



CITY OF COOPER CITY 2ND PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 5:30 PM
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

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

1. **Resolution 25-62 (Finance)**

City Attorney Horowitz read by title "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 5.845 FOR GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

City Manager Rey advised that the millage rate of 5.845 represents a reduction from last year's rate and a continuation of the decrease from the past six years.

Commissioner Smith expressed gratitude to the City Manager for listening to the Commission's desire to reduce the millage rate.

Commissioner Katzman thanked the City Manager and the Finance Department. The reduction in the millage over the past six years demonstrates the Commission's dedication to fiscal responsibility.

Commissioner Mallozzi said it's good to know that the Commission is doing its part to help residents as best it can.

Commissioner Shrouder said he believes it may be the seventh year that they have been able to reduce the millage rate.

Mayor Curran supports the reduction, and successfully implementing a reduction over the past seven years is something to be proud of.

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 25-62. Commissioner Katzman seconded the motion, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

2. **Resolution 25-63 (Finance)**

City Attorney Horowitz read by title" A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL 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; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" by title.

Commissioner Smith thanked the City Manager for the reduction made since the first hearing. He asked about the concern raised at the First Budget Hearing regarding the funds allocated for art. City Manager Rey said the line should be corrected to Beautification.

Commissioner Katzman stated the line still reads Beautification/Public Art. City Manager Rey will correct the error.

Commissioner Mallozzi spoke about a veteran's breakfast she attended in the Town of Davie. Several municipalities host this event, which provides vendors with an opportunity to showcase their services to veterans. She would like to include this event in the budget and hold it quarterly. She also discussed the Veterans' Banner initiative, wanting to showcase the banner requests we have received recently. City Manager Rey said that the City can seek sponsorships for the event.

Commissioner Shrouder said the City can cover the cost if she works with staff without directly adding a line item for the event.

City Manager Rey stated that contingency funds are available.

Mayor Curran supports the item and wants staff to focus on the program's needs.

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 25-63. Commissioner Shrouder seconded the motion, which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS / REPORTS

None.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.

The minutes of the Second Public Budget Hearing held on September 25, 2025, were approved during the regular Commission meeting held on October 28, 2025.

Tedra Allen, City Clerk

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WEBVTT

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Cooper City Hall: Welcome to the second budget hearing.

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Cooper City Hall: Would everybody please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, please?

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Cooper City Hall: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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Cooper City Hall: to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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00:00:28.600 --> 00:00:29.589

Cooper City Hall: Roll call.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith? Here. Commissioner Malozzi? Yes, here. Commissioner Casman? Here. Commissioner Schroeder? Here.

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00:00:38.300 --> 00:00:39.899

Cooper City Hall: Mayor Karen? Here.

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00:00:44.410 --> 00:00:45.100

Cooper City Hall: Alright.

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Cooper City Hall: Mr. City Manager, any changes or emergencies to the meeting? No, sir. Emergency changes. Public comment? Anybody here wishing to speak?

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00:00:54.680 --> 00:00:57.970

Cooper City Hall: Anybody. Gone once. Gone twice.

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00:00:58.460 --> 00:00:59.260

Cooper City Hall: Gone.

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

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Cooper City Hall: After the attorney reads in, the attorney reads in. Thank you. Thank you, Mayor and Commission. Good evening. And just for the record, we're here tonight, pursuant to Section 200.065 of the Florida Statutes, for your second and final public hearing on both the millage rate and the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

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Cooper City Hall: First item on the agenda is Resolution 25-62, a resolution of the City Commission, the City of Cooper City, Florida, adopting a final millage rate of 5.845 for the general operating budget purposes for fiscal year 2025-26, applied for conflicts, severability, and provided for an effective date. On the floor for your consideration.

