you have an appointment to announce, you certainly can. But the the. It's not required to make appointments tonight.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Kesman.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm good. Actually, I think we have a lot going on in public safety right now that we weren't expecting at the last meeting. So maybe we want to include this new board in the search for the Chief. And things like that. I definitely don't want to hold our city manager with any type of interviewing process, but it's definitely an arm that the city manager can engage with. If he so chooses Mayor Curran.

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00:45:23.190 --> 00:45:28.160

James Curran: I I fully support it. It's time. I guess

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James Curran: my question would be Commissioner Smith.

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James Curran: are you going to like? Oversee it a little bit with whoever you, whoever's doing it with you? Or are you stepping out once you get it started.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, no, sir, I would go ahead and leave this to the city manager to maybe utilize his public Safety chiefs to engage at that level, but I'm available as much as needed.

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James Curran: Thank you, sir, I fully support it.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay? And so my, the only questions I had was, I was thinking of the appointments I would make. And my question is, are we restricting the the appointments to people who?

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Cooper City Hall: Our previous board was not allowed that you couldn't serve on it if you either worked for the sheriff's office or surrounding municipality, are we? Well, that's not. That's not in here now. That was because there was contract negotiations which which I don't believe that's going to be a major. I mean, it's it's referenced in there. But I don't think it's gonna be a major thing, because we're essentially on on a renewal which is going to be discussed later on. But my my only thing would be either.

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Cooper City Hall: If

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Cooper City Hall: so, I guess that's a question. Is it okay for us to appoint people who who work with the public service provider.

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Cooper City Hall: The the way it was written was to allow that autonomy, if desired. But if you're needing a friendly amendment, I mean, I'm completely amicable to it. I'm okay with with them, being, if you work for the sheriff's officer or whatnot. I just would ask that.

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Cooper City Hall: and I guess can be done informally. If you do, you don't put forth a recommendation. It's going to directly relate to or like an ethic violation type of mindset. It wouldn't necessarily be ethics. But your employer, you know, your employer like

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Cooper City Hall: I mean, I can't think of something off the top of my head. But

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Cooper City Hall: You know, if I think you understand what I'm trying to say, like kind of like on the sac committees, that the principal is not necessarily allowed to have a say, because they end up giving the principal an allotment of the money. No, the principal does not have a say, if it's if it's easier for the Commission.

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Cooper City Hall: I guess, to the city attorney, since this is a second reading. If it was a need to change that piece. Would that be something that how would that? How would that navigate? If the Commission wanted to make a change to the ordinance this evening, you could certainly provide direction. We could revise the ordinance. If there is a majority to make. Whatever the changes, it would not have to come back to the Commission, we would make the change, and it would be executed as amended.

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Cooper City Hall: This would be, my my, if you take this friendly amendment, that if any member is employed by a public safety agency that they recuse themselves from any votes directed towards that. So if you're a member, if you're a police chief for the sheriff's office, and you're on it. Don't vote to increase the.

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Cooper City Hall: And you know they want to bring that up. They should recuse themselves on a vote on increasing the sheriff's office pay, or something to that effect. Yeah, why don't? Why don't we just adopt the language that said how you just read, and that's fine. No one that is employed by Bso or the surrounding municipalities. Is that is that pretty much meet your need? Yeah, that's fine with me. Okay? So then, that's fine. And there is a provision in the ordinance that speaks to procedures for the board. So

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Cooper City Hall: we would provide that requirement for an abstention or recusal if an item comes up that would affect an employer. But that would handle. Let's just say that they had to recuse. They can be on it, but they just recuse themselves or anything. Then that's fine as well.

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Cooper City Hall: The only other I was just gonna say, this is an advisory board as well, so nothing they do is binding.

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Cooper City Hall: They're just recommended. No, correct. But I wouldn't want a recommendation to come to us to increase your employers. You know we need more cops. We will have that information when we see the advisory opinion. Okay, so just so, I guess we're all on the same page. Because I think Commissioner Melosi is going to ask this very similar question.

