



CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION INPUT BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 5:30 PM
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Shrouder, Meltzer, Pulcini, Green and Mayor Ross.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 MINUTES)

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

FY 2023 Overview

City Manager Napoli advised the Public Input Meeting required by Charter was held on May 10, 2022. Staff is in the process of formulating the FY 2023 budget. A few areas of concerns surrounding the FY 2023 budget is the residual impacts of Covid, inflation and a possible recession.

CFO Aaron Kendrick advised the May 10, 2022 Public Input Meeting resulted in no comments. In FY 2021 the governmental fund had \$40 million in expenditures. In FY 2021 we had \$59 million in total expenditures, FY 2022 anticipates \$72 million in expenditures. The cost differential is related to ARPA funds. The FY 2023 budget assumes an undetermined millage rate. The Revitalization and Beautification initiative remains a top priority. Potential staffing changes include an additional Treatment Plant Operator, Mechanic 1 in Utilities and a Capital Project Coordinator funded by ARPA. With inflation at a 40 year high, staff is assuming a merit and COLA increase to remain competitive among neighboring municipalities. Staff is assuming a 5% increase in electricity due to fuel costs. The water and sewer rates based on the annual CPI will be moving to 8.5%. Postage rates will be increased by approximately 10%. There are also potential increase with new contracts and construction materials due to inflation. The potential resurgence or residual impacts of Covid-19 continues to be a concern. A BSO consideration increase, inflationary pressures, collective bargaining impacts, non-recurring ARPA dollars and healthcare cost increases all continue to be concerns.

Commissioner Shrouder asked if we know what the increase in ad valorem property tax would be assuming the same millage rate. CFO Kendrick answered that information is released the first week of June.

Commissioner Meltzer wants to assure any funds allocate to the Revitalization and Beautification initiative are rolled forward to FY 2023. He also asked staff to remain mindful of budget expenses with rising inflation. He also wants to assure we budget appropriately for traffic calming. We also need to have savings for the Capital Improvement Plan especially for turf for Flamingo West Park. He wants to assure we are receiving our fair share of governmental revenues and utilizing and applying for all grants available. He spoke on a 5% increase potentially for BSO and healthcare costs. He also asked if there are any rates that may need to be looked at. City Manager Napoli advised we will reexamine storm water rates. He would also like to have a Tree Workshop to address tree roots issues.

Commissioner Green wants to assure we budget to address staffing retention and levels.

Commissioner Pulcini agrees with Commissioner Green on the importance of employee retention. He would like to stay cognitive of pension liability moving forward with negative returns. He would also like move ARPA funds out of fund balance. CFO Kendrick advised they are in fund balance as they are anticipated to be spent. Commissioner Pulcini advised we are budgeting without the audit. CFO Kendrick advised the audit is expected to be finalized within the next few weeks.

Mayor Ross said with proposed Ordinance 22-13 we are looking to add an additional sum of money to the fund balance requirement. He advised it is incumbent to listen to each other and look at solutions.

Commissioner Pulcini advised we ended last year with \$41 million in fund balance and regardless of what ordinance we pass he does not see the \$3 million dollars that the Commission designated as committed on the financials. CFO Kendrick answered those funds are committed but not listed as a separate line item on the financials.

Commissioner Meltzer advised it should be on the balance sheet as committed. CFO Kendrick will take list the funds as such.

Commissioner Pulcini asked if sidewalk repairs are currently budgeted for. CFO Kendrick answered yes.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES)

Ileana Ryan, 9461 SW 49 Place, spoke on moving to Cooper City because of the Tree City designation and she would like more trees planted in the City to keep tree canopies.

Commissioner Pulcini advised we have a Tree Trust Fund.

Commissioner Meltzer advised we also have a Revitalization and Beautification initiative to address tree planting. He also said some tree removal is due to sidewalk issues.

Ms. Ryan would like to update the trees that are allowed to be planted in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

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WEBVTT

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00:00:02.700 --> 00:00:03.000

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Good.

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00:00:06.779 --> 00:00:08.880

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Good good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

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00:00:10.080 --> 00:00:11.940

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Welcome to the may 24.

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Cooper City Virtual Meeting: city Commission input budget workshop meeting, we will now do the pledge of allegiance, if you please stand join me.

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00:00:26.940 --> 00:00:38.880

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all thank you, that will call police.

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00:00:42.780 --> 00:00:44.880

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Commissioner, green i'm sorry, Commissioner.

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00:00:46.050 --> 00:00:54.600

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Commissioner Meltzer here, Commissioner puccini here, Mr green MIA Ross and I am here or excuse me, I am here.

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00:00:56.070 --> 00:01:02.940

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Do we have any public comments anyone signed up as yet for public comments, or do we have anyone on virtual.

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Cooper City Virtual Meeting: note about.

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00:01:08.280 --> 00:01:09.570

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Oh yes, no.

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00:01:11.220 --> 00:01:13.680

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Right nothing, thank you very much.

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00:01:15.120 --> 00:01:16.140

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Having said that.

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Cooper City Virtual Meeting: We will go to topics for discussion is Mr kendrick will give us a 2020 overview of miss myra packages sure a few introductory remarks and then aaron's going to go into the presentation, but.

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00:01:31.590 --> 00:01:41.490

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Just so you know we did have weeks ago we had a public input meeting this is required by charter to do one with the public and then.

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00:01:42.180 --> 00:01:54.570

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: One with the Commission and the purpose is to gather and put prior during prior to finalizing the budget, as you know, we're in the process right now of working at by 23.

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00:01:55.140 --> 00:02:03.720

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Budget we've gone through one round of of reviews at the meeting we had with the public, we did not get any public input.

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00:02:04.830 --> 00:02:08.400

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I think you know, a couple of few things that are that are of.

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00:02:09.450 --> 00:02:19.890

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Concern for this budget on the past two years and we've indicated in there, that you know code has had an impact, but the result residual impact of covert is very uncertain.