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00:01:36.690 --> 00:01:38.270

Cooper City Hall: Mr. City Manager.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, the, the millage that is in your, in your package tonight for final adoption is, is a reduction, from the last year's millage, and,

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Cooper City Hall: And it's a continuation of what the City Commission has been doing for the last, 6 years, I believe. And...

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Cooper City Hall: The funds are necessary to continue the operations of the city, as I outlined in the budget that you're going to be entertaining later on.

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Cooper City Hall: And nothing else has changed on the village rate since the adoption on First Reading.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: Looking for a motion? Motion. Second.

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Cooper City Hall: Second Discussion.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith.

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Cooper City Hall: Mayor, thank you. I would just say...

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Cooper City Hall: good job with the city manager hearing what the Commission was looking for to be able to carve down a little harder. I do know that if every household were to look at what this yields, it's,

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Cooper City Hall: it's not so much the dollar amount, it's the intent behind the dollar amount. So, good job to you and finance team and everyone else by, working on that. And, that's all I have. Thank you, Mayor.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you. Commissioner Katzmamn. Thank you, Mayor. Just briefly, I do want to thank the manager, the finance team, everybody involved in this process. I know we're talking specifically about the millage.

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00:03:11.850 --> 00:03:27.739

Cooper City Hall: I just want to highlight briefly that the fact that we were able to reduce the millage year over year for the past 6 years, while prices are going up, expenses are going up, shows our fiscal responsibility, and the importance that all 5 of us place on...

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Cooper City Hall: the, residents...

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Cooper City Hall: budgets. I know people are going through tough times, and it's a challenging time for many people, but the fact that we're here, you know, especially noting that more

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Cooper City Hall: The entire expense of our public safety, which is our number one job.

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Cooper City Hall: Is not covered by these property taxes.

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Cooper City Hall: So we have to find other forms of revenue just to pay for public safety, and then we have all the other things that the city does. So I do want to give kudos to all the team involved in this, and thank you, and I plan to support this. Thanks.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Malozzi?

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Cooper City Hall: I'm going to echo what my colleagues are saying. I agree with,

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Cooper City Hall: we're, you know, we're cutting back, we're doing everything that we can, and I'm hearing

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Cooper City Hall: just citywide, everybody's complaining about what they're paying and everything, and it's nice to know that we're doing our part to make it just a little bit more affordable, so I'm happy. So thank you, staff, and everyone involved.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Schotter.

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Cooper City Hall: I think it's, like, s...

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Cooper City Hall: It's the seventh year, maybe, that we've rolled it.

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Cooper City Hall: back. I'd like to find out, Mr. Manager, and because right now, while it's,

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Cooper City Hall: Seems like it's a buzz thing for certain government agencies, you know?

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Cooper City Hall: We've been doing this for... You know, over a half decade, year after year, rolling back to millage.

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Cooper City Hall: Residents, you might see an increase if you're, you know, you bought your house very low.

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Cooper City Hall: And, you're just naturally, you know, there's a cap, you can only go up 3% a year, so you might only be paying on \$200,000, even though your house is worth \$500,000 or \$600,000.

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00:05:10.000 --> 00:05:17.830

Cooper City Hall: But we can't control that. The only thing we can control is the actual tax rate, and you know, I think it says something when we're able to...

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Cooper City Hall: Year over year, continue to roll this back, not just because...

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Cooper City Hall: It's a popular thing this year.

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Cooper City Hall: Good.

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Cooper City Hall: I echo everybody's sentiment up here, if it's 6 years or 7, it's become a habit.

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Cooper City Hall: And when you can... Say that you've... Cut...

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Cooper City Hall: Taxes for 6 or 7 years in a row.

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00:05:43.040 --> 00:05:48.270

Cooper City Hall: It pretty much sends a message that your city staff and

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Cooper City Hall: Everybody that plays a role in this has

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Cooper City Hall: Has a, a bite, or a dog in the fight on this one, and...

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Cooper City Hall: Knowing that you're going to cut the taxes, so I'm very proud of it, and proud to be here with you guys. Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Call a vote.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, public hearing. Anybody wanting to speak?

