



CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL RECOGNITION MEETING
Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 5:30 PM
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 5:30 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Shrouder, Green and Mayor Ross.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 MINUTES)

None.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Mayor Ross read a proclamation declaring October 23-29, 2022 Childhood Cancer Awareness Week.
2. Mayor Ross read a proclamation declaring October 23-21, 2022 Red Ribbon Week.
3. Yard of the Month was presented to Carl & Sandra Callahan. Our community partner Florida Nursery Mart donated a \$50.00 gift certificate to the Callahan's.
4. William Jones from the Peal Group was presented with an Outstanding Community Service along with Sean Jones, Vayder Kasper and Jay Waldon. Mr. Jones helped many residents after a tornado hit Cooper City.
5. Dannette Salazar Legaspi was presented with the Community Service Award for rendering critical aid to a fellow driver.
6. BSO Deputy Rick Hodgson was recognized with a Certificate of Outstanding Service for his sacrifice and dedication as a Deputy within the City.
7. The Green Advisory Board was recognized with a Certificate of Congratulations for achieving the City's sixth straight active National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

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

Greg Ross, Mayor

Tedra Allen, City Clerk

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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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Cooper City Hall: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, actually good evening.

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Cooper City Hall: This is the City Commission Special Recognition meeting. It is now five, thirty-six we've got a quorum, and i'll ask you to please join me in the pledge of allegiance.

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Cooper City Hall: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, One nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. Thank you may have a roll call, please.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Shrouded Commissioner milk, sir.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Puccini,

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Green,

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Cooper City Hall: uh Commissioner Melcher is over at the Uh. Early voting polls.

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Cooper City Hall: So I think next year, and I'm going to ask city manager. Actually not next year in two years, when we have early voting. If we can not have a conflict and do this a little later. That's a good idea. I thought so. So, having said, We always like having as many Commissioners up here. Having said that, may We've got the roll call,

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Cooper City Hall: and we have recognize anyone for public comments at this meeting.

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Cooper City Hall: I know on a virtual

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, Then we're into recognition, and if the Commission would please join me down at the podium.

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Cooper City Hall: Oh, it's on! Look at that.

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Cooper City Hall: We've got our first proclamation, which is the childhood cancer awareness week, and the proclamation declares October twenty third through the twenty ninth as childhood cancer awareness week in Cooper City,

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Cooper City Hall: and this proclamation will be forwarded to the Kids cancer connection by a male. Once I read this into the record,

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Cooper City Hall: whereas the American cancer fund for children and kids cancer connection report cancer is a leading cause of death by disease among us children between infancy and age fifteen. This tragic disease is detected in more than sixteen thousand of our country's young people each and every year,

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Cooper City Hall: and we're as founded over twenty years ago by Steven Farstein, a member of the Philippines. Philip,

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Cooper City Hall: Try that again by the fill in tropic

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Cooper City Hall: Max Factor family. The American Cancer fund for children, ink and the kids cancer connection ink are dedicated to helping these children and their families, and whereas the American cancer fund for children and Kids cancer Connection also sponsor courageous kids, connection, award presentations and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer. Now, therefore, I, Greg Rossmayer, City of Cooper

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Cooper City Hall: City, Brown County, State of Florida, and the city Commission do Hereby proclaim October twenty third three The twenty-nine is childhood cancer, awareness week, signed by me as mayor on behalf of the Commission, and I will ask that that be

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given to them

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by us mail.

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Cooper City Hall: We've got the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation to declare in the week of October twenty third, through the thirty first as Red ribbon week, and accepting the proclamation in person Is Melissa Sour? Is she here?

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Cooper City Hall: Not yet.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: Drug Demand reduction officer with the Pfc. Bruce W. Carter Medal of Honor Young Marines program. And what i'm going to do is hold off on doing this one, and see if she shows up, and then we'll read it.

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Cooper City Hall: This is in Commissioner Max Pulcini's district, and this is yard of the month of November twenty second.