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00:02:20.430 --> 00:02:27.300

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And it's going to be the same for this year i'm whether you wherever you want to fault inflation, whether it was.

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00:02:27.780 --> 00:02:34.650

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: code resulted, or whatever we this is going to be a year we're going to have to deal with pretty significant inflation, we still don't know.

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00:02:35.340 --> 00:02:51.870

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: How high that's going to be how long it's going to last, and the second thing macro picture is that there is a possibility of an economic slowdown and even a recession that people are talking about now and, obviously, that will impact our our budget particularly.

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00:02:53.070 --> 00:02:56.190

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: From the revenue side from our inner inner governmental.

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00:02:58.770 --> 00:03:06.840

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: revenue side, so the inflationary pressures, the uncertainty, the economy, those are two things that we're dealing with on a macro level so.

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00:03:07.230 --> 00:03:17.070

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: aaron's going to give a presentation and overview of of this year's budget and some of the things that assumptions were making an issue and concerns that we have, thank you.

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00:03:22.920 --> 00:03:26.700

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Not terrifically but I said go read and think always it.

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00:03:28.890 --> 00:03:29.610

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: One more time.

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00:03:31.710 --> 00:03:33.540

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Now I know you're off there you go all right.

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00:03:35.790 --> 00:03:36.450

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Now you're off.

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00:03:38.070 --> 00:03:40.260

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: right again okay oh you're off.

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00:03:43.050 --> 00:03:46.200

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Alright, testing, how we go awesome.

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00:03:47.610 --> 00:03:55.830

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Well, thank you said manager and welcome Commissioners, and I look forward to the opportunity to have a few minutes to discuss.

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00:03:56.400 --> 00:04:12.720

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: The budget overview for the fiscal year 2021 2022 amendment and the proposed budget assumptions that we're looking at as it relates to fiscal year 2023 your budget concerns and.

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Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Public input, as you know, we spoke with the public.

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Cooper City Virtual Meeting: On may the 10th and to get their input concerns and thoughts as it relates to the upcoming budget.

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00:04:28.080 --> 00:04:36.330

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I think most of you were here for that meeting as well, and so this presentation is a repeat, so that you know exactly what we said to the.

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00:04:36.750 --> 00:04:47.520

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: To the public and what their false were, I think, is, as we all know, at that particular time we actually did not have anyone in the audience, nor did we have only one online, and so we didn't.

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00:04:47.940 --> 00:05:02.010

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: get any significant input that evening, nor have we got anything, subsequent to that meeting from the public, just to frame that and let you know where we stand in terms of communication with the with the public.

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00:05:03.270 --> 00:05:09.600

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Having said that, as the city Commission i'm sorry city manager has indicated, this is a required meeting.

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00:05:10.740 --> 00:05:15.450

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And so we are here to complete that requirement and to get your input.

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00:05:16.680 --> 00:05:22.710

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: as it relates to the upcoming budget fiscal year 2021 overview.

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00:05:27.720 --> 00:05:28.170

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: The.

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00:05:31.380 --> 00:05:31.620

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: When you're.

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00:05:33.900 --> 00:05:37.350

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Budget was a difficult.

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00:05:38.400 --> 00:05:47.460

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And tight budget as well as we, which is what we also expect this year, and what we have up here is the actual expenditures that occur from during that time frame.

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00:05:48.060 --> 00:06:06.630

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: As you can see, we had 40 \$40,800,000 in revenue collections and 18 million of well on the government side and then on the independent process we had another \$18.3 million of collected to funds.

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00:06:07.860 --> 00:06:27.150

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: or a total of 59 million and budgeted dollars that came in, as an actual the bulk of the expenditures during that year as the as the case in the current year 2022 and generally route.

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00:06:28.260 --> 00:06:39.420

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Well, which is what normally occurs, is that the bulk of that of course occurred in the general rule fun comprising over 62% in 2021 of all expenditures.

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00:06:41.580 --> 00:06:54.990

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: The other notable items there, what was the cause the warden sore comprising 20% or just over 20% of the total revenues and expenditures that occurred in the course of that year.

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Cooper City Virtual Meeting: In 2022 what we're looking at is the amended budget for fiscal year 2022 so This comprises all of the.

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Cooper City Virtual Meeting: The adopted budget plus any subsequent rollovers and any amendments that we have.

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Cooper City Virtual Meeting: There as active during the course of the year, so this is encompassing all changes, as well as what was initially adopted.

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00:07:30.090 --> 00:07:41.280

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: General Budget wise once again the General Budget here in fiscal year 2022 comprised of 54% or just about four and a half percent of the total budget.

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Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Which is a substantial drop from the prior year in 2021 where it was 62 you're 54 and the bulk of that reason is due to the Opera dollars opera comes and into 2022 and.

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00:07:56.610 --> 00:08:08.880

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: accounts for 12% of the overall dollars that that the city acquired and so subsequently that reduced percentage wise what the general Fund up.

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00:08:09.810 --> 00:08:22.500

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Numbers come out to be, once again, water and sewer operating account is the fun is the other big fun that we have to always keep an eye on and.

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00:08:23.070 --> 00:08:30.690

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: encompasses a lot of what we do here, and then you got your non major funds that are eating up the rest of the dollars that are accounted for.

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00:08:31.470 --> 00:08:50.580

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Total expenditures and budget for that for 2022 after your amendments and all we're looking at \$72 million in the \$2.3 million in total 53 of that coming from the government side and 19 million on the proprietary side.

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00:08:55.350 --> 00:08:56.460

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Budget assumptions.

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00:08:58.350 --> 00:09:01.980

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: For fiscal year 2023.

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00:09:03.450 --> 00:09:10.380

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: As you are not given us a change as of yet on the millage we right at this point, of course, we don't know.

