



**CITY OF COOPER CITY**  
**1ST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**  
Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 5:01 PM  
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

## MINUTES

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Curran opened the meeting at 5:01 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

### ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Smith, Mallozzi, Katzman, Shrouder, and Mayor Curran.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### FINANCIAL MATTERS – PUBLIC HEARINGS | *Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget and Taxes*

##### 1. **Resolution 25-57 (Finance)**

City Attorney Horowitz read by title” A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY ADOPTING A PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 5.845 FOR GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AND SETTING FORTH THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO FORMALLY ADOPT THE FY 2025-2026 MILLAGE RATE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE” by title.

City Attorney Horowitz stated that the proposed millage rate of 5.8450 for the general fund budget represents a 6.89% increase over the rollback rate of 5.4683. The statute requires a public announcement.

Mayor Curran opened the public hearing, but no one wished to speak. He then closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Shrouder inquired whether the proposed millage rate is lower than the previous year's. City Manager Rey confirmed it is, with a reduction of .01% from last year, reflecting a consistent trend of declining millage rates in recent years.

Commissioner Katzman fully supports lowering the millage.

Commissioner Mallozzi fully supports lowering the millage.

Mayor Curran fully supports lowering the millage.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Smith moved to adopt Resolution 25-57. Commissioner Shrouder seconded the motion, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

##### 2. **Resolution No. 25-58 (Finance)**

City Attorney Horowitz read by title” A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025

AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A;" DETERMINING AND FIXING THE AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO CARRY ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR; DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF APPLICABLE FUNDS ON HAND; ESTIMATING RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR ALL FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Mayor Curran opened the public hearing, but no one wished to speak. He then closed the public hearing.

City Manager Rey stated that the staff report in the backup details the changes to the budget since the July Budget Workshop.

Commissioner Smith requested that CFO Irwin Williams discuss the revisions.

City Manager Rey reported that the police budget figures remain the same. He met with BSO command staff this morning, and the primary concern is the cap on year two of the agreement. BSO offered some additional language, which moves us closer to a solution, but he has a follow-up call tomorrow morning with Colonel Llerena. BSO has agreed to cover overtime costs for Founders Day, National Night Out, and Light Up Cooper City, resulting in a savings of approximately \$60,000 to \$70,000. He also added language that strengthens the City's position in the event that we need to separate from BSO. This includes acknowledgment of the payments made by the City toward the purchase of new vehicles. He is also incorporating the regular maintenance of both public safety buildings under the City. The goal is to have the agreements ready by September 25th.

Commissioner Mallozzi reported that she had spoken with the Town of Davie's City Manager, who stated that BSO did not charge the Town for services related to their special events. City Manager Rey said the Town of Davie also has its local officers working at events. Commissioner Mallozzi wants to ensure that a legal contract is in place regarding the vehicles the City is paying for and has purchased. She inquired about the increases and caps. City Manager Rey explained that the number for year one is 9%, while for years three, four, and five, it is 5%. The year two figure is still under negotiation, but he believes it will be between 9% and 10%. Commissioner Mallozzi questioned why BSO has not used the funds from the annual increases in the past to address salaries. She clarified that she is not opposed to raises for personnel, but she has concerns about whether the allocated funds for wages will be utilized. City Manager Rey stated that staffing levels in the contracts need to be supplied; otherwise, a vacancy credit will be given to the City.

Commissioner Smith proposed a special meeting or workshop to review concerns before finalizing the contract.

Commissioner Mallozzi made a motion to hold a workshop on the BSO contract. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Commissioner Katzman suggested the Commission meet with the City Manager to address concerns.

Commissioner Shrouder explained that the County allocates general fund dollars differently from how it funds 911, which is through a contract. There are many details involved.

Commissioner Smith offered a friendly amendment to hold a special commission meeting instead of a workshop.

Commissioner Shrouder wants to make sure BSO staff can attend the meeting.

Commissioner Smith mentioned that a Public Safety Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for September 16th, and it would be helpful to include the board in the discussion.

Commissioner Mallozzi withdrew the motion.

A consensus was reached to hold a special commission meeting on September 16, 2025.

CFO Irwin Williams stated that an additional appropriation of \$154,585 from the General Fund balance was made. This covers costs related to creating the Innovation and Community Engagement Department and adds overtime funds for Code Enforcement. There was no change in the overall budget, but \$370,000 was saved by switching to Florida Blue for health insurance. This amount was added to a contingency fund for future health care expenses, with \$250,000 allocated for a new HSA account. There were also extra savings in other funds through the transition to Florida Blue. The Fire Department's budget decreased by \$487,000; however, a decrease in revenue offsets this amount.

Commissioner Katzman asked whether the fire assessment rate is decreasing. CFO Irwin said the cost to residents has decreased from the initial rate.

CFO Williams explained that the Stirling Road Project experienced a revenue decrease of \$323,000 to align with the total budgeted construction costs. The Headworks Project was deferred to future years to ensure funding through 2028.

Commissioner Mallozzi inquired about the Hiatus Road Roundabout and the potential cost savings of a smaller roundabout. City Manager Rey stated that a Town Hall is scheduled for August 18th to gather community feedback. Afterward, the Commission will discuss the available options.

Mayor Curran inquired about the extra \$1,500 added to the Education Advisory Board budget for the Civics Program. City Manager Rey stated that the additional \$1,500 can be taken from contingency or fund balance.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Mallozzi moved to allocate an additional \$1,500 from contingency funds to the Education Advisory Board for the Civics Program. Commissioner Katzman seconded the motion, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

Mayor Curran inquired about the volleyball courts at the Pool and Tennis Center and the brick pavers near the pool. City Manager Rey said the pavers are budgeted at \$50,000, but the quotes came in well below that amount. Mayor Curran mentioned that the pavers had lifted in the past, and he wants to ensure it does not happen again. Assistant Park and Recreation Director Josh Rhodes stated that \$40,000 is allocated to the courts.

Commissioner Smith stated that the excess funds for pavers can be redirected to the courts.

Commissioner Katzman stated that, as discussed previously, he does not believe we should spend \$9,000 on printing and \$15,000 on postage for the Quarterly Newsletters. He would support placing newsletters within our facilities, but he noted that mailing typically results in outdated newsletters.

Commissioner Shrouder agrees that we should stop mailing the newsletter.

Commissioner Mallozzi proposed adding items to the website where residents go to pay their water bills.

Commissioner Katzman inquired about the 5-year plan for public art budgeted at \$1 million.

Mayor Curran stated that it's time to begin the beautification process with art installations.

Commissioner Katzman said that while he supports the arts, the City can seek grants or donations.

Commissioner Smith inquired about the budgeted amount. City Manager Rey explained that public art was part of the beautification plan adopted earlier this year, but the funds are allocated for 2028. Commissioner Smith said he agrees with both Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Katzman, but they can decide where and when to allocate the funds at a later time.

Commissioner Katzman explained that the Broward League of Cities provided a grant with a 50% match last year. He considers the amount to be quite substantial.

Commissioner Shrouder requested that the line be renamed.

Commissioner Mallozzi discussed the fire hydrant art project and the positive feedback she receives. She wants to invite artists to create murals in our City plazas.

Mayor Curran opened the public hearing, but no one wished to speak. He then closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Smith moved to adopt Resolution 25-58. Commissioner Shrouder seconded the motion, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

#### **COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS / REPORTS**

Commissioner Mallozzi stated that she had received several complaints regarding the time of the Fire Assessment Hearing.

CFO Williams explained that pursuant to Florida law, the public hearing on all non-ad valorem assessments, such as the fire assessment, must occur no later than September 15. Cities, such as Cooper City, that utilize the Property Appraiser's TRIM notice for notification purposes, are not able to conduct this hearing before September 12, 2025.