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Cooper City Hall: We are not then putting the restriction whether it's an employee or surrounding municipality, it's just going to be a referred item inside of the rules. Yes, so employment. But with either Bso. Or a surrounding agency wouldn't preclude somebody from serving on the board. But if an item came up where they were making a recommendation that affected their employer, they'd be required to abstain from voting on that item. Yes, okay, perfect. If you guys take that amendment.

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Cooper City Hall: you guys all agree to that. Okay.

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James Curran: I'm fine.

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Cooper City Hall: So I have someone that is not in Bso but is in law enforcement. Because I specifically wanted someone

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Cooper City Hall: in law enforcement to be able to. If Dso. Comes and says, ABC is the procedure, and this is why we do it. I wanted someone in law enforcement to say, no, that's not how it's done, or yes, I agree and had the backing. And that's why I went and

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Cooper City Hall: went for someone in law enforcement. They are not with Bso. Because I did not want to have a conflict and have someone potentially, you know, say, no, Bso, and then that's their employer.

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Cooper City Hall: But they are with another agency not abutting us.

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Cooper City Hall: they will have no issue whatsoever, because the only issue we would have would be with Bso. Yes, correct. I just wanted unless they were voting to switch. I just wanted to hear you say that correct. Thank you, and I'll open it up for public hearing anyone from the public, wishing to speak on this item. Okay, hearing none. We'll close it. Madam Clerk. Call the vote

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith. Yes, Commissioner Malozi. Yes, Commissioner Katzman. Yes, Commissioner Schroder. Yes, Mayor Karen.

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James Curran: Yes.

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Cooper City Hall: That was, item 15. Okay. Next one.

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Cooper City Hall: No. We put all together. Yeah. The next item I want to ask

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James Curran: Clock, 30.

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Cooper City Hall: Real quick. Oh, yeah, we'll let the manager go. Go ahead. Manager, support.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah. So this is a request that we got from the municipal clerk's office that is, recommending that we pass a resolution urging the legislature to.

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James Curran: What?

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Cooper City Hall: Created an exception from the public records, requests for the personal information for municipal clerks and court Enforcement officers. I believe that court enforcement offices are already protected, but this will protect the clerks in addition to that.

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Cooper City Hall: So whatever we pass is non-binding is simply urging the legislature to create the exception.

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Cooper City Hall: Mr. Manager, are you needing a consensus to move forward to bring a resolution back at the next meeting?

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, can you just give a little more background on it.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah. So there are currently a number of exemptions in Chapter 119 for addresses and contact information for certain individuals. They exist for code enforcement staff for law enforcement officers for judges, state attorneys, Hr. Professionals, city managers. There is not currently an exemption for municipal clerks.

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Cooper City Hall: What the municipal Clerks Association is asking all of the municipal clerks to support is a resolution asking the legislature to extend an exemption to provide for confidentiality for contact information addresses and municipal clerks.

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Cooper City Hall: So that's a resolution urging the legislature to take some action. I'm fine.

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Cooper City Hall: I'll support it.

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Cooper City Hall: Yep.

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Cooper City Hall: and the next one is the next one doesn't require any action is simply a notification that is required, that to let you know that there is a transfer from the contingency fund from to finance for the build up of some additional office cubicles up here in City Hall

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Cooper City Hall: and the and 18. I just want to make the Commission aware that we are, we have a deadline looming the contract.

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Cooper City Hall: The contracts for Pso expire on 9, 30, 2025.

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Cooper City Hall: The notice for the contract is 6 months before that we need to provide a notice of intent to renew, which means 3, 31, you know, 2025. So we got about 6 weeks before we had to provide the notice, and I wanted to bring that up to the Commission. So the Commission wants to have discussions, want to provide direction, just want to say, no, we're we're happy, and

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Cooper City Hall: we're good as as we are, or we have. You want to set up a workshop you have in. You got about 6 weeks right now before we have to provide the notice. So I just wanted to get some guidance from the Commission.

