



**CITY OF COOPER CITY  
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:30 PM  
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place**

## MINUTES

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Present were Commissioners Shrouder, Meltzer, Green and Mayor Ross. Commissioner Pulcini was present via Zoom

### **CHANGES TO AGENDA/EMERGENCY MATTERS**

No emergency matters or changes to the agenda.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

#### **Open Public Meeting –**

Pastor Paul Volan, 5201 S Flamingo Rd, thanked the Commission for their service. He also thanked Captain De Giovanni for hosting the Clergy Appreciation Brunch. He spoke on local fall festivals being held throughout the City.

#### **Agenda Concerns -**

### **LAND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

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

#### **Ordinances On Second Reading | Public Hearing**

##### **1. Ordinance 22-23 - (Community Development Department)**

City Attorney Horowitz read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING REZONING PETITION #Z 6-3-21; PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF THE APPROXIMATELY .74 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 2700 N. PALM AVENUE IN COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM A-1 AGRICULTURE (BROWARD COUNTY) DISTRICT TO X-1 CIVIC (COOPER CITY) DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CITY’S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE” by title.

City Attorney Horowitz asked Commissioner Pulcini if he can confirm for the record that he has seen the backup to the land development matters as well as the additional information distributed as a part of the record. Commissioner Pulcini advised he has viewed all backup provided.

#### **Ex-Parte Communications:**

Commissioner Pulcini – Hope Calhoun and Captain De Giovanni. No campaign disclosures.

Commissioner Green- Hope Calhoun. He has received campaign contributions from Ms. Calhoun's law firm.

Commissioner Meltzer – Pastor Odom, Pastor Mathew, Pastor Randy Captain De Giovanni, Community Development Director Carlos Vega and Community Development Assistant Director Jason Chockley. No Campaign contributions.

Commissioner Shrouder – Pastor Odom, Pastor Mathew, Captain De Giovanni and Community Development Assistant Director Jason Chockley. No Campaign contributions.

Mayor Ross - Pastor Odom, Pastor Mathew, Pastor Randy, Captain De Giovanni and Community Development Assistant Director Jason Chockley. He has received campaign contributions from Ms. Calhoun's law firm.

Mayor Ross swore in Community Development Assistant Director Jason Chockley.

Commissioner Meltzer has some concerns with adding additional traffic to Palm Avenue. He supports an alternative route using Sheridan Street.

Commissioner Shrouder advised he met with the applicants and the applicants agreed to approval contingent upon if the City determined that there is a traffic issue on Palm Avenue the applicant will use Sheridan. This would also include solidifying the easement on the road.

Commissioner Meltzer asked who would determine there is a traffic issue.

Commissioner Shrouder responded the City. If there is an issue the City will utilize the Police Captain and Community Development. He advised the applicant also agreed to pay for any costs associated with a Deputy having to be deployed for traffic concerns.

Commissioner Meltzer asked what determines a traffic issue.

City Attorney Horowitz advised the item before the Commission at the moment is the rezoning petition to the extent that the Commission wanted to attach any conditions to these approvals, he suggests that it would be more appropriate as part of the site plan which will be heard afterwards, if the rezoning is ultimately passed, we would ask the applicant or the applicants Council to commit on the record that they're in agreement with those conditions, and we would incorporate them into the document that's ultimately approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Meltzer wants to address the issue with traffic on Palm Avenue.

Commissioner Shrouder said if deputies are sent to mitigate a traffic issue the applicant needs to pay the costs. The Police Captain will not dispatch unneeded resources. The City would determine if there is an issue.

City Manager Napoli asked that the criteria be as specific as possible.

Commissioner Shrouder said we can use specific language used in contract law.

Mayor Ross said he has worked with First Baptist personnel and if a problem does arise he does not want the issue raised to the level of the commission but rather a call with the Church to work out the issue.

Mayor Ross swore in Hope Calhoun.

Hope Calhoun on behalf of the applicant advised her client is prepared to accept the conditions.

Commissioner Shrouder asked City Attorney Horowitz if he believes the conditions are enforceable.