Commissioner Shrouder requested that the deadline requirements be added to the agenda.

#### **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES)**

No additional comments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

The minutes of the First Public Budget Hearing held on September 11, 2025, were approved during the regular Commission meeting held on October 28, 2025.

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Mayor James Curran

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Tedra Allen, City Clerk

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00:00:00.120 --> 00:00:02.130

Cooper City Hall: Welcome to the September 11th.

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Cooper City Hall: Welcome to the September 11th first budget workshop hearing. Can we have the Pledge of Allegiance, please?

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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.

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00:00:25.950 --> 00:00:27.410

Cooper City Hall: We have roll call, please?

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00:00:29.500 --> 00:00:37.110

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith? Here. Commissioner Malozzi? Here.  
Commissioner Capstman? Here. Commissioner Troutner? Here. Mayor Curran? Here.

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00:00:37.390 --> 00:00:40.619

Cooper City Hall: Mr. City Manager, is there any changes?

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Cooper City Hall: Or emergencies to the agenda tonight? No, sir. I would like to take a moment of silence right now, if we could.

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00:00:47.890 --> 00:00:52.590

Cooper City Hall: For recognition of the 9-11 that happened 24 years ago today.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you. Mr. City Manager, I'm going to turn it over to you.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, thank you, Mayor. If I may, just as a matter for the record to read the resolutions into the record. We're here this evening pursuant to Chapter 200, that's Section 200.065 of the Florida Statutes for the first of two public hearings on first-term millage rate, followed by the budget.

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00:01:41.390 --> 00:01:53.289

Cooper City Hall: For the record, the first item is Resolution 25-57, a resolution of the City Commission, the City of Cooper City, Florida, adopting a proposed millage rate of 5.845

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Cooper City Hall: For the general operating budget purposes for fiscal year 2025-26, providing for the establishment of and setting forth the date, time, and location of public hearings to formally adopt the fiscal year 2025-2026 millage rate.

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00:02:05.800 --> 00:02:14.640

Cooper City Hall: Fighting for conflicts, severability, fighting for an effective date, and if I could just state for the record, the proposed millage rate of 5.8450 for the general fund budget

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00:02:14.650 --> 00:02:23.709

Cooper City Hall: is a 6.89% increase over the rollback rate of 5.4683. That public announcement is required by the statute. Thank you, Mayor. I'll turn it over to the manager.

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00:02:24.520 --> 00:02:43.679

Cooper City Hall: I guess the next step is, is open the public hearing, because these are both public hearings. My suggestion, Mr. Mayor, is that while we have... after the public hearing, while we have discussion, we can discuss both items at the same time. We just need to vote on the millage first, and then we'll have to vote on the budget. Fine.

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00:02:46.270 --> 00:02:52.740

Cooper City Hall: Anybody in the public wanting to speak? Anybody calling in? Wanting to speak?



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00:02:53.470 --> 00:02:56.909

Cooper City Hall: That's okay, because if they come in late, I'll still let them speak.

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00:02:57.060 --> 00:02:59.060

Cooper City Hall: That being said.

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00:02:59.460 --> 00:03:05.550

Cooper City Hall: Got a discussion up here on it, or how you guys want to just call a motion and, you know, let's get it through. Motion? I'll make a motion.

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00:03:05.850 --> 00:03:10.059

Cooper City Hall: Second. I'll second the motion. Is this the motion for millage? Yes.

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00:03:11.650 --> 00:03:21.240

Cooper City Hall: Call the vote. Well, hold on. Discussion on the motion? Okay, I have none, so I can yield my time to the second.

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00:03:21.530 --> 00:03:26.690

Cooper City Hall: Mr. Manager, I just wanna, so this, the rate is lower?

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00:03:27.810 --> 00:03:46.750

Cooper City Hall: In the last year's? Yes, sir, the, the rate is 0.01% lower than the, the military rate that the city had last year, and it's a continuation of the reduction for the... that the city has continued... had for the last several years to have lower military rates every year. Thank you.

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00:03:49.130 --> 00:03:50.350

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Katzmann?

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00:03:51.470 --> 00:03:53.630

Cooper City Hall: I support lowering the millage, thank you.

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00:03:54.050 --> 00:03:59.459

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Malosi. I also support lowering the millage. We're all in favor of

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00:03:59.920 --> 00:04:02.009

Cooper City Hall: Deuce in the millage, let's call a vote.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith? Yes. Commissioner Malozzi? Yes. Commissioner Katzman? Yes. Commissioner Schroeder? Yes. Mayor Karen? Yes.

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00:04:08.540 --> 00:04:24.080

Cooper City Hall: Mayor, if I may, for the record, item number 2 on the agenda tonight is Resolution 25-58, a resolution of the City Commission, the City of Cooper City, Florida, adopting a tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1st, 2025, ending on September 30th, 2026, attached to Exhibit A.

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Cooper City Hall: Determining and fixing the amounts necessary to carry on the government of the city for the ensuing year, determining the amount of applicable funds on hand, estimating receipts and expenditures for all funds, fighting for conflicts, severability, and fighting for an effective date. And again, this is a public hearing, Mayor.

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00:04:38.380 --> 00:04:43.670

Cooper City Hall: Anybody in the public, or on the phone, or any of the employees want to speak on this, now's your chance.

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00:04:44.050 --> 00:04:45.229

Cooper City Hall: Go and watch.

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00:04:46.040 --> 00:04:47.789

Cooper City Hall: Twice. We're gone.

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00:04:48.750 --> 00:04:50.139

Cooper City Hall: Motion to approve.

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00:04:50.570 --> 00:04:54.820

Cooper City Hall: Mr. Mayor and about... there is, is, is...

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00:04:55.100 --> 00:04:59.400

Cooper City Hall: A member from the staff report that outlines the changes from the

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Cooper City Hall: what you saw in July to now. If there are any questions on that, or you want the finance director to go in and explain them in more detail, we'd be happy to do that, or if not, we can just ask... answer any questions you might have. Go ahead, Commissioner Smith. Mayor, thank you.

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00:05:15.830 --> 00:05:22.600

Cooper City Hall: If, if the finance director could just go ahead and sort of, for transparency purposes, let the...

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00:05:22.810 --> 00:05:28.630

Cooper City Hall: Show us what has moved, so residents know what we're, agreeable to.

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00:05:28.630 --> 00:05:43.090

Cooper City Hall: Or voting on, I said, I guess I should say. Thank you. And while he gets ready to do that, let me just take a moment. With respect to the police budget, the police budget numbers remain as they were

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00:05:43.090 --> 00:05:47.549

Cooper City Hall: at the July meeting. I had a meeting with them this morning.

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00:05:47.980 --> 00:06:01.110

Cooper City Hall: The largest issue, of concern has been since they are now, for a couple of weeks, been amenable to having caps on years 3, 4, and 5.

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00:06:01.110 --> 00:06:12.599

Cooper City Hall: Year one is basically, we know what the budget is, we have the consideration letter from them, but the biggest area of disagreement has been a cap for year two.

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00:06:12.600 --> 00:06:29.529

Cooper City Hall: They did offer some language today, which brings us close to what I want to have. It is not exactly what I want, so I got a follow-up call with Colonel Yerena tomorrow to try to refine that language, but that really has been the biggest thing.

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00:06:29.920 --> 00:06:42.500

Cooper City Hall: There have been other concessions that... that are including the... the three major events that, that they're going to cover the overtime for, being,

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00:06:43.110 --> 00:07:00.110

Cooper City Hall: Funders Day, the, Light Up Cooper City, and the, National Night Out, which, you know, in, in total, there are probably in the \$60,000, \$70,000 in overtime that, we will be saving from that.