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Cooper City Hall: Can we? Can we condition our renewal on as far as I'm concerned, I'm okay with the the renewal. I don't think from a legal standpoint, there's any detriment, since there is termination clauses. So I my recommendation would be to go ahead and trigger the option.

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Cooper City Hall: and I don't know how everyone else felt.

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Cooper City Hall: This is for for both. Right?

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, I probably mean, yep, you've got it looks like you've got your consensus.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay? And waiting on your our mayor. Don't don't forget Mayor Kern. Kern.

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Cooper City Hall: you think we're good there? Okay, we're good. Okay, that's all I have, sir. I want to ask Captain Giovanni. Would you like an opportunity to read your police chief's report.

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Cooper City Hall: We sidelined him and put him on consent agenda.

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Cooper City Hall: and I know he he likes to read it, so I don't know if you wanted to read it or

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Cooper City Hall: you weren't prepared, probably don't have it printed out, do you?

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Cooper City Hall: I think the important knows reduction

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Cooper City Hall: with that as long as the connection managers are up.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, this is your opportunity to give your last police chief report. So wow.

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Cooper City Hall: we still have 5 min left before we have to end.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm gonna be out by 7 30.

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Cooper City Hall: Make it back to someone.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, let me just Mayor Commissioner, City Manager staff Presidents are still with us. Let me just reiterate again. It's been my absolute pleasure to serve you. I really truly mean that. I didn't say it earlier, but there was a key word. Remember, when I 1st interviewed back here in the offices? I was asked, how are you going to serve 2 masters? And I. I smiled, and I said, Well.

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Cooper City Hall: I don't think I need to serve 2 masters, and the the question was, Well, of course you do. You? You work for us and for them.

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Cooper City Hall: And I said, No, I I see the role different, they said, how is that role? I told them. I see the role as an ambassador. Right? My job is to be the best representation of Bso. To the city.

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Cooper City Hall: and also simultaneously be the best represent

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Cooper City Hall: of the city to Bso, and so over the last 4 and a half years. I hope that I proved true to that, doing my very best to petition the needs of the city to the sheriff's office, to bring in the resources that the city deserves, to show. The very best of the sheriff and the sheriff's office and my team, and also likewise to do the very same downtown for the city to represent the best of Cooper City.

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Cooper City Hall: The January report I did tell you about the 2024 closeout report how we close with a significant reduction in crime year after year. But January 2025, in comparison to January 2024, there was another 48% reduction in crime.

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Cooper City Hall: Again, 48% reduction in crime. January 2025 stats compared with January 2024 stats, considering that 2024 was the best year we've ever had. So stay the course, stay the course on investing in technology. Stay the course on investing in public safety. It's working

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Cooper City Hall: right. Don't take your foot out the gas.

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Cooper City Hall: I know there's a lot of things that will steal that narrative out there. Our job is to keep the truth and to keep the facts in front of the residents because they deserve to know the truth

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Cooper City Hall: and and to uncloudy the mess.

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Cooper City Hall: And the reality is is that the residents that live in Cooper City live in a very safe

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Cooper City Hall: city, and I thank you, Mr. Manager, and the Commissioners and the mayor, for making that a reality again. It's been my pleasure serving you and your families, and that's it.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: We're going to move on to Commissioner concerns. Let me start with Mayor Curran.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, hearing now from Mayor Kerr and Commissioner Smith.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, I just want to say, Mayor, I hope you feel better.

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James Curran: Thank you, sir.

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Cooper City Hall: Ryan. Great job

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Cooper City Hall: navigating the meeting. 2 things I wanted to definitely highlight in a short time, but it feels like I've known him forever. Major D. Giovanni.