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Cooper City Hall: Once, twice, gone.

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Cooper City Hall: Have you had your chance

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Cooper City Hall: Call the vote, please. Commissioner Smith? Yes. Commissioner Malozzi? Yes. Commissioner Gatzman? Commissioner Schroeder? Yes. Mayor Curran? Yes.

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00:06:19.240 --> 00:06:35.060

Cooper City Hall: Mayor, Commission, the second and final item on tonight's budget hearing agenda is Resolution 25-63, a resolution of the City Commission, the City of Cooper City, Florida, adopting a final budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1st, 2025, ending on September 30th, 2026, attached as 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, providing for severability, providing for conflicts, and providing for an effective date.

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Cooper City Hall: Motion.

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Cooper City Hall: Make a motion.

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Cooper City Hall: Second?

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Cooper City Hall: Any discussion?

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00:06:52.100 --> 00:06:53.810

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith?

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, Mayor.

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Cooper City Hall: I do want to, highlight to the City Manager, I see that you've made some changes, since last meeting to decrease and rearrange, some of the budget numbers and reductions.

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Cooper City Hall: Line item budget does allow, which I understand you, to go ahead and position things as needed throughout the year, and make amendments and bring to the Commission. The only thing I would just like to discuss with my colleagues is I do know that how last meeting ended, there was a concern on where we had placed money

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Cooper City Hall: and the tune of a million dollars in reference to art. Specifically, we were talking about changing the line item name, not, maybe even the intent.

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Cooper City Hall: Where were we on, on, on that thought process?

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, sir, the goal was to change the title from... art, in...

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Cooper City Hall: Public streets to beautification of public streets.

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Cooper City Hall: And that would be...

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Cooper City Hall: Point of information, it still says beautification slash public art, which is not the intent. Correct, no, thank you for bringing that up. Yeah. Yeah, thank you for pointing that out. It's just supposed to say beautification of public streets, not art.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, yeah, thank you. I just... I just wanted to make certain that was some... that was some of the contention that, that, I recall, minus that. I don't see anything else, so, Mayor, I yield. Thank you. Thank you. Commissioner Schrouder?

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Cooper City Hall: No, I don't have any.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Malozzi.

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Cooper City Hall: I have one thing that I'd like to see if we could, make room for. Last week?

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Cooper City Hall: I believe I was invited, with several of my colleagues to the Veterans Breakfast in Davie. The president of the American Legion right next door invited us so we could see what they do there.

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Cooper City Hall: It was a fairly large room.

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Cooper City Hall: And it was filled with... they made a record number, I believe it was 104 veterans showed up. They had, one person, I believe, from World War II all the way up.

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Cooper City Hall: The veterans are not just from Davie, they are from the county, and there are several municipalities that hold this veteran's breakfast.

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Cooper City Hall: It was a great event. I had a few really nice conversations about how they appreciate

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Cooper City Hall: being appreciated, how they, the town uses it, and the other areas use it as information. So they have different agencies and... and different services come and

show them, you know, these are things that are available to veterans. And it was, volunteers staffed it, it was a... they made a plate, and they brought it to the table.

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Cooper City Hall: So, I said to one... because there was a representative from the Women's Auxiliary of the Legion next door, and I said, would you all... I don't know if we could host it at City Hall, how about if you guys try it one month, or maybe work it? Like, we could get different, organizations within the city to help serve

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Cooper City Hall: That way it's not an issue for staff, and possibly, if we could get someone to maybe every month sponsor the food, which it was, scrambled eggs, I think, bacon, biscuits with gravy.

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Cooper City Hall: And I want to say there was a fruit cup.