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00:07:00.590 --> 00:07:08.010

Cooper City Hall: There is some language that strengthens up our position if we're ever in a situation that we

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00:07:08.010 --> 00:07:22.870

Cooper City Hall: have to separate from, from PSO. I'm trying to make sure that it is clear that, for example, the vehicles that we've been making a payment towards the purchase of the vehicles, that there is a recognition that that money

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00:07:23.030 --> 00:07:42.329

Cooper City Hall: is ours. The money has been put into the trust fund is Cooper City money. They are using that money to buy new vehicles, but if I ever, you know, we separate from them, I want to make sure that they know that that money is in their custody, but it's ours. The more the vehicles are having purchased, we could proceed money

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00:07:42.330 --> 00:07:48.059

Cooper City Hall: they have purchased them, but they have purchased them with Cooper City Money, so, you know, we're cleaning up some of those things, we're...

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00:07:48.520 --> 00:08:02.979

Cooper City Hall: getting a better definition as to what's going to be included in the overhead. I know some of you guys have been, you know, honing on that issue, because it's really been kind of a black box until now. So, no, so we're trying to get

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00:08:02.980 --> 00:08:13.319

Cooper City Hall: you know, some additional terms that, that, that are going to be beneficial for, for Cooper City. In terms of housekeeping, items,

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00:08:13.360 --> 00:08:14.340

Cooper City Hall: I am...

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00:08:14.650 --> 00:08:29.950

Cooper City Hall: putting all of the regular maintenance of the buildings for both police and fire under Cooper City's custody, this artificial amount that we have, that if it's 1200 and above, or 1200 and below, and having to have arguments as to whether

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00:08:30.420 --> 00:08:42.849

Cooper City Hall: an item was below a threshold or not, doesn't really make sense, because at the end of the day, we're paying for everything anyway, so... and we want to maintain their facilities in good standing order, so...

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00:08:42.850 --> 00:08:54.850

Cooper City Hall: So I think that's going to just make it, you know, cleaner and easier to, you know, to have that. So, my goal is to have those contracts at the September 25th meeting.

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00:08:55.000 --> 00:09:01.210

Cooper City Hall: You know, you're all subject to finalizing that one key component of the, of the agreement.

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00:09:01.330 --> 00:09:07.620

Cooper City Hall: And with that, Erwin, you want to walk them through the rest of the changes from the...

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00:09:07.900 --> 00:09:13.750



Cooper City Hall: I have questions in reference. Okay, okay, sure. No, no, no, no, I... I have your discretion.

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00:09:15.160 --> 00:09:17.169

Cooper City Hall: Okay, several.

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00:09:17.500 --> 00:09:27.509

Cooper City Hall: in reference to Founders Day and what's covered and what's not. Right. So, I had a conversation with, the city manager of Davie. Okay.

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00:09:27.800 --> 00:09:35.140

Cooper City Hall: And I asked him, when BSO went to their parade, Did they charge them?

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00:09:35.400 --> 00:09:39.459

Cooper City Hall: And the answer was no. The only thing they had to do was fill out a...

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00:09:40.310 --> 00:09:45.160

Cooper City Hall: Like, an application, for lack of a better word, which there's no fee for the application.

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Cooper City Hall: I said, okay, because when I had a conversation with the sheriff.

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Cooper City Hall: he had said that it's... some things are and are not in our contract. I said, okay. So I wanted to get my facts straight before I lost my mind.

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00:10:02.220 --> 00:10:04.779

Cooper City Hall: And my facts are straight, so...

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00:10:05.970 --> 00:10:13.439

Cooper City Hall: the City of Davie, and I'm just going to use them again because I spoke to their city manager. The City of Davie does not have

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00:10:13.880 --> 00:10:19.010

Cooper City Hall: BSO as their provider. They have their own force.

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00:10:20.000 --> 00:10:28.349

Cooper City Hall: But when BSO goes there, they go there. The reasons that I was given by another member of rank in BSO was because it's part of

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00:10:28.530 --> 00:10:29.669

Cooper City Hall: what they...

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00:10:30.140 --> 00:10:36.939

Cooper City Hall: what they're given as a county. Right. Well, and as a county, BSO handles everyone as a county.

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00:10:37.290 --> 00:10:40.100

Cooper City Hall: So, my question was, well, that's great!

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00:10:40.550 --> 00:10:47.530

Cooper City Hall: And I was actually just as nice when I said this, just so you know. But every single one of my residents.

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00:10:47.710 --> 00:10:58.949

Cooper City Hall: pays taxes to Broward County. Broward County is the agency that funds BSO in addition to when they have separate contracts with us.

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00:10:59.420 --> 00:11:04.849

Cooper City Hall: Why are my residents not allowed to get free items during the parade?

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00:11:05.740 --> 00:11:21.259

Cooper City Hall: And Davey is, because my residents don't pay any less or more. They pay as part of our budget, which is a completely separate entity, and then everybody's trim notice in there is a fee to BSO.

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00:11:21.330 --> 00:11:28.120

Cooper City Hall: not BSO, but a fee to Broward County. Who sends money to Broward? Who sends money there? Right. So, no.

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00:11:28.690 --> 00:11:30.730

Cooper City Hall: I don't want to pay.

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00:11:30.780 --> 00:11:35.550

Cooper City Hall: if they come to... again, I know that you said National Night Out is included, but...

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00:11:35.590 --> 00:11:51.210

Cooper City Hall: I shouldn't have to pay for that period, because they are giving this service to other municipalities. I should get the same... my residents should not receive any less. Correct. What they do for us is more than what they do for Davey.

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00:11:51.240 --> 00:11:58.890

Cooper City Hall: Because what they do for Davey is they send some regional services. Davey basically provides protection for their own event.

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00:11:58.920 --> 00:12:13.279

Cooper City Hall: in here, they're doing the regional services, but they're also doing the local services, both of this, which will be done without the... with us being charged for overtime for that. Well, then, as long as it stays... Yes.

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00:12:13.550 --> 00:12:20.820

Cooper City Hall: In reference to, The... whether or not... when we are paying for our...

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00:12:21.010 --> 00:12:26.320

Cooper City Hall: vehicles, and you want to make sure that it's there. I want to make sure that Jacob

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00:12:26.740 --> 00:12:45.220

Cooper City Hall: has ironclad that whatever money we are paying towards a vehicle is going with that vehicle, and that vehicle comes to us, because I have seen things like this in the past go haywire. So I just want to make sure that what's ours is ours and remains ours. And the private contract did not

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00:12:45.330 --> 00:12:59.419

Cooper City Hall: clearly specified that, for sure. No, I... Right, so that's one of the things, like... So, where were we on... you had... you had kind of grazed over it, but increase and caps. I'd like...

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00:12:59.910 --> 00:13:02.160

Cooper City Hall: So far, exactly what we have.

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00:13:02.670 --> 00:13:21.209

Cooper City Hall: So far. So far. So the... the number for the year-to-year between current year and next year, I believe, is 9%, right? Then the number for years...

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00:13:21.630 --> 00:13:24.049

Cooper City Hall: 3, 4, and 5 is 5%.

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00:13:24.450 --> 00:13:26.320

Cooper City Hall: the number 4...

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00:13:27.040 --> 00:13:40.979

Cooper City Hall: year two is the one that we'll be circling. They basically have offered language saying that the number will be no more than what they need to do the pay raises that have been promised to the employees.

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00:13:41.190 --> 00:13:42.370

Cooper City Hall: However.

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00:13:43.240 --> 00:13:54.860

Cooper City Hall: even if that number and that number is going to be somewhere between 9 and 10%, I do want to have a reference to a number.