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Cooper City Hall: However, before we announce the yard of the month winter, we wish to thank our community partner, Florida nursery mark for the generous contribution of a gift certificate of fifty dollars to be presented to the winning homeowner, and I do have gift certificate right there,

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Cooper City Hall: and they're located right here on Griffin Road and about a hundred and Ninth Avenue

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Cooper City Hall: tonight. We're pleased to announce the yard of the month of November

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Cooper City Hall: key criteria includes a manicured yard. Beautification, originality, and creativity. The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves for that of a professional landscaper or groundskeeper.

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Cooper City Hall: This month's proud recipients reside in commission of Max Pulcini's district number one. So please join me in congratulating Mr. And Mrs. Carl and Sandy Callahan. Are they here?

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, we're going to make sure that this gets to them. And just as you can see up there,

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Cooper City Hall: they really do a heck of a job in keeping Cooper City some place special.

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Cooper City Hall: We've got a certificate of outstanding community service, the Pearl realty group. Are they here?

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Cooper City Hall: Come on up

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how you doing.

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Cooper City Hall: It is with great pleasure that I recognize William Jones, of the Pearl Royalty Group along with his son Shawn Jones is good friend, Vader Casper and Will's friend, Jay Walden, for their continuous service to the Cooper City community.

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Cooper City Hall: There have been numerous instances where Will was called upon to lend a helping hand to our most vulnerable population.

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Cooper City Hall: Recently Will was contacted to help us. This two sisters that owned a large bougainvillea that had been planted in front in their front porch that as a result of high winds, it was leaning and encroaching on this screen patio enclosure.

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Cooper City Hall: We'll agree to meet Executive Assistant to the Commission, Marshall morn at the residents, and after assessing that the work would be needed, Will made the plans to go the very next day to complete the task.

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Cooper City Hall: Another example took place during the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, As many of you know, Cooper City suffered direct hits by several tornadoes. One of those struck the property of the family that resides in royal palm ranches. Six huge trees came down in the property, along with a huge amount of smaller branches.

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Cooper City Hall: Although this may be something that other families can absorb on their own. The father of five small young children is currently dealing with this very serious medical issues, stage for brain cancer.

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Cooper City Hall: This is what the wife emailed

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Cooper City Hall: Marshall more, and our assistant as follows: and i'll read it.

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Cooper City Hall: I just met will thank you ever so much for sending him. Our entire neighborhood was hit by the tornadoes at Sharp Cooper City. We have huge trees down. I lost three fruit trees, thankfully. Structures were okay. I walked around showing,

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and then we will in my day

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and the

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um,

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hey?

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, you want to?

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Yeah,

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Cooper City Hall: I look at it.

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Cooper City Hall: You know where it went?

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Cooper City Hall: Is Danette Salazar legacy Here, Come on up, please.

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Cooper City Hall: How are you doing?

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Cooper City Hall: On Thursday September twenty ninth, twenty-two, the so deputies came upon the scene of a driver who suffered an apparent user behind

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Cooper City Hall: the car. While driving, the driver was stopped on northbound Palm Avenue at Sheron Street, when due to the Caesar, transverse the intersection, and her vehicle came to rest after striking a traffic control sign on the northeast corner at a low speed,

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Cooper City Hall: Missile Gaspy, a registered nurse, observed the driver, convulsing, and immediately recognized. She was suffering a seizure and administered medical intervention immediately until by rescue arrived

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Cooper City Hall: while seizures generally are not life-threatening. They can be especially without any medical assistance. Visual Gaspy's was a good Samaritan, who rendered critical aid to the driver She was thoughtful and selfless to act when many others would have just kept driving, and not suffered the inconvenience in their schedule,

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Cooper City Hall: Her kindness and compassion help others, and her care and ability shown in this case reminds us of the importance every person plays in our community as well as in public safety. This legacy is not a Cooper City resident yet.

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Cooper City Hall: Yet

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Cooper City Hall: that's okay. We We know you can move it to Cooper City anytime you like, but you did render aid to a Cooper City Resident, and we applaud and thank you for your life saving efforts. And in regards to that we've got a certificate of community service award. It is a certificate of appreciation presented to the net sales, our legacy in recognition of the thoughtful and selfless active kindness the actions you took. Thursday, September twenty ninth two thousand and twenty-two served as an integral part

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Cooper City Hall: in helping Bso. Cooper, City district and rendering critical aid to a motorist who suffered a seizure while driving the Cooper City Commission. Thanks you for your selfless effort of kindness, signed by means, Mayor, on behalf of the Commission. I want to say,

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Oh, good morning.