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Cooper City Hall: They offered coffee, orange juice, water, and again, a lot of them, did not have the best mobility, so table service was definitely, without a doubt, something that would be needed. I don't have figures, but if we do it

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Cooper City Hall: once a month, they said that it took them several years to build up to that 104 number, which was a record breaker, but we do have a nice amount of veterans in this city, and I think that... and throughout the county, and I think if we could do a breakfast and...

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Cooper City Hall: Is this every month, or is it once a year? No, they do it once a month.

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Cooper City Hall: And then, you know, so once I'm, like... We start by doing... hosting an event, or coinciding with Veterans Day, we don't usually do a Veterans Day event.

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Cooper City Hall: In the city. Why don't we?

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Cooper City Hall: We have Veterans Day at the Legion.

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Cooper City Hall: I think that's Memorial Day, isn't it? I thought we did both. No, I remember Veterans Day because we... it's the bell.

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Cooper City Hall: We're doing boats. Yeah.

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00:11:43.970 --> 00:11:59.470

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Milosi, what was your ask? Well, I'd like to see if this is something we can put in the budget, and if you want to start quarterly, and then see how it turns out, and do it that way, but I would like to see us honor our veterans. Also, part two.

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Cooper City Hall: is I know that I had brought up, and we had approved it for the banners for the veterans. I believe we only had 2 or 3 people that, for lack of a better word, applied for it, and I understand that. I was approached by one of the veterans that did apply for it, and they said maybe if they saw the 2 or 3 that were there.

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Cooper City Hall: that other people would, because I know, I personally know, like, 15 veterans in this city. So, I would love, again, to see them recognized, and then...

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Cooper City Hall: I'll hit the... and that's not something that really comes out of our budget, but...

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00:12:33.900 --> 00:12:43.329

Cooper City Hall: I just thought maybe if we could do it instead of getting a minimum number, do it with 3, then people will see those 3 and want to know, how do I do it?

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00:12:43.780 --> 00:12:45.290

Cooper City Hall: Just, just a thought.

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00:12:45.790 --> 00:12:54.529

Cooper City Hall: I don't have a problem starting with a small number. This is not a very significant thing. The other thing I will tell you is, when I have tried to get

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Cooper City Hall: fundraising for veterans' activities is the easiest money you can go on there. I was gonna say that. So, I mean, we can have some seed money, if you want to put \$5,000 of seed money, but I think if we do outreach to the businesses.

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00:13:07.820 --> 00:13:20.070

Cooper City Hall: No, we'll get the breakfast covered by somebody. And that was my thought. I figured we would, because they could also show what they have to offer, but I would love to do something.

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00:13:20.640 --> 00:13:24.499

Cooper City Hall: I want to support your idea, I just don't think

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Cooper City Hall: without budget numbers, this would be the spot, so... If we do a \$5,000 start? I'm just... I don't think it'll be more than that. But here, fundamentally, and just work with me on the way my brain works, my brain doesn't process just things without know... you know what I mean? So, like...

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00:13:39.550 --> 00:13:47.410

Cooper City Hall: if you wanted to do something like that, you guys should figure it out, and we got plenty of money to cover it, you know? But, like, to designate...

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00:13:47.730 --> 00:13:52.759

Cooper City Hall: like, 5 or 10, you know, like, we'll just cover it, you know, it's like a small thing, so...

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00:13:53.670 --> 00:13:59.470

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Milosi, do you see... do you see a line item that you would like to work on the City Manager, say, hey, I would like

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Cooper City Hall: in line item 123. I see that there's enough there, could we operate? And he obviously said he doesn't have a problem with seed money, but is that your interest or direction? I did not pull a line item to correlate with it.

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Cooper City Hall: I know that we have the money in the budget, I just didn't know if this was something that we could add as a line item, but I understand Commissioner Schrouder's concern, but also a budget is fluid, so we could, at any time... No, no, let's... So he's got... do you have contingency money you could cover it?

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Cooper City Hall: That's where I will take it from. And if it gets big enough, then come to us for an amendment to where we could, you know, like, if it turns out this is the best thing... I would fully support this if you want to start quarterly, and if it grows big, fast, then we can, you know, we can add...