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00:13:55.220 --> 00:14:07.230

Cooper City Hall: You know, like, Ronald Reagan Trust, but verify, right? So be able to... to make sure that if they want to need to put a little cushion on it, I, you know, and that's kind of what

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00:14:07.230 --> 00:14:24.709

Cooper City Hall: you know, we're still trying to finalize that. I don't mind saying there's going to be approximately this number, you know, or, you know, not to exceed another number, or something like that, but yeah, that's the biggest, you know, hurdle that we still have. So, I have...

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00:14:24.750 --> 00:14:37.670

Cooper City Hall: two things in reference to those two answers. One, an increase of 9%. So, for the past however many years, we have had contractual increases of, Erwin, approximately 5%.

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00:14:37.960 --> 00:14:50.599

Cooper City Hall: So, my question to you, and you can pass it on, is if all of this is about raising salaries of the feet on the street.

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Cooper City Hall: Then, in my 5% yearly increases that are contractual.

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Cooper City Hall: Why has none of that gone to that?

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Cooper City Hall: Because if it has, over the past umpteen years.

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Cooper City Hall: There would not be any issue, but it has not.

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00:15:08.870 --> 00:15:16.590

Cooper City Hall: So that's... that's one. I'm completely against 9%, and let me explain why. I am not against

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Cooper City Hall: anything for the people that are... that make up BSO.



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Cooper City Hall: But, I have a contract, do I not, Erwin? Do I not, Mr. City Attorney? No, you don't have a contract. I have no contract with BSO? No, it expires September 30th, 2025. Prior to September, I had a contract with BSO that had a 5% increase built in.

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00:15:41.320 --> 00:15:46.890

Cooper City Hall: then I'm told, no, that's not enough, we want 9... End of story.

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Cooper City Hall: Done.

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Cooper City Hall: With that in mind.

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Cooper City Hall: if a contract was not, for lack of a legal term, because I'm not an attorney, obeyed, followed.

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00:15:59.360 --> 00:16:12.080

Cooper City Hall: There's nothing to say that that contract is going to be followed in the future, number one. And number two, while the purported increase is to go towards the

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00:16:12.340 --> 00:16:20.049

Cooper City Hall: the people that make up Broward Sheriff's Office, our deputies, our firefighters, etc.

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Cooper City Hall: It is my understanding, and I've gotten this from the county commission, verified, that once that money is handed over to BSO,

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00:16:31.460 --> 00:16:37.029

Cooper City Hall: If they choose to, and this is something I'm making up, have a new gun range.

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00:16:37.610 --> 00:16:40.299

Cooper City Hall: They can use that for a gun range.

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00:16:40.900 --> 00:16:46.180

Cooper City Hall: They do not have to use that to pay their people.

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00:16:46.760 --> 00:16:53.060

Cooper City Hall: And that is a problem that I have, because while promises may be made.

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00:16:53.640 --> 00:16:56.570

Cooper City Hall: If contracts are not being followed.

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00:16:57.320 --> 00:17:09.819

Cooper City Hall: Why would a promise be followed? And if a contract is not being followed with me, why is it an employment contract is not necessarily going to be followed? And if there's no recourse, once money is given.

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00:17:10.069 --> 00:17:11.980

Cooper City Hall: And that money can be used for...

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00:17:12.230 --> 00:17:16.519

Cooper City Hall: Bumper stickers, mats, whatever they want.

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00:17:17.400 --> 00:17:23.869

Cooper City Hall: then I'm not doing what everybody's setting out to do.

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00:17:25.300 --> 00:17:34.039

Cooper City Hall: Two things. The contract that they will be entering with us, and similar to the private contracts, has a staffing level

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00:17:34.140 --> 00:17:45.500

Cooper City Hall: that they're required to have. So he says, captains, lieutenants, sergeants, and all of that, and all of those are... are required to have under the contract, and

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00:17:45.500 --> 00:17:55.850

Cooper City Hall: If they don't have those people, we get the vacancy savings from the positions that are not being occupied. So let's... let me interrupt for one second.

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00:17:55.930 --> 00:17:58.990

Cooper City Hall: I have it on more levels than I can count.

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Cooper City Hall: in order to provide the service to where Broward Sheriff's Office... and I'm not saying that this is going to happen, I'm just giving you definitive

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00:18:10.500 --> 00:18:22.040

Cooper City Hall: They really only need two deputies. Yep, let me finish. No, but we're going down... I can... No, I know it's going down a rabbit hole, but it's a rabbit hole that needs to be brought up here. I can help me. So, you're talking about...

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00:18:22.180 --> 00:18:26.820

Cooper City Hall: Okay, you started with the county and... and what you heard from the county.

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00:18:27.140 --> 00:18:42.600

Cooper City Hall: when the county commission... when the sheriff says, I need \$100 million from the county commission for the general fund, once they give it to the sheriff, he does not have to do anything. That's under state law, and the minimum of two you're talking about is responding under state law obligations... Correct. Under the general fund.

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00:18:42.600 --> 00:18:54.970

Cooper City Hall: Totally separate from our contractual agreement. Right, but if people are unavailable, I might get a credit, but I'm still... I don't care about a credit, I care about people that are there.

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Cooper City Hall: People that are responding, people that are...

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00:18:58.790 --> 00:19:03.329

Cooper City Hall: here, doing what needs to be done. Mayor, point of information on this topic?

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, sir. Since this was just an informational from the City Manager, would this not be more appropriate to be in a budget, workshop if this is where our Commissioner Malosi feels and wants to discuss it further? Not in the workshop. No, when the contract comes out, you mean. That, if I understand right, if I still have the floor, that was going to be the September meeting, is that correct? Correct, September. And that was going to be a meeting.

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00:19:28.810 --> 00:19:38.360

Cooper City Hall: So, we're gonna be voting right before. Seems like there's some discussionary pieces that may need to be vetted out before we get into a night where we go into a vote.

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Cooper City Hall: That's all my point of information would be, if this should fall into more of a workshop. I plan to meet with each of you individually to go through the details of the contract, absolutely. Okay, well, once again, not a briefing, I'm saying to vet through concerns, as the Commission have, is it more appropriate to have a workshop prior to, so our city manager knows what these vetting concerns will be?

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Cooper City Hall: before we have a finalized contract that's a yes or no, and there's no more wiggle room. That's all I'm asking.

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Cooper City Hall: you know, this is September 11th.

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00:20:13.500 --> 00:20:27.419

Cooper City Hall: This needs to happen. Right. And the only time I can have a conversation with everybody here is here. So make a motion, Lisa. To have a workshop as soon as possible about this? Yeah, before we...

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Cooper City Hall: do that.

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Cooper City Hall: just a suggestion. Why don't we have a meeting individually with the manager, so we can voice our concerns? He might answer all your questions, and then you don't have to...

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00:20:38.380 --> 00:20:52.340

Cooper City Hall: I know the answers to my questions already. Said with love. Well then... I don't mean that in a bad way. No, I just feel like you're... a lot of the Q&A that's going on right here as... Well, that's what we're gonna do. We're gonna end the Q&A right now on this topic, and move it to a workshop setting.

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Cooper City Hall: But even prior to a workshop, I'm suggesting... I'm sure she's going to meet with everybody before the workshop, but I think we need to make the motion for a workshop. The motion was made. Tedra? We'll get a second? I would only ask that instead

of a workshop, that it be a special meeting, so we can actually make decisions if we need to.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, we can make the decision. I'll make a second so we can discuss this motion, is that fair? Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: So, I want everyone to get all the answers, because most people do not spend a ridiculous amount of time reading contracts, like, unhealthy amount of time like I do.

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00:21:30.910 --> 00:21:33.100

Cooper City Hall: So, I want everyone to get all their answers.

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00:21:33.560 --> 00:21:42.840

Cooper City Hall: when would we do the workshop, though? And I don't wanna... I do think we should try to... so some of your questions are great, but depending on, like... I'll give you just a small little...