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00:09:10.950 --> 00:09:23.910

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Where that's gonna fall at and what all the considerations will be as you as you contemplate that important decision, so we don't know that number as of yet, but what we do know is that.

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00:09:25.230 --> 00:09:39.450

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: finalization and beautification continues to be a a main topic of concern amongst the amongst is the city and the Commission, and so we, we are naturally.

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00:09:40.710 --> 00:09:45.930

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Keep an eye on that ball potential staffing changes and issues.

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00:09:47.190 --> 00:10:01.620

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: We anticipate one additional individual in the treatment plant operator there as well as a mechanic one and the utilities area, in addition to that, we are.

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00:10:04.470 --> 00:10:17.160

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: These here I think everyone is aware, at this point that are his last day with us as the Opera manager will be this upcoming Friday, and so we are also so we're anticipating.

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00:10:18.300 --> 00:10:23.220

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: moving as quickly as you will allow us, potentially on.

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00:10:24.510 --> 00:10:35.640

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Moving someone into that position so that we do not lose any of the momentum that the harbor dollars on a couple projects are now beginning to see to spin up on.

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00:10:36.060 --> 00:10:49.890

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: As you know, where we're kind of slow getting out of the gate with those but now we've got over 1.2 \$1.3 million of income Britain dollars they're now starting to spend down and rail Bob on that and so.

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00:10:50.460 --> 00:10:57.210

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: We definitely want to try to keep that moving, as you know, those dollars have limitations on, so we have to give them spent by a certain period of time.

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00:11:01.680 --> 00:11:02.430

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: With the.

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00:11:04.080 --> 00:11:17.190

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: financial environment that we find ourselves in, as indicated by the city manager inflation is that a 40 year high so we assume we're assuming America Nicola increase.

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00:11:17.910 --> 00:11:29.790

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: To keep our sales competitive, as you know, we all, as you all full aware that a couple of months, over the last few months we we saw for retention wise and so.

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00:11:30.420 --> 00:11:40.110

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: We we think it's prudent to have these items, at least in the budget Casey they become necessary for us to utilize in the upcoming year.

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00:11:45.450 --> 00:11:46.440

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: potential.

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00:11:47.460 --> 00:11:54.450

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Increases in electricity calls we're assuming a 5% increase right now just due to the.

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00:11:55.680 --> 00:11:58.440

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Fuel calls and things that are necessary in order.

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00:11:59.490 --> 00:12:03.150

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: lpl and all and others to create you know the electricity.

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00:12:04.710 --> 00:12:05.820

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: They have been.

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00:12:07.260 --> 00:12:24.600

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: pretty good at hedging some of their calls, and so we don't expect a significant increase there, but we do expect there to be some increase water and sewer rates increase based on or increase based on the annual crp, which is currently eight and a half percent.

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00:12:26.400 --> 00:12:32.250

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: postage rates increases were expecting a 10% increase and postage rate.

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00:12:33.480 --> 00:12:42.870

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Which is broken down there for you, in the sense of the there increase in an animation incrementally two cents in July, another two cents in.

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00:12:43.920 --> 00:12:53.370

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: January, and then in July again of the following year, so they're going to incrementally increase their rates potential increases in new contracts.

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00:12:54.960 --> 00:13:03.810

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Everything is one up as you it's your you're finding out of your own businesses and your own interactions and so, for us, as the city.

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00:13:04.740 --> 00:13:17.700

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: It is hitting us in the areas of you know, some of the chemicals that are necessary for the treatment of the water plants and things of that nature but it's across the board, whether it be in construction materials as well, and so.

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00:13:19.590 --> 00:13:30.840

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: These are, this is a concern of ours, that we will be paying close attention to, to ensure that we're on the forefront of it and not not trailing behind the changes.

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00:13:37.590 --> 00:13:38.790

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Budget concerns.

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00:13:42.120 --> 00:13:43.860

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Over 19 resurgent.

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00:13:45.420 --> 00:13:58.860

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Market parts introduction I mean it's just another biological unforeseen biological impacts I at this point i'm just not i'm not sure that what we're not always I guess for sure what's going to be next but.

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00:14:00.120 --> 00:14:07.170

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: We know what we're currently dealing with, and those are the two that are on the forefront of the news when you watch it and so.

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00:14:08.220 --> 00:14:23.640

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: cold, it was a significant impact to the city over the last two years, and we think they're probably will as different strains come out continue to be an item of concern for us as we move forward bsl consideration increases.

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00:14:25.110 --> 00:14:27.090

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: As you all, probably are aware of.

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00:14:28.500 --> 00:14:40.050

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Their agreement with city is that they will hold their increases to 5% with exceptional three line three line items, and so they are.

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00:14:41.400 --> 00:14:45.420

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: But we expect that they will, but right up to that 5%.

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00:14:48.060 --> 00:14:55.980

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Inflation or other inflationary pressures like I say staffing materials supplies and things of that nature that the muscle again or just.

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00:14:58.860 --> 00:15:07.350

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: increasing exponentially collected ball bargaining and the impact that it potentially has on the bottom line as that all.

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00:15:09.450 --> 00:15:15.660

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: comes to a an end and then non reoccurring opera doll expenditures.

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00:15:18.630 --> 00:15:29.040

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: items that we have have and or will engage and that will continue beyond the dollars available in the budget in the Opera dollars budget, and so we.

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00:15:29.460 --> 00:15:46.680

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: are mindful of that and we're starting to look at that now to make sure that we're able to make smart decisions concerning those items beforehand before we actually get to the point where we've exhausted all of the dollars health care costs increases.

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00:15:47.820 --> 00:15:48.960

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: loris and her team.

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00:15:50.520 --> 00:15:55.410

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Along with the city manager are working with the vendor to try to.

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00:15:56.670 --> 00:16:01.770

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: limit those increases to the to the fullest extent possible, but.