City Attorney Horowitz answered yes, if City administration, were to determine at some future moment that there was a traffic issue on Palm Avenue the City would have the option, and reasonable discretion to mandate that Sheridan, or a combination of Sheridan and Palm Avenue be used for that access. He would also like to look at the easement and include a future easement in order to address that access issue in a form that may be acceptable to the City Manager. Rather than having the need to bring that back to the Commission. The second condition as he understands is if any traffic issues were to require the City to send Broward Sheriff's Office, or it's detail out to the location, or utilize any of the city's resources to alleviate that traffic that the applicant would reimburse the City that cost. We've just heard from Miss Calhoun confirm that her client is in agreement with those two conditions.

Commissioner Pulcini said if the petitioner is willing to accommodate the City he is in support of the item.

Commissioner Green asked if the City will place resources at the school to determine issues.

Commissioner Shrouder said he does not see the need to monitor unless complaints are made.

Mayor Ross said we can determine if the traffic is related to First Baptist if it is at 4:00 PM. He does not want to monitor the school with resources.

Commissioner Meltzer wants to assure the time adjustments are included with the approval.

The applicants agreed.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak. Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Green moved to approve Ordinance 22-23. Commissioner Meltzer seconded the motion which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

## **Resolutions**

### **1.Resolution 22-40 (Community Development Department)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, GRANTING SITE PLAN APPROVAL PURSUANT TO SITE PLAN PETITION #SP 6-4-21, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A," FOR THE APPROXIMATELY .74 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 2700 N. PALM AVENUE IN COOPER CITY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Hope Calhoun, clarified that she would like the condition to include any traffic caused by First Baptist School.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak. Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shrouder moved to approve Resolution 22-40 subject to the following conditions, added as part of the approval: If the city administration determines there was a traffic issue on Palm Avenue from the First Baptist School the city would have the option to mandate that Sheridan or a combination of Sheridan and Palm Avenue be used for access to the location. Solidifying the easement as agreeable to the City Attorney, pickup time will be 4:00 PM, and if any traffic issue that were to require the city to send BSO or its traffic detail resources to the location, the applicant would

reimburse the city for that cost. Commissioner Green seconded the motion which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0) (*Commissioner Pulcini lost connection. Commissioner Pulcini voted yes after his connection was restored.*)

### 3. Resolution 22-41 (Community Development Department)

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR VARIANCE PETITION #V6-4-21, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, SUBMITTED BY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SW BROWARD FOR THE PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 2700 N. PALM AVENUE IN COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, TO DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF PARKING RATIO FROM ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO (142) SPACES TO THIRTY-THREE (33) SPACES (109 SPACE DEVIATION) FOR THE SCHOOL WITH AN OVERALL COUNT OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT (328) AS OPPOSED TO AN OVERALL COUNTY OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX SPACES (92 SPACE DEVIATION); PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Commissioner Meltzer said when he met with the Pastor they indicated there will not be concurrent use. Hope Calhoun agreed to the condition of no concurrent uses.

Commissioner Pulcini rejoined the meeting. He returned to Resolution 22-40 for a vote.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak. Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shrouder moved to approve Resolution 22- contingent upon the property not be used for both uses simultaneously. Commissioner Meltzer seconded the motion which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

### 4. Resolution 22-42 (Community Development Department)

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONDITIONAL USE PETITION #CU 6-6-21, FROM THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SW BROWARD FOR THE APPROXIMATELY .74 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 2700 N. PALM AVENUE IN COOPER CITY; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE PROPERTY FOR AN ELEMENTARY THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOL LIMITED TO TWO HUNDRED (200) STUDENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Mayor Ross advised he spoke to leadership at First Baptist regarding his concern for safety and they agreed have a member of their staff trained under the Guardian course and the training will be completed before the opening of the school.

Commissioner Shrouder said the applicant agreed to have a member of their staff trained under the Guardian course.

Hope Calhoun agreed to the conditions.

Commissioner Meltzer asked if the Captain will provide annual safety inspections and if staff would provide training.

Captain De Giovanni was sworn in by Mayor Ross and said his staff will complete safety inspections.

Mayor Ross opened the public hearing with no one wishing to speak. Mayor Ross closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shrouder moved to approve contingent upon a member of staff on premises during school hours, and allow the Cooper City Real Time Crime Center connect to their security center. Resolution 22-42. Commissioner Green seconded the motion which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

Hope Calhoun thanked the Commission for their efforts.