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00:21:42.900 --> 00:21:57.800

Cooper City Hall: thing that matters. The way the county commission gives general fund is different than the way they give 911, because that's via contract. So, like, all these little



nuances, there's a lot of them, and I don't mind doing a workshop, but I don't want to... I want to be productive. So we, you know, try to...

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Cooper City Hall: I would agree. I would agree. So, if there needs to be an amendment to, or a friendly amendment to, to specify that if we need to give direction, because workshop's just discussion, or discussing, if... Special meeting. A special meeting, correct. Are you okay with the...

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00:22:16.100 --> 00:22:39.929

Cooper City Hall: If we were to identify it as a special meeting, so then that way, as Commissioner... Fine with that, but how long does that have to be noticed, Jacob? 48 hours. Okay. It got me done next week. I just want to make sure that it can get done. We need to, in fairness, we need to coordinate with the people at the Sheriff's Office who have the answers to some of those, because, you know, it makes... there's no point for us to ask a question, you know.

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Cooper City Hall: out. It'd be nice if we figure out their schedule so you have the person who's in charge of X, Y, and DC. So, if I can make a suggestion, on September 16th, you got a Public Safety Advisory Board. Maybe it would be a good evening

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Cooper City Hall: To have where you... the individuals that sit on the board, as well as giving you time to be able to hear...

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Cooper City Hall: The concerns, so as you negotiate with BSO prior to that meeting, if the 16th works?

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Cooper City Hall: But the only thing is, wouldn't we want to see if BSO staff can come and answer the question? Yeah, so we'll try for that day. I'm sure there'll be an remotely.

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00:23:20.280 --> 00:23:23.300

Cooper City Hall: I mean, they gotta want to sign a contract. I just, you know, there's...

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Cooper City Hall: stuff you brought up is great, and it's very technical, so I just want to make sure the right...

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00:23:27.640 --> 00:23:44.100

Cooper City Hall: Tactician can, you know, because we ask, you know, poor Brown back there, he's gonna, you know... I'm just... So, so on that, we don't need a secondary, we know the intent of the motion is to have a special meeting? On September 16th. All right, thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Then I'll wait.

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00:23:47.220 --> 00:23:57.259

Cooper City Hall: Thank you. Thank you. Sorry, Erwin, I appreciate you. Mayor, do we got a called vote? We have a motion and a second. Wanna call the vote for the special meeting? I think you have consensus, man. We should try.

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00:23:57.920 --> 00:24:07.519

Cooper City Hall: Jacob, do I need a vote? If there is consensus, just withdraw the motion. The mayor has the power to call a special meeting anytime he wants to. Oh, yeah, that's right. Withdraw the motion. There you go.

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Cooper City Hall: No, but no, because we were going to... couldn't we? And this one, so I can go cook people. I know, I got a football game that night. I got one right now. Motion from me and Ryan to be excused.

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00:24:20.170 --> 00:24:39.469

Cooper City Hall: Motion to excuse the mayor and Commissioner Strout so that they can go to their football game. All right, so we're gonna tentatively move forward now. We don't need Ryan, anyone. Go ahead. Erwin, go ahead with the presentation, please. On the initial budget that was submitted to Commission, there's required additional appropriation from general fund balance of \$154,585.

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Cooper City Hall: Most of that is made up of the additional costs related to the creation of the Innovation and Community Engagement Department.

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Cooper City Hall: Also, the addition of the overtime HOA code enforcement of \$50,000.

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Cooper City Hall: There was a reduction in donations of \$22,320,

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Cooper City Hall: And since Rolando was transferred from building over to general fund, there was a transfer from building fund to general fund to cover the IT tech costs of \$100,000 production.

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Cooper City Hall: As far as a health insurance.

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Cooper City Hall: There is no change in the budget, however, we saved \$370,000 when we moved from United to Florida Blue.

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Cooper City Hall: This \$370,000 was offset by a new contingency for future health insurance costs of \$370,000. So it's a... it's a decrease in cost and an increase in the contingency.

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Cooper City Hall: Of that amount, \$250,000 has been earmarked for a new HRA account. If you recall, we discussed from a previous meeting.

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00:25:41.800 --> 00:25:54.470

Cooper City Hall: that when we move from United to Florida Blue, if an employee has to go out of network, it would be helped to cover that delta between the 30% under United and the 50% that's under Florida Blue.

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00:25:54.540 --> 00:26:05.080

Cooper City Hall: So we're putting that money aside and earmarking that for those additional potential... And just to reconcile in your heads the numbers that you have seen before with the health insurance program.

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Cooper City Hall: The 370 is only the general phone piece.

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Cooper City Hall: The... there are a lot of employees that are assigned to utilities, to the building department, to other funds that are not including the 370, so if you remember seeing a number of about \$600,000 is because that included other funds as well. This is the impact only to the general fund piece. Yeah, it was \$654,000.

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Cooper City Hall: That was made up of an immediate cost saving of \$138,000 from our current cost moving over to Florida Blue.

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Cooper City Hall: And the difference of \$516,000 was the saving we had from moving to Florida over what the new cost would have been under United. So the total was \$654, and the manager corrected. That total, \$370,000, was applicable to the general fund.

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Cooper City Hall: Next, we had the fire consideration.

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Cooper City Hall: Thanks to the manager, we had a decrease in our fire consideration of \$487,000.

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Cooper City Hall: This was offset by a decrease in revenue of \$225. Remember, of our total fire assessment cost, only 62% is what the residents of Cooper City are charged as their percentage.

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00:27:16.440 --> 00:27:28.200

Cooper City Hall: the net saving of \$262,000, what we did is we increased the contingency in the general fund for that \$262,000. So again, it's a wash. Revenue down, expense increased.

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Cooper City Hall: That change to the budget is zero.

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00:27:39.860 --> 00:27:44.790

Cooper City Hall: Yeah, can we ask a couple questions in between the City Manager? Go ahead, Mr. Katzman. Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Mr. Williams, you might have explained this, but I didn't understand for the fire assessment.

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Cooper City Hall: Is the rate going down? So we have a meeting tomorrow morning to talk about the fire assessment? Yes. Fire assessment change? Yes, the fire assessment rate is going to be going down, and you'll see that in your report tomorrow.

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00:28:02.780 --> 00:28:22.349

Cooper City Hall: Are you guys... can you guys tell us beforehand, so that we can... Yeah, in the, the staff report should include, I believe it's a \$20... Yeah, \$22, \$23? Down to \$431, or before that was, like, \$446 or something, so it did go... it did decrease. It'll show us what it was. It'll show... you'll see in the staff report, I showed the before and after. Okay, thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Any other questions before I move on to capital projects?

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Cooper City Hall: No, that's where I want to be. I want you to... that's where I want to question. Okay, next we're going to look at Fund 300, Sterling Road Project.

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Cooper City Hall: There was a reduction in revenues of \$323,000 to match the total budgeted construction costs. The revenues were too high, so we had to bring them down to match the total cost of the project.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, this reduction in revenue was offset by additional required transferring from the general fund. Remember that all our 300 fund projects are funded by the general fund. So if my revenue goes down in Fund 300, I'm going to require an additional amount, same amount to be transferred from General Fund into Fund 300.

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Cooper City Hall: The hiatus Road project, we added \$1.175 million to the projected cost to bring it up to \$1,650,000.

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Cooper City Hall: Then we added the surtax grant revenue of \$1,512,000.

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Cooper City Hall: which reduced the requirement of the transfer in from general fund in the amount of \$337,200. So again, those projects are funded from general fund.

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Cooper City Hall: So, if the cost of one side goes down, the cost of the other side has to compensate for that.

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Cooper City Hall: 453.