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00:16:04.500 --> 00:16:16.620

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: The nature of the business and the industry is that there will probably be some change there were still yet to get the final numbers on that as well, but it remains so it remains that concerned.

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00:16:19.560 --> 00:16:26.250

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: The last slide here is just to give you an indication of what the budget schedule.

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00:16:27.300 --> 00:16:30.390

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: is and what our anticipated time frames for.

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00:16:31.530 --> 00:16:45.780

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: going through the process and wrapping up will, for your final reading taking place on September the 20th and so, from this point on we're sitting here to Aaron I think we need to there's an error here I don't know.

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00:16:47.070 --> 00:16:56.250

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: we're proposing to submit the budget on July 8 and the budget workshop would be on August 2.

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00:17:02.370 --> 00:17:02.850

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: We were just.

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00:17:05.250 --> 00:17:06.480

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Thank you for saying correct it.

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00:17:08.790 --> 00:17:20.490

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: As a city manager standing kid I did he's right I didn't rush through this I spent a change here, and so I do have it wrong there my my apologies to the Commission and the city manager on that.

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00:17:21.600 --> 00:17:21.930

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: But.

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00:17:23.190 --> 00:17:32.610

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I will make that correction and send that out to all of you for your for your purview with That being said, though, we That brings us to the end of the.

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00:17:33.120 --> 00:17:51.360

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: formal presentation here, and this is the point where, if you as a body have some direction God and send some items of concern or that you want to make sure that we are aware of, as we continue to go through this exercise, we will take your comments and thoughts at this point.

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00:17:57.930 --> 00:17:58.770

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Do we do we.

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00:17:59.880 --> 00:18:11.250

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Do we know what the increase assuming the military stayed the same, with the increase and advil and probably tax would be from the value increase.

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00:18:11.850 --> 00:18:20.280

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Now that generally comes out on June 1 time frame, in the first week of June and so we'll have more information at that point, or better information at that point.

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00:18:22.200 --> 00:18:22.500

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Okay.

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00:18:26.520 --> 00:18:27.840

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Thanks mayor rosberg life life.

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00:18:29.220 --> 00:18:35.670

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Okay, thank you mayor Ross and good evening everyone, and thank you, so thank you everybody for being here, I do have a few things, I just wanted to run right through.

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00:18:37.410 --> 00:18:44.700

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Just, from my perspective, we have a unification revitalization initiative that we undertook I know we haven't spent a lot of money this year towards.

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00:18:45.330 --> 00:19:01.680

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: doing what we need to do, public works I don't see Tom here yet, but I know he's working hard to to put the whole thing together for us, so we can do this the right way, but I just want to make sure, whatever monies we haven't spent get rolled over into 23 okay after the for beautification.

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00:19:03.060 --> 00:19:09.660

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And I understand I know costs are rising across the board and i've mentioned this before the city manager and to the public, we need to.

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00:19:10.110 --> 00:19:21.630

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: be mindful of that and depart mentally I see a few department directors here you guys just please try to predict I know it's it's a tough tough thing it's not a science, but.

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00:19:22.800 --> 00:19:34.590

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: figure expenses high because they're going up everywhere across the board, we already saw what's going on out there and utilities with chemicals and to the rest of you just just be mindful of that when you're preparing your budgets and submit for this year.

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00:19:35.910 --> 00:19:50.700

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: You know I know we have traffic calming on the radar want to make sure we're budgeted accordingly for that we've sent plans for 100 18th avenue 19th avenue 52nd streets coming up hiatus over at North East lake boulevard and pine island at Montana.

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00:19:52.440 --> 00:20:02.070

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: want to make sure we get we have enough money budgeted when the county comes back and does their analysis and realizes yes, we have a problem and Cooper city and we need to get this funded.

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00:20:03.600 --> 00:20:10.410

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Which brings me to see IP funding, I just want to say and i've said this before we need to have our little piggy bank setup.

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00:20:11.730 --> 00:20:22.320

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: we're going to and I hate to bring it up again, but we have a park out West it's going to cost us minimum of a quarter million dollars a year just place that artificial turf between starting now through.

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00:20:23.430 --> 00:20:30.330

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: forever quarter million dollars minimum, and I know we have other projects coming up and other maintenance.

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00:20:31.740 --> 00:20:38.670

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: You know items that we're going to need to undertake the next couple of years, and I want to make sure we have a plan moving forward, and I know Joe you work directly with.

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00:20:39.090 --> 00:20:46.830

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: You know, with aaron's team and put something together we can we can be a little more fiscally prudent and make sure that we have some of these expenditures covered moving forward.

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00:20:47.940 --> 00:20:56.340

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I want to make sure that we're also getting our fair share of governmental revenues and I know you're on that, right now, because I i'm not so sure that we have been in the past.

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00:20:57.780 --> 00:21:10.080

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: You know, we want to keep going with the grants and make sure we're applying for everything we can possibly get n P O is important i'm on the infield right now, and I assure you we will be getting some money for some projects.

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00:21:10.710 --> 00:21:17.130

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: you're working hard for that we have a lobbyist as well, and I know he's a little under the weather, right now, and we will wish them the best.

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00:21:18.330 --> 00:21:32.760

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And a quick recovery, but we do also need to make sure that we're you know we're getting our fair share from tallahassee and I know mayor you brought us 120 \$5,000 for the traffic study we thank you for that can't wait to see that going to affect.

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00:21:35.010 --> 00:21:44.130

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: let's see what else I have here, I know, be so we're talking, you know it's probably going to be a 5% increase let's face it, so you're looking at \$1,350,000 for 2023.

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00:21:45.240 --> 00:21:54.540

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And if you look at that look at that number that's a big number that's just that increases 7% of our ad valorem revenue which is around i'm guessing it's going to be around \$20 million this year.

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00:21:55.050 --> 00:22:08.310

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: you're looking at BATs for every dollar we're bringing in we're giving seven cents just for that increase, so we have to be mindful of that as well because that's that's a big ticket item health care costs, you know I know you guys voted to.