Commissioner Pulcini left the meeting.

Commissioner Shrouder asked to move item 17 to be heard next as there are Fire personnel online.

### **BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **5. Cooper City Financial Statements ending September 30, 2022**

CFO Kendrick advised the City has done fairly well this year in terms of financial scenario panning out as intended. The loan between the capital fund, general fund and water and sewer fund has been made and is decreasing. The ARPA funds are showing as requested using the auditor's way of accounting. The total revenue for the general fund was \$39,106,000 and expenditures were \$36,000,000. Rollovers for the general fund are near \$700,000. He also spoke on the pension payments received for 2 fiscal years due to timing. We also spent less than we anticipated for the year and brought in \$1.6 million dollars more than we expected. The Building Fund had a strong year.

Commissioner Meltzer asked if the adopted budget was posted. CFO Kendrick will assure it is posted. He was looking for the artificial turf funds being earmarked. CFO Kendrick will assure a footnote is indicated in the capital fund. Commissioner Meltzer thanked staff and his colleagues for being fiscally responsible and adding services for the residents.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Motion to Approve**

6. Motion to Approve awarding of RFP 2022-3-PW/Citywide Landscaping Services. - **Public Works**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shrouder moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Green seconded the motion which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (4-0)

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **7. Motion to approve an agreement with TRANE U.S. Inc. to replace an existing 40-Ton split Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System of like-size and capacity at the Cooper City/BSO Police station utilizing the OMNIA Partners Contract #15-JLP-023 - Public Works**

Commissioner Green asked Public Works Director Good if he satisfied with the item

Public Works Director Tom Good answered yes they are satisfied with the roof option.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shrouder moved to approve the Air Conditioning (HVAC) System to be placed on the roof and an agreement with TRANE U.S. Inc. to replace an existing 40-Ton split Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System of like-size and capacity at the Cooper City/BSO Police station

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**8. Discussion and possible action on modifying the procurement code to allow Informal Quotation Requests as an additional method of competitive bidding. – Commissioner Shrouder**

Commissioner Shrouder said the current procurement code has a discrepancy it references a \$20,000 threshold and a stage three. Also he would like to find a way to expedite items. This modification allows Procurement to quick bid. He asked staff for a survey of what other use as a threshold for amounts.

City Manager Napoli will bring forth staff recommendations.

**9. Discussion on the Significant Notification Policy – Commissioner Shrouder**

Commissioner Shrouder would like the City Manager to produce a notification plan for review.

City Manager Napoli will bring forth staff recommendations.

**REGULAR RESOLUTIONS**

**10. Resolution 22-38 - (Parks and Recreation)**

City Attorney Horowitz read “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE YEAR 48 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AGREEMENT FOR THE SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BETWEEN THE CITY AND BROWARD COUNTY, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A” AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE” by title.

Commissioner Shrouder asked if the County will cover the senior bus utilizing the surtax penny program. Recreation Director Stacie Weiss will look into the option with the County.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shrouder moved to approve Resolution 22-38. Commissioner Green seconded the motion which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (4-0)

**11. Resolution 22-39 (Administration)**

City Attorney Horowitz read “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR POLICE SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AND GREGORY TONY, AS SHERIFF OF BROWARD COUNTY, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A” AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE” by title.

Commissioner Shrouder said this is a testament of the Commissions ability to work with BSO.

Commissioner Meltzer asked Captain De Giovanni when this position will be staffed. Captain De Giovanni answered January.

Commissioner Green asked if this will funded using ARPA funds. City Manager Napoli answered it is budgeted.

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12. **Resolution 22-43 (Utilities)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE CITY'S MANUAL OF ENGINEERING STANDARDS ("MANUAL"), ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A," IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 19-147 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING THE MANUAL TO ESTABLISH A REAR YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENT OF FIVE (5) FEET AND A SIDE YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENT OF THREE (3) FEET FOR PAVER AND CONCRETE DECKING, AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "B;" PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shrouder moved to approve Resolution 22-43. Commissioner Meltzer seconded the motion which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (4-0)

13. **Resolution 22-44 (Finance)**

City Attorney Horowitz read "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE MATURITY DATE ON THE NOTE ISSUED FOR AN EMERGENCY LINE OF CREDIT REVOLVING LOAN; FINDING THAT EXTENSION OF THE MATURITY DATE IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2258(1) OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Commissioner Shrouder does not believe we need the line of credit at the current time.