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Cooper City Hall: The Headworks project was reallocated to future years. If you recall, the original budget was submitted to you, all the costs were shown in the year 2026.

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Cooper City Hall: Which was not realistic. So that has been revised to show that that project is going to go probably through 2028,

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Cooper City Hall: So that affected the budget for the 2026 year.

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Cooper City Hall: It was for \$5,209,000 was spread to future years.

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Cooper City Hall: In the... for the, lift stations, there was an initial \$200,000 added to the budget for lift station rehab.

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Cooper City Hall: Those are the major changes we made.

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Cooper City Hall: from the original budget that was submitted to the Commission.

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Cooper City Hall: Any questions?

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Cooper City Hall: But...

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner, go ahead. In reference to the roundabout at hiatus, Mr. City Manager, when we spoke, you said that you had moved

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Cooper City Hall: And saved money because we went for a smaller roundabout that would not take as much...

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Cooper City Hall: room, eminent domain, etc. Why is that... I don't see that reflected. Correct. The Commission hasn't made that decision. That option is available. We have a meeting with the community, I believe, on the 18th. Yeah, at that meeting, we're going to

basically recap everything that has happened in this project for the last 20 years, talk about all the options that have been explored.

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Cooper City Hall: And present to them the two options.

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Cooper City Hall: And get feedback from the, from the, from the community.

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Cooper City Hall: after that feedback from the community, then we're going to come back up here, and the Commission will say,

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Cooper City Hall: you really have three options. Not do anything to the big roundabout, or you do the smaller roundabout. Those are really, at the end of the day, 3 options that we're down... narrowed down to. Commission will make a decision, and they will budget accordingly.

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Cooper City Hall: always, we will try to budget the worst-case scenario when we do the budget. So, right now, the budget reflects the big one.

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Cooper City Hall: And the commission says do the smaller one, or do nothing, then we'll adjust the budget accordingly. Right, so can we have the figures just before that meeting for the smaller one, or even if you have them now, just... Yeah, it's having been done less for the... How much difference?

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Cooper City Hall: That's it. Okay.

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00:32:02.230 --> 00:32:03.139

Cooper City Hall: Thank you.

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00:32:06.610 --> 00:32:21.319

Cooper City Hall: I've just asked one thing at Commission, that is, if you have any, what I'll call, cosmetic changes, you don't like the way certain things are worded, or you want them changed slightly, please let me know, and let... send it to Michael Nadeau, and copy me, and we'll accommodate you.

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Cooper City Hall: Mayor, motion to approve?

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Cooper City Hall: I have one question to ask, if it's okay.

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Cooper City Hall: First, I think we need a motion for Tuesday night's meeting. We added some money to the EAB. You were looking for some direction on that? Correct. There was a discussion about putting \$1,500 more into the EAB budget.

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00:32:44.060 --> 00:32:47.660

Cooper City Hall: When we do changes in the budget,

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00:32:48.050 --> 00:33:01.909

Cooper City Hall: we always got to do the pluses and the minuses. So, as we add the \$1,500, there are two places where you can come. There's a contingency amount that, Erwin talked to you about.

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Cooper City Hall: as a result of the savings from the fire department, that contingency amount is \$262,000. So the \$1,500 could come out of that.

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Cooper City Hall: It could also come out of fund balance, and when you make a motion to approve the 1500, just tell us, you know, of those two choices, where you would like it to come from.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, one other question.

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Cooper City Hall: We talked about... If I may? Yeah, if you can do one by one, then we keep track of it easier. Okay. So if you can just... if you want to make the motion for \$1,500, we'll approve it. I'll make that motion.

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00:33:37.000 --> 00:33:55.519

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Castiff, \$1,500 to go towards the EA... additional \$1,500 to go towards the EAB, so that they can use it for their civic support. Coming from the contingency? Coming from... well, let's put it... Contingency. The contingency. Okay, from the contingency. Thank you again. Thank you, Commissioner Teder. Any discussion? Call the vote.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith? Yes. Commissioner Malozzi? Yes. Commissioner Katzman? Yes. Commissioner Schroeder? Yeah. Mayor Kern? Yes.

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Cooper City Hall: I have one more.

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00:34:05.500 --> 00:34:10.960

Cooper City Hall: Okay. And it may not be the right place, and if it's the right, wrong place, right idea, wrong place, just say it.

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Cooper City Hall: We talked Tuesday night briefly about the Rock Creek Pool and Tennis volleyball Court. Actually, that was... that was on my list, too. Thank you. Okay. We also had a private chat, me and you, as far as the pool and tennis Center, the swimming pool, the brick pavers. Right.

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Cooper City Hall: Can you,

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Cooper City Hall: Can you take just a minute and explain to me where they are, as far as the funding, what year? Is there something we can do this year? Right, so let me do it in reverse order, because the pavers,

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Cooper City Hall: We budgeted \$50,000 this year. We got in two quotes, one akin for \$7,500, and one for \$4,500? Yes, somewhere there, yeah. So they're going to be way under budget. We're waiting for the third quote, and then we'll award the contract, and then... This is not the first time this has happened, though, correct?



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00:34:56.500 --> 00:34:57.920

Cooper City Hall: This has happened before.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm not aware, Mayor, but that's the first time that I'm... Josh, it has happened before, correct? Correct.

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Cooper City Hall: What? What happened? Papers are lifting up. Mayor, what's the point on the... on... that it happened before? What part? If we spent \$4,500 or \$7,500 and it wasn't done right the first time, I don't want to go back and recreate the same wheel. I'd like to find out what caused the berming of the brick, and then fix that.

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Cooper City Hall: So, that's my only question. Okay, well... So, yeah, if your manager, if you allow us, John has some additional information. I don't want to problem-solve here, I got your concern. Okay. We want to make sure that the quote includes the

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00:35:37.980 --> 00:35:49.109

Cooper City Hall: doing it right. Right, and volleyballs? And volleyball, we don't have money set aside in the budget, to fix those courts, right? But we do. We do? Oh, okay.

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Cooper City Hall: Tell me, how much do we have?

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Cooper City Hall: Give me a second to get the data. Okay, because I didn't think we have that. If we're under budget on the prior...

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00:36:02.690 --> 00:36:17.300

Cooper City Hall: then we know that there's money available, because you budgeted \$50,000, so if even we made it \$10,000, we got \$40,000 left in my Broward County math. Correct. So... So, at bare minimum, in addition to what he's got, we have enough to get a good footprint going?

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Cooper City Hall: But with \$40,000, I think you can do beautiful ports. Okay. Courts are not inexpensive. Okay, so, so, so I think, I think the consensus, though, is to be able to use that money to move forward, at least?

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00:36:30.950 --> 00:36:36.569

Cooper City Hall: Now, now, the footprint within this year, calendar year, is the discussion.

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Cooper City Hall: Mr. Manager?

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Cooper City Hall: I mean, Josh, did you find the number? 40 and 26 capital for this year. Okay. So that's \$80,000. Yeah. So there's plenty to make it work and make it right. But we're looking for... We'll start this year, and then we'll roll the... the other money will be done, will be available in 3 weeks, so... Perfect, thank you.

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00:37:00.610 --> 00:37:06.239

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Castling? Yes, thank you. So two items I wanted to highlight,

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00:37:06.460 --> 00:37:24.400

Cooper City Hall: Thank you for... I think that the comment was probably directed to me with all my wordsmithing and changing, so I appreciate that. I just hope it's all included. I've been assured it will be. Page 67, we budgeted for, print newsletter.

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00:37:24.600 --> 00:37:32.070

Cooper City Hall: It includes \$9,000 and another For printing, and another \$15,000 for hostage.

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Cooper City Hall: We've learned, we've discussed this.