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00:22:09.360 --> 00:22:10.860

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: engage with the gerund group again.

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00:22:12.120 --> 00:22:17.070

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I still believe we should have at least explored doing this thing and house and I hope.

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00:22:17.550 --> 00:22:24.000

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: The way health care costs are going right now that the gerund group will be able to justify their existence, and I know they're gonna do a good job, but.

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00:22:24.690 --> 00:22:34.950

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: it's going to cost us minimum of 100 and hundred \$10,000 just to engage with them, and I want to make sure that we're you know we're getting our money's worth because I still believe we should have done it in house or at least taking a hard look at it.

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00:22:36.030 --> 00:22:51.450

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And let me ask you this, I know we've really addressed a lot of our usage rates, if you will, recreation, recreation rates that we're charging we've looked at the water, are there any other rates that we haven't addressed, yet that need to be redressed in the coming fiscal year.

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00:22:53.610 --> 00:22:57.600

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Well, what blended rate we're going to look at it again, Commissioner, in a.

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00:22:58.620 --> 00:23:17.400

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Storm water right and see and look at what is we're including a storm water probably add a few items streets weeping is one perhaps some some tree trimming and some

other areas that we can include the storm water, so we are going to be looking at our storm water rates okay great.

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00:23:18.630 --> 00:23:32.550

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I know we have it, we have it set that up a an item on the agenda tonight regarding the sidewalk you know responsibility, but to that end, I still want to have a tree workshop, I know, Tom is working on we've done some things, but I want to do that, sooner than later because.

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00:23:34.170 --> 00:23:44.640

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: let's face it, the trees are the problem sidewalks aren't busting for any other reason i'd say the majority of them are broken because of the tree root issue.

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00:23:45.270 --> 00:23:55.890

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And you have you said you have already spoken with fb ml about possibly doing a ship like maybe as a cost share with them on the trees that are underneath their lines if they're coming to have to.

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00:23:56.580 --> 00:24:07.380

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Constantly trim that now look like why's that that's correct okay good, so I hope that we get some good news there and they'll give us, you know they'll contribute to the cost of removing those trees.

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00:24:09.390 --> 00:24:09.480

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I.

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00:24:14.040 --> 00:24:20.520

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Think that's everything Erin thanks again Joe Thank you and thank you mayor Ross Thank you, thank you for your.

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00:24:21.660 --> 00:24:22.770

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: original Greenlandic thing.

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00:24:24.570 --> 00:24:32.220

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Thank you, Mary Ross and my apologies to the Maryland Commission into the staff for me being laid a long day at the office I do apologize.

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00:24:32.790 --> 00:24:42.660

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Think vision or Meltzer touched on a number of things that that I was thinking about I think one of the things as Mr kendrick, as you mentioned earlier with regards to.

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00:24:44.880 --> 00:25:01.650

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: staffing retention, I think that needs to be that continues to continue to be a should be a priority if it isn't it should be a priority, as we look at things that are going on throughout the throughout the nation and around the world, for that matter, in terms of people.

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00:25:03.810 --> 00:25:05.070

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: for whatever reason.

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00:25:07.170 --> 00:25:15.060

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Not not working or taking advantage of all the all of the opportunities, one of the things that we have to that we have to make sure that we.

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00:25:15.660 --> 00:25:27.060

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: That we strive for, is to make sure that we have adequate levels of our employee base, because they are doing, they are carrying the load this Commission is is is.

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00:25:28.260 --> 00:25:37.200

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Providing Mr Napoli and his group with the direction but ultimately it's people that's going to set it that's going to execute that so.

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00:25:38.280 --> 00:25:39.570

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I only say that.

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00:25:41.520 --> 00:25:54.060

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Because, as I'll give you all, an example, right here in our backyard memorial healthcare they they are looking at they've got 2700 positions that they need to feel.

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00:25:56.880 --> 00:25:57.720

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: they're out there.

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00:25:58.950 --> 00:26:12.090

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: throughout their workforce 2700 positions 800 of which are nurses in a number of different other positions, so there are a number of organizations agencies.

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00:26:12.750 --> 00:26:29.850

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Throughout our county that are looking for viable workforce, and we have to make sure that we're doing what we can to keep our employees, because there are opportunities outside of the city, so I want to make sure that that is a priority, as we continue to move forward.

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00:26:31.980 --> 00:26:34.980

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And that's all I have for right now, thank you, Mary commissionable jeannie.

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00:26:37.590 --> 00:26:38.400

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Thank you again.

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00:26:39.690 --> 00:26:50.250

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: So kendrick I agree with the with the Commissioner, green on the importance of US painting our employees and obviously.

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00:26:51.750 --> 00:26:55.320

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: providing adequate pay and compensation packages.

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00:26:56.520 --> 00:27:03.270

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: One thing we have to We may want to look into is our possible pension liability coming forward.

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00:27:04.650 --> 00:27:18.930

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: With negative returns, we may see an increase contribution and the coming years, I know the smooth as smooth as over in five years, they got the our contribution.

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00:27:19.500 --> 00:27:29.940

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Based on the return, but a negative return, what will have an effect on how much we have to contribute our assumed rate of most pension plans is around six 7%.

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00:27:31.170 --> 00:27:48.780

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: The return is negative, this year, so it will, it will have an effect on how much we have to contribute or pension plans, probably have not performed, as expected, so we may have to contribute money to them so that's something we may want to keep in mind.

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00:27:50.970 --> 00:27:51.840

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Also.

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00:27:55.320 --> 00:27:56.190

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I don't know if it.

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00:28:00.090 --> 00:28:03.450

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: We may also want to keep in mind that when we look at our financials.

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00:28:07.770 --> 00:28:08.640

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: we're now.

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00:28:10.260 --> 00:28:13.110

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: placing all the arpa funds and fund balance.