Commissioner Meltzer answered it is always good to have a safety net.

CFO Kendrick said we have to draw \$50,000 to assure we receive tax exempt status. Then the City would pay the funds back. He also explained the cost of around \$12,000 a year.

Mayor Ross asked City Manager Napoli his recommendation. City Manager Napoli said there will always be a storm possibility as we live in Florida. He believes it will be prudent to have the emergency line of credit.

Commissioner Shrouder asked the amount for a line of credit that is not dedicated for a specific use. CFO Kendrick will gather the information.

City Attorney Horowitz read a letter from Commissioner Pulcini into the record that states he believes it may not be prudent to renew the line of credit as we are in a healthier financial state.

CFO Kendrick advised this is not a budgeted item and explained the process of payment.

Commissioner Meltzer said we may want to look into different lines of credit that can be utilized for capital projects.



**MOTION:** Commissioner Meltzer moved to approve Resolution 22-44. Commissioner Green seconded the motion which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (4-0)

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

#### 14. Budget Transfer Notification

City Manager Napoli advised of a budget transfer for sulfuric acid due to price increases.

Commissioner Meltzer asked the percentage increase. City Manager Napoli said 20 to 25 percent increase. Commissioner Meltzer asked if we anticipated inflation enough this year. City Manager Napoli said we did budget for increases.

Commissioner Shrouder said we need to assure our studies are up to date to assure we are not mixing funds. He also spoke on the Assistant Utilities Director position and acquiring an experienced individual and raising the salary if needed.

City Manager Napoli also advised there will be a Public Input Meeting for the CSLip application scheduled on November 1, 2022 at 5:30 PM in the City Hall Chambers. There is also a Zoom at Noon session on Wednesday October 26. He also thanked CFO Kendrick for covering in his absence and he thanked staff for Taste of the City and the Wellness Fair.

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Horowitz advised there will be Collective Bargaining Session in the City Hall Chambers on Wednesday October 26, 2022 at 1:30 PM.

### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

#### 15. Police Chief Report – BSO

Chief De Giovanni advised the recent Code Sweep resulted in 89 citations for various code violations. He also thanked the Commission on the contract amendment approval today. He also thanked the Commission for attending the Clergy Appreciation Brunch. He also advised his 2 year anniversary was just reached and he thanked City Manager Napoli, staff and the Commission.

Commissioner Shrouder spoke on an incident where District 16 was notified that a group of individuals were targeting Honda vehicles in Rock Creek and the team offered trackers for all Honda vehicle's in Rock Creek. He spoke on the proactivity of District 16. The level of service is tremendous and he thanked Captain De Giovanni and his team. He also spoke on Code Enforcement and the appreciation he has for the team. He would like the City to better advertise the code sweeps and the process of citations.

Commissioner Meltzer said we need to have an educational plan.

Commissioner Shrouder said the Commission can release a flyer with their beautification initiative to help advise the residents.

City Manager Napoli advised the City can look at more educational routes.

Mayor Ross suggested Code can use verbal warnings to help reduce resident concerns.

### **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

**16. Fire Chief Report - BSO Fire**

Chief Harrington advised the fire report listed the type of calls the department ran.. October is Fire Prevention Month and the life safety educators are visiting all local schools to provide fire safety messages. Fire Prevention Week is in observance of the great Chicago Fire. The staff is currently going through life scan physicals. The new MDT unit installations should be finished at the end of the month. Mayor Ross asked about the delay with the program. Mayor Ross asked Chief Harrington to use a graph in his report.

Commissioner Shrouder asked if we can use the truck that was at the station recently.

Chief Harrington also spoke on the CERT members being deployed to North Florida.

Mayor Ross asked if Miami CERT was asked at the same time to deploy up North as Fort Lauderdale CERT and for Chief to obtain the information.

**COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS/REPORTS/ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT AGENDA****17. Discussion on the Fire Incident in Cooper City - Commissioner Shrouder**

This item was heard after the Land Development items.