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Cooper City Hall: year after year, I don't think we should be mailing orderly newsletters to people. They're... they're pretty much...

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Cooper City Hall: Evergreen information, because you can't...

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Cooper City Hall: You know, if you're sending something every 4 months, it's not... or 3 months, it's not, timely.

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Cooper City Hall: And I think if we want to put some information at key places around the city, like the utility billing desk and community center, for people who don't have access to computers, I think that's a good way, if they're coming into the city anyway to pay their bill.

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00:38:07.160 --> 00:38:09.829

Cooper City Hall: Typically, I don't have a computer.

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00:38:11.170 --> 00:38:15.319

Cooper City Hall: I just think we're spending \$24,000 on something that people are throwing out.

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00:38:15.860 --> 00:38:30.670

Cooper City Hall: So, I would like to hear my colleague's input on that. I have one other item? No? He asked for input. Right, he's got one more item. You want to do that? It's completely unrelated, do you want me to... I agree, get rid of the mailing stuff.

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00:38:31.980 --> 00:38:42.849

Cooper City Hall: It's not important to put it on the water bill. Well, and one of the things that I wanted to point out that, I thought might be a good idea is when you're... if we have something that's water-related.

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00:38:43.060 --> 00:38:48.500

Cooper City Hall: When... if you are going online to pay your utility bill, it should be as a pop-up.

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00:38:48.940 --> 00:38:53.779

Cooper City Hall: That way, they're getting it. If they're going online, they're paying their bill, they see it.

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00:38:53.970 --> 00:39:02.559

Cooper City Hall: I don't know if that's a Mr. Lopez, or if that's a Mr. Cabello, but that should be something that... that's how we're getting the word out to people.

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00:39:03.020 --> 00:39:12.330

Cooper City Hall: And if you're going to register for, you know, daddy-daughter dance, father, whatever it's called now, then... and we have other recreation items.

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Cooper City Hall: pop up during that, and I don't know if that's something we can do, but if we need to upgrade, I would rather use the money in the majority of the newsletters that we're no longer going to print to upgrade.

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Cooper City Hall: Go electronic, yeah.

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00:39:26.160 --> 00:39:33.779

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Katzman, you had one more item? Thank you. Yeah, on page 185, so we have a general fund capital improvement plan.

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Cooper City Hall: This is... significant investment.

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Cooper City Hall: Planned for the city.

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Cooper City Hall: And I realize it's... it's... it's about a 5-year plan, so...

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00:39:48.850 --> 00:39:52.230

Cooper City Hall: We could change it as we go, in some senses.

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00:39:52.630 --> 00:40:02.129

Cooper City Hall: there was one element that pops out at me. We budgeted, or we're... if we approve this tonight, we're planning to spend over a million dollars on public art.

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Cooper City Hall: and

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Cooper City Hall: I'm all about arts and culture, but I think that's a lot of money where we could probably reallocate some of it toward

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00:40:12.760 --> 00:40:21.709

Cooper City Hall: Traditional beautification of our parks, that we have a lot of things that we're holding off on because we're not spending money, or because we're spending money on public art.

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00:40:22.170 --> 00:40:27.969

Cooper City Hall: So I wanted to see what people thought about that. I would only ask this. How much money have we spent on public art in the last 20 years?

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00:40:28.110 --> 00:40:43.549

Cooper City Hall: Probably none. It's time to start. It is... It's a million dollars worth of it. But, I mean, it's like a million dollar part, Jason or Jeremy? So... I mean... Question. Wait a minute. Just because there's a million dollars there doesn't mean we have to spend a million dollars.

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00:40:44.640 --> 00:40:51.629

Cooper City Hall: I understand. I just... my concern is, if we're gonna... we, you know, money is a limited resource, and I'd rather see

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00:40:52.470 --> 00:40:57.000

Cooper City Hall: I can't even imagine where we're gonna put art, but, you know, we could have...

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Cooper City Hall: people donate murals or things like that, too. We don't have to buy \$350,000 worth of art for 3 years. We can also apply for grants. So I just would rather see it in improvements to our facilities.

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00:41:12.700 --> 00:41:14.029

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith.

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00:41:14.310 --> 00:41:20.589

Cooper City Hall: Mayor, thank you. Mr. Manager, when you and the team were doing this,

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00:41:20.730 --> 00:41:38.829

Cooper City Hall: some of the discussions and thoughts were to hit some of the beautification pieces, and I understood that this tapped into that. Am I misunderstood on how you were looking to allocate some of this money out of the line? Yeah, the city adopted, beautification guidelines, about 7 months ago, and

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00:41:38.830 --> 00:41:52.830

Cooper City Hall: the public art is a component of that. Based on some of the other needs, I did not include public art in the next year's budget or the following year. I think it's in the last three years of the 5-year plan. Just...

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Cooper City Hall: just to address the concern that the Commissioner Katzman is talking about, because we do have a lot of immediate needs. Now.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm not saying that I hit it perfectly, that 3 years from now is the right time to start. I think at some point, we need to start, and this is what the Commission can tell us, is the guidance as to

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00:42:14.020 --> 00:42:29.879

Cooper City Hall: finish doing some of the other things first, and then we'll start with public art. I don't think anybody's saying, don't do any public art. It's just... it's just a matter of what does the Commission want to do first, you know? My recommendation was, well, nothing in the first two years. We'll start pushing it back towards

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00:42:30.090 --> 00:42:35.119

Cooper City Hall: The future \$330,000 a year, which adds to

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00:42:35.160 --> 00:42:58.369

Cooper City Hall: a million dollars in the three years. Sure. My only last statement, Mayor and Commission, is I agree with you, Commissioner Katzmman, as well as the Mayor, but in my agreement on the 50-50 is, on a line item budget, we can make amendments to it, and pull as need be, and thus we have control to say, hey, a priority topic is a pocket park versus

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00:42:58.370 --> 00:43:03.590

Cooper City Hall: maybe a mural that we can hold off on on Commissioner Schrouder, you know, type of deal.

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00:43:03.590 --> 00:43:07.699

Cooper City Hall: Well, I mean, so that being said, you have that same ability already.

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Cooper City Hall: Correct?

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00:43:08.950 --> 00:43:20.690

Cooper City Hall: when we sat down and did this 5-year plan, you told me you could manipulate it to the best of the city's ability, as needed. Yeah, and we're not spending money for 2 years, so, I mean...

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00:43:20.780 --> 00:43:29.209

Cooper City Hall: But you can do it now, or you can do it later. No, no, and what I'm saying, as a commission as a whole, is a million dollars is a lot.

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Cooper City Hall: But... A million dollars for art.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, but we're not... that's just a place... Just on a... it's just on a line item. The whole point was, it's... it's...

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Cooper City Hall: it's just a placeholder now, and if it's needed for something else, it'd be nice to know that you had it, that you could move within that whole circumference of the thing. Because I'm sure that some of the art might have come out of all this city park renovations and your city plan and everything else when people gave the input stuff, so the last thing I want to do right now is start taking things out.

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00:43:58.140 --> 00:44:17.309

Cooper City Hall: Mayor, just a point of information for Commissioner Kasmus's point. Was it... was it something that you would feel more comfortable to know that it was already allocated in a line item for something, or are you okay with how this discussion is moving? I mean, I appreciate the feedback, and I hear what you're saying about, you know, it's not till 2028, so we have time. I just think it's a lot of money.

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Cooper City Hall: For art, where we're... We're not allocating for other things.

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00:44:25.310 --> 00:44:46.130

Cooper City Hall: Or there might be less. With the art, I support art. I know that... so, for example, the Broward League of Cities had a grant about a year ago that cities were able to bid 20... or if they matched \$25,000, they could get \$25,000 for public art. To me, that's a reasonable

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00:44:46.260 --> 00:44:59.500

Cooper City Hall: program, versus... They spend that at a gala, too. ...over a million dollars in 3 years. So I'm just saying, thinking ahead, if... when people look at this, they're gonna say, oh... and maybe they're okay with it.