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00:28:16.230 --> 00:28:18.420

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: We may want to put them as a liability.

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00:28:20.040 --> 00:28:21.540

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: or different inflows at.

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00:28:23.820 --> 00:28:32.880

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: That best case worst case is the best case scenario, but I don't think they should be in front balance until they are expanded.

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00:28:35.790 --> 00:28:46.080

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Well, the anticipation, is that there is a fine balance, because we anticipate spending them during the course of the year, but I don't think they go in anticipation of being spent to go window spent.

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00:28:46.830 --> 00:29:05.370

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Then that's just the you know we're probably over estimating our fund balance by \$9 million, they were the phones were in deferred flow and flow lash and all that this ties into My other point to that we are budgeting without the aquifer.

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00:29:06.540 --> 00:29:15.330

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: This year also without confirmed numbers, and this is same thing we did last year with budgeting without confirmed numbers.

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00:29:16.500 --> 00:29:20.070

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Unfortunately, we don't have the audit yet, but.

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00:29:21.480 --> 00:29:27.720

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I would refer to be budgeting with numbers from nobody really notice or.

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00:29:28.740 --> 00:29:30.690

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I do have an estimated date.

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00:29:32.130 --> 00:29:42.210

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: For the completion of the budget, I mean the the audit yeah yeah we we've had a discussion earlier today with the with the alternatives, as well as the.

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00:29:43.980 --> 00:29:54.570

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Contract vendor that we have this this 18 and that process and we anticipate well the audit itself, the bulk of that work has been.

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00:29:55.290 --> 00:30:02.880

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: done on our side, where it now the order does it kind of going through everything and filter through it and and winding down on their side and so we've begun to.

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00:30:03.540 --> 00:30:15.930

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Work start working on the management discussion and analysis that the statistical work to build the hacker, and so I would anticipate over the next three weeks kind of wrapping the whole picture up.

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00:30:17.040 --> 00:30:30.120

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Okay, because when is the deadline that we cannot go beyond June 30 right right okay that's the day we shouldn't that's the day we're shooting to beat yes Okay, well, I guess, nothing we can do.

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00:30:31.890 --> 00:30:35.910

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Three weeks, you said that is what i'm shooting for yes okay.

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00:30:38.820 --> 00:30:41.610

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I guess there's more bad news.

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00:30:42.750 --> 00:30:47.340

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: When you look at our 630 Commission meeting ordinance.

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00:30:51.060 --> 00:30:58.410

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: we're looking to add, if you will, an additional sum of money to the fund balance requirement.

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00:30:59.520 --> 00:31:00.120

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: and

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00:31:01.860 --> 00:31:04.950

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: you're looking for three months of operating funds.

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00:31:06.270 --> 00:31:19.890

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And I don't think and I can't speak for anyone else up here I don't I don't think anyone would really be opposed to the number it's really getting to that number and how we're going to do it is.

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00:31:21.030 --> 00:31:25.890

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: The quagmire the problem, and I know we've spoken and.

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00:31:27.120 --> 00:31:34.320

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: We should do what we've done in the past for the residents, and that is slowly go through it in.

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00:31:35.460 --> 00:31:39.150

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: The only thing that I would add to that you're on is that.

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00:31:40.320 --> 00:31:49.620

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: in getting clarification on that is, in other words, because I was a little confused about whether or not we were trying to go from two months that we currently have.

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00:31:50.070 --> 00:31:57.480

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Two three months, or whether or not we were talking about adding three months on top of the to essentially having five months.

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00:31:57.810 --> 00:32:10.290

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Now the last discussion I had it was it was that we're actually doing the ladder we're trying to go from not two to three, but actually from two to five, then I have misspoke and i'm opposed to that.

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00:32:11.370 --> 00:32:23.430

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: That is way over what is needed, I think if we go from two to three and we filter that in it's not a problem we can do that, but to go from two to five.

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00:32:24.990 --> 00:32:39.480

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Think you're asking for trouble but, in addition, we also have to recognize 22 deaths 14, that is what a lot of people will be here tonight, speaking on and that is the driveways and sidewalks.

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00:32:40.950 --> 00:32:50.490

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And again, this is a quagmire because we were elected to represent the people I think that the people will come forward.

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00:32:51.240 --> 00:33:01.770

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: and say we don't want to be held responsible for that the city should be doing that city originally required the sidewalks, why should we have to pay for them if they're broken, and more particularly.

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00:33:02.280 --> 00:33:15.510

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Miss melter pointed out, because it broken because of the trees, so I get it, I really do, but then the next breath when you flip the coin say Okay, then the city will do it, but we're gonna have to raise a millage because we don't have the money to do it.

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00:33:16.590 --> 00:33:28.380

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: So, no matter what one way or another, unfortunately winding up on the residence backs and again it really matters how it's done and to what extent it's done.

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00:33:30.930 --> 00:33:36.000

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Not a lot of good news on the revenue side because everything is being taken away by the.

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00:33:37.290 --> 00:33:47.370

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: retention of the employees and the increasing costs and everything is pointing to Kobe and Kobe, it is now coming back in style again and that's unfortunate.

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00:33:48.810 --> 00:34:02.670

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: So, having said that, I think it's incumbent upon us tonight to listen, respectfully to each other to figure out solutions, we know the problems that may I.

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00:34:03.750 --> 00:34:05.190

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: i'm all ears okay.

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00:34:07.410 --> 00:34:13.050

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: We ended last year with 41 million and fund balance that was plenty.

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00:34:15.450 --> 00:34:17.490

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I think, regardless what.

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00:34:18.510 --> 00:34:32.880

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And we should probably discuss it when we discuss the agenda item but since you brought it up regardless what we what ordinance we pass I don't see the \$3 million that we committed, two years ago on our financial statements as committed.

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00:34:34.710 --> 00:34:39.330

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: So I don't know if you can help me pointed out where the \$3 million that we committed.