Commissioner Shrouder advised he met with Chief O'Keefe, City Manager Napoli and Fire Chief Harrington and he believes BSO could have done a better job of communicating because it lead to misinformation. His concern was with the personnel that woke up and did not alert the other officer. As he does not believe anything was done maliciously he believes personnel does need counseled and a new policy should be instituted. However, he believes communication was the major issue. He employs the Sheriff's Office to council the firefighters to use better judgement. He spoke to many individuals who view the Lieutenant in high regards.

Commissioner Green advised he spoke to Chief O'Keefe and the personnel at Fire, he has to trust and believe they are doing all they can to assure this doesn't happen again. Working for a law enforcement agency himself he does not know what the proper response is.

Commissioner Meltzer asked Chief Harrington about the pager system and if testing was done one the pagers in questions. Chief Harrington said he will check with the company and advised all pagers were replaced. He also said buildings can interrupt signals.

Commissioner Shrouder said if signal issues are occurring they can install a repeater.

Mayor Ross said he has never seen a request for a repeater stating signal issues where occurring. He also advised there are 3 alarms in place to alert the personnel.

Commissioner Shrouder advised the radio is turned off after a certain time.

Mayor Ross said the alarm should have never been lowered. He advised the lack of communication leads to questions. Information provided was hearsay. He asked for written statements from the personnel at the station during the time of the incident. The personnel should have located the Lieutenant who was missing. He also said he learned of the incident via a news outlet. He advised the replication of all the technology at the station indicated they were working. He also read an anonymous letter he received speaking of the incident and calling it a human error and indicating a lieutenant has a history of being late to calls. Chief Harrington said they did check the history of the individual and his response times where within normal response limits. Mayor Ross asked for that

information. Mayor Ross stated that information should have been completed during the original investigation. He asked why he does not have the information he requested. Chief Harrington said any information completed was sent to the Commission. Mayor Ross asked why is still waiting to receive the interview with the personnel at the station. Chief Harrington will follow up with Chief O'Keefe. Mayor Ross asked that this item be placed on the next agenda for follow up.

Commissioner Meltzer respects all personnel and understands it is a fatiguing job. He would like to look at a different shift options to assure all personnel are ready to move at a moments notice. He would like to add this to a future agenda as well.

Commissioner Shrouder said anonymous letters could be potentially geared at disparaging someone. However, he does hope the issue in the letter was looked into. Commissioner Shrouder said everyone he spoke to said the individual in question is a phenomenal worker. But he does have concern with the personnel who didn't go to see why the Lieutenant didn't report for the call. Commissioner Shrouder said the major issue is communication. He also said if there is any technology or device BSO needs to please let the City know to assure we are doing all we can to help response times.

City Manager Napoli said there are two major issues. One, is to assure this never happens again. The night shift tones are on daytime level, the muster has been put into place as a formal policy and training is being done on that. Pagers have all been replaced and tests will be done on the repeater to assure there are no issues. The County will also look at alert time. He also spoke to them about narrowing calls on the radios.

Commissioner Shrouder said he believes when a call comes in the radio should be turned on immediately.

Commissioner Green congratulated Captain De Giovanni on his 2 year anniversary with the City as he is a tremendous asset. He also thanked Captain De Giovanni for the Clergy Brunch. He thanked Community Development Director Carlos Vega and staff for the Taste of Cooper City. He also thanked CFO Kendrick for his work during Mr. Napoli's absence.

Commissioner Meltzer thanked CFO Kendrick for his efforts in City Mangers Napoli's absence. He thanked Recreation for the Health Expo and Community Development Director Carlos Vega and staff for the Taste of Cooper City.

Commissioner Shrouder thanked Community Development Director Carlos Vega and staff for the Taste of Cooper City. He also thanked Captain De Giovanni and said all departments are doing a great job in the City.

Mayor Ross said ditto to all the compliments. He also said he looks forward to the Fire Chief's 2 years. He thanked Captain De Giovanni for all he does for the City and thanked all the Directors for all their great work under the City Managers leadership.

#### **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES)**

No additional public comments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM.

The minutes of the City Commission Meeting of October 25, 2022 were approved during the Regular City Commission Meeting of November 15, 2022.

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Greg Ross, Mayor

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Tedra Allen, City Clerk

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#### ADA NOTICE

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

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#### DECORUM

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

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

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