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Cooper City Hall: I knew when I met you, and when we talked it was. It's 1 of those deals, you just know when you meet an all-star. Some people call them rock Stars, and and there was no question in my mind, and I think if we're actually going to be honest, one of my 1st questions were, you're here now, but you won't be here forever. So what's your

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Cooper City Hall: what's your contingency plan with providing layering in this agency that we contract with, and he was ready and in his statement, and I'm very confident that he's not only helping out helping out with the process of transition, but as well as for the county. So once again, congratulations to you, your family, and thank you for your time well served here, and then I want to. I want to thank all of our

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Cooper City Hall: just each division that makes up Cooper City. And and what you guys do to make someplace special. So to all of our employees. I know that we had our new optimist president show up tonight, and so by him showing up and speaking. And he is right. There's a lot of great things we do, and that falls right into our Rec department.

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Cooper City Hall: So all of you that are doing what you do to get the fields ready, get the garbage squared away, take the complaints good, and the good ones and the bad ones. If if there's any good complaints, I just want to personally thank you guys and and appreciate the opportunity. Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Malozi.

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Cooper City Hall: So a few, a few different things.

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Cooper City Hall: I may take a minute or 2. Sorry.

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Cooper City Hall: One of the things is

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Cooper City Hall: I had a the ability to go to Washington, DC.

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Cooper City Hall: To represent Cooper City and the State of Florida this past week

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Cooper City Hall: and meet with several of our legislators.

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Cooper City Hall: They they were all optimistic. So that's a win-win

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Cooper City Hall: I did ask for

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Cooper City Hall: our grants, and I spoke to our representative, and I'm like, How is our money looking? I said it nicely, but I'm hoping that we still continue to get our our funds.

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Cooper City Hall: I also did inquire about Postal zip codes just the the code itself.

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Cooper City Hall: And and I was educated about that as well. I even went to the Smithsonian on the Zip code to find out a little more background on zip codes, and how they are manufactured or not manufactured, but how they come about so that I could understand a little more of the process.

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Cooper City Hall: So that was 1, 2

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Cooper City Hall: in reference to. I was also at a transportation summit on Friday for the Mpo.

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Cooper City Hall: And I came across a lot of interesting information, and I gave the city manager something about that something that would potentially potentially detect cracks in the sidewalks and

and help us with that. So that was one fantastic thing that I really enjoyed. There was another. There was a gentleman speaker that talked about different ways that they

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Cooper City Hall: used to combat flooding in streets in Canada believe it or not, and I asked them for additional information. And then another speaker spoke about. He won awards in his city, on how he combated the different, how he lowered speeding in school zones, and how he went to.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm not phrasing this properly.

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Cooper City Hall: He did different things with traffic and and bollards and whatnot to ensure the safety of children that are crossing the streets.

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Cooper City Hall: I know that we may not be able to do a lot of those things because of everything in Florida, or at least in South Florida, has to go by what they call a traffic book.

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Cooper City Hall: and if it's not in the traffic book, then we're not allowed to install it in our streets. But there are one or 2 things, and Mr. City manager, you and I are going to quality Bond because there is an intersection, sterling and palm, and when the students get out of the high school and they're walking.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: there's issues. And I have I have emailed. And I know we're waiting on the county for signage.

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Cooper City Hall: but we're still waiting on the county for signage, and I don't want there to be an issue until we get that signage. So I don't know. Maybe there's something that

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Cooper City Hall: some of the things that this gentleman had used in his city that we can potentially use until the signage comes in. But the students don't necessarily, you know, they whether they think they're invincible, whether they're on their phones and they're not looking, and the cause are not looking, and they're just turning right. And the kids are very, very close, and I don't want to see very close, or or a miss or a near miss.

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Cooper City Hall: I'd also like to wish everybody a happy Valentine's day early.

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Cooper City Hall: and the other thing I'd like to let everybody know is, we were talking about wastewater treatment, and we were talking about grants and grants for wastewater treatment plants, and apparently they are in the pipeline, and they are happening. So look for them, and

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Cooper City Hall: as soon as they come out, because apparently they are coming out, and that is something that Washington is very keen on. We need to hit them very quickly, because everybody else needs them because of the different chemicals that are appearing in our water. So if we can make sure that we get Rene to look at that every single day, and pounce the minute she sees them, and that's all I have for now. Oh, one more sorry!

