



**CITY OF COOPER CITY**  
**CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING**  
Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 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.

### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

#### 1. Proposed Charter Amendment

Commissioner Jeff Green, Chair of the Charter Review Board, was present to speak on the board's recommendations. Also in attendance were Board Members Jennifer Gross, Tena Granit, and Michael Deleo.

City Attorney Horowitz advised that any amendments to the Charter would require a referendum to be placed on the general election ballot. The deadline for the Broward County Supervisor of Elections Office is typically the first week in June, which usually aligns with the first day of qualifying for the November election. All items would also require two readings. The Board proposed to amend seven provisions of the Charter. Section 3.06 of the Charter relating to the compensation and expenses of the City Commission provides that the Commission may determine any change in the monthly salary of the Mayor and the Commission, by ordinance, but no such change would take effect until after the commencement of the terms of the Commissioners elected at the next election. The proposed recommendation would provide for an annual CPI adjustment to commissioners' compensation. However, any increase exceeding the Consumer Price Index for the southern region would require a referendum vote by the City's electors. The second proposed amendment to Section 3.06 states that any benefit plans to be provided to the mayor and commissioners shall first be established by ordinance. A City Commissioner is eligible to receive a new benefit established pursuant to this subsection after the next election for that commission seat following the adoption of the ordinance establishing the new benefit. Any changes to established benefits shall be approved by ordinance, which shall be effective immediately upon its passage and final adoption. The Board recommends amending Section 4.01 to eliminate the Commission's approval of Assistant Department Heads. Also, in Section 4.01, the recommendation is to amend subsection F as follows: To submit to the commission and make available to the public within thirty (30) ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year, a complete, unaudited report on the finances and administrative activities of the city for the preceding fiscal year. An audited report shall be provided to the Commission and made available to the public within one hundred eighty (180) days after the close of each fiscal year. This recommendation would align with the timeframes of State Law. The board recommends an amendment to Section 5.08 as follows: The City Manager shall, from time to time, in his or her discretion, designate banks or trust companies as city depositories, subject to approval by the City Commission. The Commission may, as provided by law, establish rules and regulations governing deposits and withdrawals of funds, security to be deposited by the depository, and other safeguards. The City Manager, rather than the City

Commission, would designate banks or depositories. Section 5.11 currently states that the City Manager may transfer funds within a department and between departments, up to 2.5% of the then-existing current budget on a cumulative basis. The recommendation is to clarify that the budget is within that department, not the overall city budget. Several years ago, the City changed its procedures to adopt the annual budget and millage by resolution rather than ordinance. The Charter still requires that emergency appropriations be made by ordinance. There is a recommendation to align with the Commission's resolution process, as outlined in Chapter 166 and reflected in Section 5.11. Section 5.12, regarding the bonds of City officers and employees, the charter currently requires that the City Commission shall determine by ordinance which officers and employees, in addition to the City Manager, City Clerk, and Finance Director, shall give a bond to the City. The City Manager and the Finance Director are recommended to remain, but the board recommends eliminating the reference to the City Clerk as a bonded officer. Section 5.13 details the requirements of public bidding. The Board recommends eliminating the public bidding requirements from the Charter and referencing the Commission's adoption of an ordinance that establishes fair and competitive procurement for City goods and services. Currently, the Charter states that the City may borrow money, contract loans, issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes, and maturing more than 12 months after the issuance, only after issue, only to finance or refinance capital projects authorized by law, and only when approved by a vote of the electorate. State law currently imposes certain requirements regarding municipal bonds and borrowing. The board's recommendation is to strike the initial sentence from the Charter and comply with the requirements of state law, which may be amended from time to time.

Commissioner Katzman thanked the Charter Review Board for its work, agreed with the recommendations, and believes the changes can be made by referencing an ordinance. He supports limiting the Commission's salaries but has concerns about adding language to the Charter that could become outdated.

Commission Shrouder believes the Commission's salary and benefits should be tied to the City's lowest-paid employee. Commission Shrouder asked whether any additional benefits would require a referendum. He asked how the Commission could be separated from general employees. He wants to define the new benefit mentioned. City Attorney Horowitz said the Commission can add clarifying language.