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00:44:59.640 --> 00:45:09.830

Cooper City Hall: It jumped out at me. I don't like the name, I think the name looks bad. We're probably not gonna do it, and I don't want the public being like, you're gonna spend a million dollars on art. It does look kinda silly, so can we change the name of it?

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00:45:10.260 --> 00:45:17.720

Cooper City Hall: The what, Deco? Not art? Deco? Infrastructure.

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00:45:18.810 --> 00:45:20.609

Cooper City Hall: Go ahead. Alright, so...

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00:45:21.070 --> 00:45:40.699

Cooper City Hall: Thank you, Chief Brown, all the way in the back there. We are still working on, and I know this is not what you would consider art, but it is enjoyable, decorating the fire hydrants, all the groups are doing it. I don't know about you, but I've gotten one person that was negative, everybody else is positive about it, they enjoy it, they drive by it, they get a chuckle.

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00:45:40.700 --> 00:45:57.929

Cooper City Hall: And it is art, it's just not a million dollars worth of art. I'd like to see us continue with that, step one. Step two, I've brought up to this commission on... not this commission per se, but in the past, on many different occasions, that each of our plazas

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Cooper City Hall: I would like to see the city erect a base.

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Cooper City Hall: and then invite artists in, and they all do a themed art, like, you know, Davey has the horses. Invite artists in, we get approval, because, you know, you never know what you can get.

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00:46:13.960 --> 00:46:19.070

Cooper City Hall: And they can place a piece of artwork on that pedestal. We have a hold harmless.

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00:46:19.480 --> 00:46:22.019

Cooper City Hall: We make an electronic map.

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Cooper City Hall: And then, people that want to look at all the different art, it brings them into the plazas.

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00:46:28.420 --> 00:46:45.629

Cooper City Hall: It doesn't cost us anything other than... Point of order? No. You're on, operational. We're on a topic. I'm on... I make a motion for Scribner error. I make a motion that I finish what I'm saying. Scribner error on the beautification for public art to be removed. Mr. Mayor, can I finish? Do I have a second?

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00:46:45.880 --> 00:46:49.819

Cooper City Hall: Can we finish that item, and then we'll talk about your item? Let's finish.

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Cooper City Hall: I'll second that.

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Cooper City Hall: So, then that would be a round... I got a motion.

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Cooper City Hall: And then the third round would be... we are... we can invite... we have very talented people. We can have small exhibits from our residents in the community center, in

the pool and tennis center, and then work up... Mayor, I have a motion on the table in a second.

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00:47:11.790 --> 00:47:29.070

Cooper City Hall: I can still finish. Lisa, we agree with you. We're okay. We're not picking the public. You're right, we want to do what you want. We want to do it for cheap. Not the public to see a million dollars. Trying to do it through a motion. Yeah. Can we do what you want and change the thing? Yeah, I still... again, there's only so much time I have to speak with you.

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00:47:29.070 --> 00:47:29.930

Cooper City Hall: Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: So, get it out now, get a consensus now, so they have direction. That is my point. The football game.

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Cooper City Hall: We got a football game. Okay, so then I'm...

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00:47:43.320 --> 00:47:48.290

Cooper City Hall: But that was my point, because I can't just say, oh, let's do this, it needs to come here no matter what.



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00:47:48.450 --> 00:48:02.189

Cooper City Hall: This is when we can discuss it. You're talking about something that's going to cost \$10,000, which is fine. Agreed. Mayor, are you aware of my motion? Yes, I am. Okay. We can do a consensus, we're not the vote? Consensus? Okay, I'm on that. Consensus, change the name of our... I can pull. Change it. Correct. Got it.

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00:48:02.430 --> 00:48:03.220

Cooper City Hall: Thank you.

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00:48:03.940 --> 00:48:13.370

Cooper City Hall: Anything else, Mr. Katzmann? No, I'm good, thank you. Thank you. Mayor Beck on the motion for approval? No, we don't need a game, because... No, no, no, on the resolution on number 2. Gotcha.

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00:48:14.420 --> 00:48:15.760

Cooper City Hall: Any more discussion?

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Cooper City Hall: Well, hold on, it was him, me... Yeah. If we have wish lists, can I throw my wishlist on real quick? Yeah. You have a game. This is quick, just vote with me. I wanted to throw in a...

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Cooper City Hall: I want to throw an economic crimes detective in there, can we afford that? I mean, that's the biggest thing. I don't want to throw any economic... I like where you're going, but I think we should have that on the discussion night. It's worth a shot. Okay. What are you looking for? An extra detective, you know, economic crimes.

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00:48:40.460 --> 00:48:44.240

Cooper City Hall: Mayor, do we have a second on the resolution on number 2?

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Cooper City Hall: Oh, I second it, yeah. Okay, thank you. All right, any discussion?

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Cooper City Hall: Call the vote. It's public hearing, wait a minute, whoa, whoa, whoa!

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Cooper City Hall: One at a time.

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Cooper City Hall: Erwin? Call the vote. Erwin, they're gonna run you down. Yeah, get out of the way. And this will include the items directed by the Commission, by consensus.

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00:49:05.910 --> 00:49:06.930

Cooper City Hall: Call the vote.

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00:49:09.340 --> 00:49:15.950

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith? Yes. Commissioner Malozzi? Yes. Commissioner Gaxman? Yes. Commissioner Schroeder? Yes. Mayor Karen? Yes.

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00:49:17.280 --> 00:49:21.509

Cooper City Hall: See? I have one. Tomorrow, I've gotten several complaints.

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Cooper City Hall: that the meeting is at 10 a.m, and I know that we do not have a lot of wiggle room in reference to that, but I've gotten major complaints, and I didn't think anyone even paid attention, but several people have said they felt that us having it at 10 a.m. is complete disregard

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00:49:41.560 --> 00:49:58.309

Cooper City Hall: for the public, the people that would like to be there, and they feel like, and I'm air quoting, that we're attempting to pull the wall over people's eyes. Voicing that. We have a 5 o'clock meeting today, and there's not one soldier for the whole city. I'm just reiterating. I really...

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00:49:58.350 --> 00:50:02.879

Cooper City Hall: Appreciate the opportunity. Erwin, could you explain to the Commission and the public

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00:50:02.880 --> 00:50:24.670

Cooper City Hall: the timetable that we're dealing with and why it has to be completed. I understand why, but maybe we can get Mr. Cabello to put it out on a blip, because no one's here to listen to Erwin, but if Mr. Cabello sends it out, the definition... No, I don't appreciate that. You guys are adding attention to things that don't make any sense. The fire assessment is being held because it has to be done before the 15th of September.

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Cooper City Hall: the 15 falls on a Monday, and we didn't want to risk the chance that we're doing it last minute, and there has to be a change. And why couldn't you do it today?

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00:50:32.810 --> 00:50:42.320

Cooper City Hall: So, you gotta make sure you... It can't be until the 12th. Okay, so there we go. We were stuck between Friday and a Monday. We're stuck between the Friday and a Monday. So the people watching can hear it.

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00:50:44.030 --> 00:51:03.050

Cooper City Hall: Well, you said that you're getting all the complaints, right? Yeah. But we'll put somebody on social media. No, no, no, no, just change... no, I don't want it on social media. Just change the agenda, and on the front page, put the explanation of the agenda.

Okay. So, if someone goes and sees Wises at 10, they can see, first state law, it had to be between these days. Okay. Yeah, got it, got it. Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Motion to adjourn.

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Cooper City Hall: Second.

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Cooper City Hall: Oh, I can't go up.