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Cooper City Hall: Our fields, our baseball fields

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Cooper City Hall: said with love, I'm still. We're still having issues, and I'm still getting parents that are

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Cooper City Hall: questioning different, like there was like a sinkhole almost like a large puddle that appeared today, and bases that are not.

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Cooper City Hall: that are moving. So if we can just maybe

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Cooper City Hall: continue to work on that, yeah, if you could send me the specifics, and we'll follow up on. I know everybody's saying that everything is improving, so I'm I'm excited that everything is moving forward. But I know there's still issues. And of course there's always going to be. But I just worry about kids. Safety. So thank you. Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Casman.

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, thank you. I'll echo it, but I think it's important to echo

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Cooper City Hall: Chief D. Giovanni. Major D. Giovanni, you are going to be missed.

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Cooper City Hall: but your legacy will live on here, and I know you won't be too far away, because we will be calling you

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Cooper City Hall: so thank you for all your service, and I can't wait to see where you end up.

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Cooper City Hall: I want to commend the Parks and Rec Department. You all had a lot going on. This weekend senior expo was fantastic. Got a lot of great feedback and soccer fest, which I know we had a big part in with. The partners at the optimist was a great event. So

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Cooper City Hall: please express that to the team

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Cooper City Hall: also Founders Day is coming up. So residents who are watching please make sure you put it on your calendar. What's the date?

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Cooper City Hall: March 8th All day into the night? Great event, and sign up for floats now.

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Cooper City Hall: and I'm also excited about the Charter View Board being approved tonight and looking forward to the recommendations that they bring to us. So that's it. Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, thank you, Commissioner Katzman.

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Cooper City Hall: I will. I have a couple things the with the Charter Review Board coming up. I would like, if the Commission

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Cooper City Hall: as a consensus for staff to look through items that are not political items, but maybe procedurally need to be cleaned up, like I know, in our charter. It says we have to shut off water once. It's like \$100 overdue. There's some really odd, peculiar, peculiar things that shouldn't be in the charter, so maybe

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Cooper City Hall: the staff can look at some of these things and take a look to provide some direction or some housekeeping items for the Charter Review Board to start looking at.

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Cooper City Hall: Certain things shouldn't be in there. One of them is the borrowing of money with a credit line. We

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Cooper City Hall: the language there probably should just be like general obligation, bond or track State law, or something to that effect. So if we could.

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Cooper City Hall: you know, add that the other thing is, I wanted to see about getting my colleagues. Opinion on maybe changing the public speaking through. Zoom! It was something, we added during Covid. But now that Covid's gone, most places have switched to where, if you request in advance, it could be set up. But other than that, you know, you have to come into the meeting. I don't know how you guys felt about that.

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Cooper City Hall: I would agree. I think there's no social distancing issues anymore. So if it was set up in advance, there's no legal requirement to provide for virtual or zoom access. You know some cities do provide it upon request, but it's, you know, since Covid, it's sort of fallen out of fashion as far as a routine process. I would definitely still like for us to be able to simulcast that capability. So I don't want to take that off, but as far as allowing for just ample additional cyber time. Yeah, yes.

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Cooper City Hall: that's what I I'm not a big fan of shutting down public comment.

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Cooper City Hall: I I this came up early on when I be when I came on the commission. I just I I think

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Cooper City Hall: we don't get an abundance of calls or zooms, or whatever. But we but if if we say something during a meeting, there's no way that

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Cooper City Hall: somebody could have

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Cooper City Hall: preregistered to think about or not think about what we say during a meeting, and I think you know, a lot of the residents in our community can't physically be at City Hall, whether it's

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Cooper City Hall: they're making their dinner for their kids, or we stay on till 11 o'clock at night. So I think

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Cooper City Hall: there's no downside to leaving it on. Personally, I'm going to agree with