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00:34:41.070 --> 00:34:53.190

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: is on the financials did have we committed those funds, the \$3 million I three and a half million sorry the \$3 million it's just speak to it related to the emergency fun.

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00:34:53.850 --> 00:35:08.790

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Yes, is committed to the body your you as a body and the financial so it has been committed, is it segregated on the financial as a separate line item No is it required to be separated.

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00:35:10.470 --> 00:35:28.170

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: No, not necessarily in terms of the presentation on that financial stuff, but are we required to do that as a as a directive from your you as a body, yes yeah then, how do we know what is available to us or not, if we don't see what's.

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00:35:29.340 --> 00:35:33.420

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: what's committed and what's not committed, I mean these these funds that we have here.

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00:35:35.040 --> 00:35:37.230

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: The only class that you have that's.

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00:35:38.520 --> 00:35:41.970

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Not usable the restricted one and that's the arpa funds.

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00:35:43.680 --> 00:35:50.400

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: The unassigned are the are the \$3 million three and a half million dollars on assigned we're gonna have me in dollars or committee.

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00:35:51.660 --> 00:35:52.860

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: So the not on a signed.

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00:35:53.910 --> 00:35:58.740

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: That correct so we're on these financials would you say they.

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00:35:59.940 --> 00:36:08.580

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Residents that looks at our financials when we prepare the financials that will go in the aquifer we will show that, as a separate line item.

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00:36:09.210 --> 00:36:17.160

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: or management tool, which is what these financials we're presenting it to you as a body is we do not have to show that.

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00:36:17.610 --> 00:36:23.370

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: As a manager that way, how do we know are easy for me to break it out and say hey here's your \$3 million that that.

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00:36:23.760 --> 00:36:34.740

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Is that's not an issue I mean it's not an issue for if we're planning to commit more money, how do we know what is already committed, I mean, how do we know how to separate what's committed not committed if we're not separating it.

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00:36:36.240 --> 00:36:41.610

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: as a management tool, let me ask you, Sir, Commissioner, what are you recommending.

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00:36:43.500 --> 00:36:49.500

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I want a separate line item that's what I recommend simple I will look and see whether we can address that yeah.

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00:36:51.060 --> 00:36:56.070

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Thanks yeah and I would I would concur, it should be, it should be broken out in the balance sheet.

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00:36:57.930 --> 00:37:00.570

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: You know, as it gets committed so.

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00:37:01.650 --> 00:37:10.500

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: As I said, look it's an assumption we you know we know but it's not it's not transparent enough, so it should be, it should be broken out.

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00:37:12.360 --> 00:37:19.500

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: This is a very easy fix yeah if you could that'd be awesome, thank you very good, we can take care of it now, having said that any other questions.

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00:37:20.790 --> 00:37:31.500

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: yeah one question on the sidewalk repairs is currently budgeted for there's was a 40,000 I believe that it's in the budget for.

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00:37:33.090 --> 00:37:35.580

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Potentially issues with the sidewalk it is okay good.

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00:37:37.470 --> 00:37:38.850

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Okay anything else.

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00:37:40.050 --> 00:37:53.580

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: or then we'll move on to what Okay, then we're gonna move on to the additional public comment i've got one person signed up and I apologize, is it a leg now Ryan.

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00:37:54.990 --> 00:37:55.710

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: eliana.

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00:37:56.940 --> 00:37:58.230

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Okay come on.

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00:38:05.880 --> 00:38:06.810

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Everyone, how are you.

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00:38:07.890 --> 00:38:20.190

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: i'm i'm a resident of Cooper city and I moved to Cooper city almost 25 years ago and one of the reasons we moved to proceed is because he had a lot of trees are used to be called tree city USA.

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00:38:20.760 --> 00:38:28.890

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I don't think we have the designation anymore I just heard you guys talk about having a budget to be able to remove the tree, so we can fix the.

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00:38:30.810 --> 00:38:36.510

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: sidewalk issue, however, I would like to see if we can have additional budget.

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00:38:37.200 --> 00:38:44.100

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: assigned I haven't looked at the budget, because actually I just got a notification in the email these you know sort of getting the notifications in email.

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00:38:44.400 --> 00:38:49.410

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And the last few weeks so thanks for that for sending that so that's the reason i'm here right.

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00:38:50.220 --> 00:39:02.370

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: But I would like to propose that we can add into the budget a bit within the verification strategy that we have for this year that we can plant more trees for the CD so we can get that designation again.

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00:39:04.200 --> 00:39:11.010

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Definitely i'm a tree lover have a huge tree in my house I love it and it's not causing any issues with a sidewalk so thankfully right.

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00:39:11.610 --> 00:39:21.270

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: But I think with climate change, and I think for future generations, we have to be more cognizant of what the cutting the trees and asked for future generations.

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00:39:21.660 --> 00:39:27.210

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I see that a lot of the trees in my neighborhood for little ones that are walking towards elementary school or the middle school.

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00:39:27.570 --> 00:39:37.800

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: they're working they're walking in the very extreme hot sun in the afternoon right, although the kids do not do not go into school with the boss, or the parents will not pick them up.

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00:39:38.400 --> 00:39:44.370

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And I think it will be nice to have a beautification project that has more trees and as well and more trees in the park.

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00:39:45.270 --> 00:39:52.860

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Absolutely, and you can call me as a as a as a resource right in anything I can do you know from a CSM perspective right.

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00:39:53.190 --> 00:40:00.300

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: But I think we definitely have to put something in there, I think i'd reached out to you guys maybe about two years ago, and thank you to a lot of you reply to me.

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00:40:00.690 --> 00:40:04.320

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: immediately, so I really appreciate that that's one of the beautiful things that will have about receiving.

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00:40:04.800 --> 00:40:08.970

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: The feedback that we get from the Commissioners i'm the mayor right and the city manager.