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Okay,

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00:15:08.590 --> 00:15:10.609

Cooper City Hall: yeah, this one Um.

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Cooper City Hall: So one is near and dear to me. So tonight we have a certificate of outstanding public surface to be so deputy. Rick Hodgson

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Cooper City Hall: is with great pleasure I recognize Deputy Hodgson for his continuous service to the Kuberbetes Community Deputy Ricochet began his career as a cooper city community service a one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine, and became a law Enforcement officer in two thousand and one after completing his duties with the National Guard, and he says, Rhode Island. Sometimes we think it's Canada.

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Cooper City Hall: Throughout his career he has been recognized for stop, fullness, and desire to assist and offer comfort to those who interact with him. He has been recognized as the employee of month on several occasions in his career, from the recovery of a stolen bicycle, apprehending a burglary suspect to the intervention of a suicide attempt?

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Cooper City Hall: Um! Those around him by pouring his experience, education, and time into those interactions uh daily. This is evident

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Cooper City Hall: evident with the career path of Deputy Deputy Hodgson, for example, Deputy Hodgson has worked as a field training officer, helped to teach and train the next generation of law enforcement officers in Cooper City. In addition, he's also acted as a mentor in his capacity to school resource deputy at Creepy City elementary as well as his direct involvement with the sheriff's explore program

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Cooper City Hall: in both roles. He has furthered his commitment to act as a positive role model by forming strong relationships with students and participants, helping to teach them how to become productive citizens. Through his efforts he has instilled a strong sense of character. Um, formation, physical fitness, pride and patriotism and the young children.

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Cooper City Hall: Another example is seen in deputy reconnaissance, voluntary certification as a Rad Kids instructor, which is designated to teach children the importance of replacing fear with knowledge, skill, and power, by enhancing a child's critical thinking abilities, and physical resistance; skills providing the opportunity for children to recognize, avoiding, resist, if necessary, and escape violence or harm while remaining joyful and safer in our world. Today,

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Cooper City Hall: recently, when a former Kubernetes law enforcement sergeant passed away, Deputy Hodgson Hudson selfishly agreed at a Moment's notice, to rearrange his personal life in order to travel north

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Cooper City Hall: um to honor, to deceased and provide comfort for the Morning family Deputy Hodgson's presence reflected well on the city of Cooper City and its law Enforcement team. The family was overwhelmed with thankfulness for the city sacrifice and support which was so evident in professionalism present by Deputy Hodgson.

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Cooper City Hall: All in all deputy. Hodgson understands that sacrifice and dedication required to faithfully serve the community and country which is clear through his choice and career path, his work ethic and his daily actions. The City Cooper City is proud of Bs. Of Deputy Hodgson a special person, and truly deserving of this recognition.

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Cooper City Hall: So um I don't. I actually didn't know this was coming tonight, but now that this is a great opportunity. I have known Deputy Hodgson since I was a one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine, probably eleven years old

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Cooper City Hall: and He was one of my explorer advisors, too. So this is a a great gentleman. We're We're very lucky in Cooper City, even though we contract with the sheriff's office. We have

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Cooper City Hall: the same law enforcement officers protecting our community, interacting with our children from the time I was young. So now, my children around school for I mean years, and and that's what really what makes Kubernetes someplace special. So um i'm sure the list here is not even

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Cooper City Hall: I. I know it's nowhere near exhaustive of everything. That uh Deputy Hodgson has done, and and his wife Stacy as well. These two were the uh Brainchild of the recent um Santa delivery letters that the police explorers started last year where the children were able to write letters uh drop them off at the police station and Santa's mailbox, and they would get delivered to the North Pole,

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Cooper City Hall: and then within uh, during the holiday season, Santa came by, visited the children with the police officers and the firefighter, so it's um! It. It's

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Cooper City Hall: to almost three decades of reaching out and and adding to our community. And for that we're thankful. And today we honor jeopardy records, and

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00:19:28.970 --> 00:19:33.389

Cooper City Hall: thank you definitely not necessary. But I am grateful.