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Katzman. You also have people that can't drive because they're of their age, or they can't drive because their eyes can't drive at night, and the zoom is there. And again, there are times when people have run in here because we've said things, but not everybody can do that. Yeah. So so I would like to sunset that until then we get our new program that we've been asked about because I currently can't see anybody

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Cooper City Hall: through our portals. So our monitor systems for this is like a legacy system. So if we're going to continue and open up the ability through an online platform, I don't think the answer was, we're not okay with it. But if they're going to discuss and interact, then I would like to be able to see them and be able to then interact with our resident, which at this time we can't. So I would say, until we get the appropriate.

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Cooper City Hall: what would the right word be technology. Then I would say that we hold off still, simulcast it. But as you were seeing this evening, our mayor was even having problems navigating on mute mute. We're having people talk in the back. I just think that it should be a documented scene, and then we'll turn the lights on. Once we get the new equipment that's going to allow us to be able to engage with them appropriately, because then maybe we can see

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Cooper City Hall: they have a question. Maybe things don't get missed. Maybe they can't speak, and they need the capability of typing. And we don't have that as well in our technology because it's legacy. So I would think if we're going to be holistic about this view, then let's do it. But then let's wait for the right technology. But the status quo right now is keeping it on because we already allow it. And it's not causing a problem when

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Cooper City Hall: we get maybe one or 2 who call who call in.

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Cooper City Hall: I don't, I.

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James Curran: I don't wanna do away with it. I don't wanna do away with it, either. Guys.

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Cooper City Hall: Alright!

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James Curran: I just don't. It's not that big of a burden on the city, it really, you know. So I think the consensus is. It stays. Now there's 3, 2,

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James Curran: okay, we'll revisit it once those technologies are there

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James Curran: all right before we close. Can I make a couple of quick comments.

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Cooper City Hall: We already passed you, but you were muted, and you couldn't talk.

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James Curran: Okay, so what does that mean? Acting? There.

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Cooper City Hall: Joke to the, to the problem. Commissioner Smith.

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James Curran: Yeah, cause I can't see you. Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay.

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James Curran: Here's the deal I just want to thank, Chief. It was my best hire ever.

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James Curran: He has been a friend of the community, the kids, everybody.

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James Curran: He has set the bar, and I'm I am for sure positive that the next gentleman that comes in here is going to raise the bar even higher, because he's going to have the Major watching him.

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James Curran: As far as Founders Day and everything else goes. It's a great event. I hope everybody's there. I got to spend time at the Chess challenge Saturday, as well as the senior expo and soccer fest. I definitely want to kudos out to the city Rec. Department. They were everywhere. You could see them everywhere. I don't know who sets up the chest, but thank you. There was like 35 kids there.

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James Curran: Brian, our Commissioner, shrouder. You did a great job on the meeting tonight. Thank you, sir.

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James Curran: That's all I have. Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm gonna finish my commissioner.

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James Curran: Oh, I'm sorry!

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Cooper City Hall: And my the last thing I have, I just want to reiterate Captain Digiovanni. You're truly a very, very special person. I thank you on behalf of our community, and personally, for

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Cooper City Hall: all the wisdom, knowledge.

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Cooper City Hall: You know internally how much, how many times you probably don't realize. But

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Cooper City Hall: you know. I try to channel my inner.

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Cooper City Hall: You know, Digiovanni doesn't always work. Don't always get through most time. I don't. But there are some times where where I am able to. So thank you for everything

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Cooper City Hall: like I said, the people that are getting you. They have no clue, they have no clue. How much they're they're going to challenge themselves to be better because of you. So you're you're a special person,

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Cooper City Hall: and thank you for everything, and thank your family for allowing us to to have you.

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Cooper City Hall: That's it. Okay? And any additional public comment.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, all right, hearing none. I'll entertain a motion. Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Stacy. I'm sorry I forgot to thank you guys for doing an awesome job.

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James Curran: Is it normal?

Tedra Allen, City Clerk

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