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00:40:09.420 --> 00:40:22.680

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: So we can do that that'd be great hopefully we're still within the time to be able to submit that in the budget, I don't know how it is just not as the timeline that we have my thing this was the last day to review the public feedback so sorry, this is a little bit late.

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00:40:24.060 --> 00:40:35.520

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: But that's what I thank you very much you're not late you're on time you're here and we project yeah the Commissioner porcine yeah I, we do have a treat Trust Fund and.

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00:40:36.150 --> 00:40:41.730

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I think builders contribute when they when they have to build or anybody that removes a tree, you have to contribute.

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00:40:42.300 --> 00:40:52.710

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Last year we had 156,000 in the tree Trust Fund in point went to we have budgeted 63,000 to the tree Trust Fund, so we do have money set aside.

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00:40:53.550 --> 00:41:02.730

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Depending on how much building it goes on and Google so much construction goes on in culver city and we may have more or less available, but we do set money aside.

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00:41:03.270 --> 00:41:14.160

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And for Patrice okay good Thank you question can way back then and he's matric Commissioner Meltzer is our tree expert i'll defer to commercial mouse or any further.

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00:41:15.240 --> 00:41:25.230

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: than they used to be some sort of ordinance that we were not able to cut it down our trees anything bigger than our trees will get a replacement tree, you know we're supposed to are we still doing that.

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00:41:25.980 --> 00:41:42.270

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I believe we are, I believe that's still in place the issue was the state legislature passed a law preempting cities from requiring you to permit to remove your tree on private property, so we don't have control as much control as we used to have.

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00:41:43.530 --> 00:41:47.880

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Because the state legislature took that said local government doesn't have that power.

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00:41:49.050 --> 00:41:57.480

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: that's why I keep going up tallahassee and fighting it, but there are certain exceptions to that rule and there was one thing that you said that, I have to correct you on.

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00:41:57.750 --> 00:42:03.090

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And i'm going to just turn to the city manager to confirm it, we are still a tree city, yes.

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00:42:03.450 --> 00:42:11.820

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Yes, that has never been changed, I think it's now 3637 years in a row that we are easier to say i'm still are you okay good to know.

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00:42:12.240 --> 00:42:19.620

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: i'm really not it's like the inventory is going down like when you walk down the street is not the same as it used to be, of course, you know, since we don't have barely that.

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00:42:20.130 --> 00:42:28.260

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: That ordinance there right because of the state, but if you walk trees is appear over the weekends, you know because they disappear right.

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00:42:28.680 --> 00:42:35.040

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: So what can we do to plant trees again on our sidewalks and and our parks we're going to do just that right.

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00:42:35.400 --> 00:42:42.960

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Yes, Commissioner pulcini said, we have money in the budget in the tree Trust Fund, but we also have a beautification plan we committed almost three quarters of a million dollars this year.

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00:42:43.440 --> 00:42:53.670

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I don't think we're going to spend anywhere near that because we're just trying to put a comprehensive plan together for beautification revitalization in the city, but that money will be rolled forward to 23.

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00:42:54.210 --> 00:43:02.130

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And it will also be a line item and 23 with significant dollars and you're going to see it you're going to see changes, slowly but surely and Cooper city.

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00:43:03.090 --> 00:43:07.650

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And as far as the tree removal goes it's not we're not looking to get rid of all the trees.

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00:43:08.220 --> 00:43:23.880

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: But the trees, a lot of these trees were planted in the wrong place, you have a tree it's 50 feet tall 40 feet tall that's plants on an eight foot swale sidewalks are getting damaged the streets getting damaged you see the patches in the asphalt, you see the cracked and and even sidewalks.

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00:43:25.170 --> 00:43:31.860

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: But people want their they love their shade they love their you know they love the canopy yeah Thank you mayor.

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00:43:32.970 --> 00:43:36.330

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: So I know and we'll talk about this later, but what I would suggest.

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00:43:36.930 --> 00:43:45.840

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: To begin with, as far as the tree removal goes it'll maybe it'd be a voluntary program if somebody is really unhappy with their tree because of the damage it's causing or it's unsightly.

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00:43:46.110 --> 00:43:52.170

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Because let's face it also we have a lot of trees under the power lines if you go down a 15 second street heading East towards the timberlake.

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00:43:53.040 --> 00:44:00.600

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: They look like this, they don't look like trees anymore, because they've been trimmed to not hit the power lines above them and they were just planted in the wrong space right so.

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00:44:01.230 --> 00:44:08.820

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: But remember keep in mind if those trees were removed, we will be planting new trees there's a whole list of acceptable trees in our code of ordinances.

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00:44:09.420 --> 00:44:16.380

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And I believe the residents will get to choose, whatever they want, as long as it's within the that listen it's a pretty comprehensive list, so the list.

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00:44:17.130 --> 00:44:18.840

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: I think I used to send it to me once.

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00:44:19.470 --> 00:44:30.030

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Is it possible that we can update the list and include other types of stories, I think, from that list, then there were four of them until two of them are not really considered trees are kind of like big bushes right.

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00:44:30.570 --> 00:44:36.180

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: So is, and also to be able to choose flowering trees that help you know the bees and the birds.

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00:44:36.810 --> 00:44:51.330

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: And yeah we can all see anything about that if that's what the residents what i'm all for it we're going to do to follow up for this do we have any openings on a green advisory board I broke that down already there we we have a we have our Chair here tonight.

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00:44:52.980 --> 00:44:54.630

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: All Craig we have any openings on the board.

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00:45:07.230 --> 00:45:15.600

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Thank you Thank you everyone thanks for coming this evening, thank you appreciate it do we have anyone else at City Hall or on virtual that which is to speak at this time.

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00:45:17.430 --> 00:45:18.270

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: Seeing none.

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00:45:19.980 --> 00:45:24.300

Cooper City Virtual Meeting: we'll go ahead and ask for a German and motion to adjourn reconvene at 630.