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Cooper City Hall: Right. You know, to it, but I'm also with...

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Cooper City Hall: everybody here. I think that we need to go ahead and plan for 75, the first one, and give the city manager direction on what you, you know, where and what, and let's pull the trigger and let's do it. But I totally agree that it needs to have a dollar figure, especially this late in the game.

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Cooper City Hall: That we're where we are today. So you definitely have our support.

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Cooper City Hall: So, do you want to work it where we add it to the budget for a quarterly, and then we'll do a half cycle? I think what I'm hearing is, let's start working on this, let's try to get sponsors, and if we need money, then I'll come back to the Commission. Like, if it needs to go over a certain amount of social, then we'll amend it and...

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00:15:24.940 --> 00:15:25.969

Cooper City Hall: I'm good with that.

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00:15:26.170 --> 00:15:27.380

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Katzmann?

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00:15:27.670 --> 00:15:32.069

Cooper City Hall: Anything you want? Nothing further with the... the public art was noted, I presume.

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Cooper City Hall: Then we're good.

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Cooper City Hall: Thanks.

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Cooper City Hall: Any discussion on this item? We're good? Call the vote.

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Cooper City Hall: Oh, public input.

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Cooper City Hall: Mr. Gross? Mr. Morley, any... Just Simpson? Anything you guys want to add? You're good? Solid?

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Cooper City Hall: Call the vote. For the budget, or this item? The budget. This is the budget.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith? Yes. Commissioner Malozzi? Yes. Commissioner Gatzman? Yes. Commissioner Schrouder? Yes. Mayor Curran? Yes.

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Cooper City Hall: Alright, we're gonna adjourn the meeting.

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Cooper City Hall: We don't need a motion.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah.

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Cooper City Hall: We serve as our departments, and when we visited utilities, there was a resident who asked.

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Cooper City Hall: you know, is that why my water bill went up? And I think the way utilities really phrased it was, it doesn't really mean that the bill went up. Sure, the dollar figure went up, but now your meter's actually providing

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Cooper City Hall: a correct read, and you know, suffice it to say, if you weren't paying for water because you were just getting, you know, basically the

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Cooper City Hall: what would be considered the minimum, that's what was happening, and now you're now getting an accurate read, Erwin, right? It's really a combination. It's a combination of no reads, and if you've got a meter that's been in the ground for 25 years.

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Cooper City Hall: they slow down over time, so they're really not giving you a correct reading. So now, every resident is going to get a correct reading on their meter.

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Cooper City Hall: For those that... weren't paying any water bill because their meter wasn't being read. Obviously.

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Cooper City Hall: you know, they're now going to have a higher avail because now they're going to actually be charged based on their consumption, which it should be. So everyone is treated fairly and equally. Yeah, and, you know, that's just one project. There's so many projects that are coming up in the next fiscal year, Erwin, and

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Cooper City Hall: A lot of those are being supported by grant dollars. There's now a grants administrator within the finance department. Renee, we actually had her. She was featured on our last podcast as we talked about some of the projects that Parks and Recreation was working on. Erwin.

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Cooper City Hall: part of it, too, is being... just like any household, you have to be smart and cognizant about how your money is being used, and how you're using it to potentially earn some interest. How... what did the city recently do, and what just got approved by the Commission that's gonna help...

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Cooper City Hall: you know, take advantage of interest that is available for the city if we make smart investments. Well, when I came in, I noticed that the city's portfolio, their investment portfolio, was not really spread the way it should have been spread. So I took the time, and we reinvested funds.

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Cooper City Hall: in, in, the, the, QPDs, you know, Qualified Public Depositories, and other, government-polled

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Cooper City Hall: Vehicles. And by doing that, in the next year, we feel that we're going to increase the interest income on all our investments by over a million dollars over the prior year.