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Cooper City Hall: Twenty-three years in Cooper City, and it's It's been It's been a It's been a great ride, and like Commissioner Sharad was saying. I've known him. I watched him grow. I watched him make bad choices, and then I watched him make right choices and then become the fine man that he is today,

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Cooper City Hall: Mayor Ross I've known for twenty years. I mean we've

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Cooper City Hall: one against each other in in the courthouse, and it's

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Green. He actually

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Cooper City Hall: arrived on scene when my son blew his engine one day in the Embassy lake shop and plaza, and he was there, luckily for my son, because he would probably would have uh things would have been different for him, the outcome. But the point i'm making is being in Cooper City, and the hometown. Failing, you just

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Cooper City Hall: develop a family with whether it's an elected official. If it's a business owner. If it's just a residence, it's it's just an awesome place to be, and i'm I'm grateful for everybody, and I thank you

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Cooper City Hall: all right.

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Cooper City Hall: Oh, good evening, everybody. Hope you're doing well today. Um! I have the pleasure of uh serving alongside Deputy Hodgson, Deputy Hodgson is actually assigned to the school right next to us. Currently, Cooper, today. I mentioned as our school resource officer.

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Cooper City Hall: Um, he does a tremendous job there. You can see it anytime that you walk in the hallways or go attend an event with him, because you can see the kids light up, the teachers light up when he's around.

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Cooper City Hall: He's always trying to find ways to get the community involved with the school. The school involved with the community. I'm asking, and recently may you might not know, but he spearheaded, getting the Pta and the team there to raise uh almost three thousand dollars in funds to make a safety improvement, to keep our kids safer, because he was just taking the extra initiative, not just trying to go to work and do his job and collect the paycheck, but actually trying to make a difference in the lives of the children,

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Cooper City Hall: make a difference in the safety of the school, and he's been doing that consistently for nearly three decades. A life of service, a life of sacrifice. So, like many of you, they've been honored today. He also has served and sacrificed, and we're so proud to have him on our team leading not only our school children, but also in many ways that he volunteers alongside with his wife, with the pores, and so forth. So thank you for honoring him. Today

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Cooper City Hall: we have a certificate of congratulations, and if we have the Green Advisory Board, would everyone please come on off?

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Cooper City Hall: All the advisory boards are important to the City Commission, but this one has exceeded, and I'll explain for achieving our city's sixth straight designation as an active community, wildlife, habitat within the National Wildlife Federation's Garden for Wildlife program

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Cooper City Hall: congratulations to the Green Advisory Board and our public works team, which helps support many of the Board's initiatives,

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Cooper City Hall: and we have a certificate of congratulations presented to the Green Advisory Board City, which is to express our gratitude for commitment towards achieving our city's sixth designation as an active community, Wildlife habitat with the national Wildlife federations garden for wildlife program signed by me on behalf of the commission dated today, and I've got to tell you it's not an easy task,

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Cooper City Hall: but you were up for it, and I thank you very much.

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Cooper City Hall: This is just ticket, please.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, thank you for the certificate. Um. What we did is very simple. We have the support of the Mayor of the Commission, and the residents make it very easy to achieve this uh award of the National Wildlife Federation. Thank you.

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Thank you very much.

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Cooper City Hall: I just want to read into the record on behalf of most of the hour,

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Cooper City Hall: the following proclamation: whereas communities across America have been plagued by numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and those that traffic in them. And whereas governments and community leaders know that citizen support is one of the most effective tools in the effort to reduce the use of illicit drugs in our community, whereas a red ribbon campaign was established by Congress in one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight to encourage a drug, free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts.

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00:26:05.310 --> 00:26:24.020

Cooper City Hall: And Now, therefore, I, Greg Ross, Mayor City City City Brow County State of Florida and City Commission, do here by proclaim October twenty-three through thirty-first is Red Ribbon week, and i've signed this with the great Seal city of Cooper City. Today's date on behalf of the Commission, and this will be presented to her. So again thank you for her efforts,

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Cooper City Hall: and I thank everyone for attending. We're going to start our commission meeting in thirty minutes. Thank you.