Commissioner Mallozzi asked why any additional benefits require an ordinance. City Attorney Horowitz said the Charter requires that any benefit for the Commission be adopted by ordinance.

Mayor Curran asked Chair Commissioner Green to explain the intent of the recommendation. Commissioner Green said the intent was to have any new Commission benefits approved by ordinance and to take effect after the next election cycle. He understands that staggering seats could cause difficulties.

Mayor Curran expressed a preference to reference any of these changes in an ordinance, if feasible.

Commissioner Smith asked about the ordinance that ties the Commission's salary to the lowest-paid employee and the proposed language providing for an annual CPI adjustment to compensation upon budget adoption.

Commissioner Shrouder said that addressing salary alone does not address benefits.

Commissioner Smith would like to have the questions placed on the referendum ballot.

Commissioner Shrouder said the Commission also needs to address the election vacancy language.

Commissioner Shrouder said similar language to remove the Assistant Director was proposed but failed. He would like to strike the language requiring the Commission to approve job descriptions. He also asked why 30 days is not feasible for providing the unaudited financial report. Tena Granit stated that accruals must be taken through 60 days, so the unaudited financial report would be inaccurate if provided in 30 days. Commissioner Shrouder would like to address the specific issue in an ordinance rather than in the Charter.

City Manager Rey said that completely removing the audit requirement from the Charter will likely be rejected.

Commissioner Shrouder said state law governs audits. He also believes the amendment to 5.08 is not worth the cost of a ballot question. Mayor Curran agreed.

City Manager Rey said Section 5.11 (4) is a housekeeping matter.

Commissioner Smith believes the State requires Clerks in an official capacity to be bonded. He asked City Attorney Horowitz to reconfirm that language.

Commissioner Shrouder has concerns about the removal of the Charter requirements for procurement.

Commissioner Katzman stated that it is preferable for the Commission to establish an ordinance rather than referencing specific numerical values.

Commissioner Smith inquired whether including Sections 3.06 (1) A, B, and 2, 5.11 (6), and 5.13 constitutes an excessive number of questions for the ballot.

Commissioner Shrouder asked about the amendment to Section 5.13. Tena Granit said the intent was to remove dollar amounts from the Charter.

Commissioner Katzman wishes to address particular figures within an ordinance.

Commissioner Smith stated that removing an entire section will likely fail.

Commissioner Katzman wants to remove the mention of specific numerical amounts.

Commissioner Smith appreciates the board's work. He asked Chair Commissioner Green whether the board had discussed a good number of questions that may be placed on the ballot. Commissioner Green stated that the recommendations presented were the primary considerations. Commissioner Smith asked City Manager Rey if he had any concerns with Section 5.15. City Manager Rey said the proposed language aligns with State requirements.

Commissioner Shrouder said Section 5.15 needs to be revised to align with practice. He also said the election language that was not proposed must be updated. He would also like job descriptions to be approved by the City Manager.

City Attorney Horowitz clarified the Commission's priorities as Sections 4.01, subsections M and F; 5.15; 5.13; and 3.10.

Commissioner Shrouder asked whether all changes to the procurement section could be combined into a single question. City Attorney Horowitz answered yes.

Commissioner Smith said Section 3.06 is important.

Commissioner Katzman does not want to be constrained by numbers, and we need accountability.

Commissioner Smith strongly supports adding the amendment to Section 3.06 to the ballot.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

The minutes of the Commission Workshop meeting held on February 10, 2026, were approved during the regular Commission meeting held on February 24, 2026.

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Mayor James Curran

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Tedra Allen, City Clerk

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Cooper City Hall: It's 5.30, let's let the workshop get started. Can we stand up and do 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. Roll call, please.

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00:01:14.700 --> 00:01:15.860

Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith?

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00:01:16.010 --> 00:01:22.290

Cooper City Hall: Here. Commissioner Malozzi? Here. Commissioner Katzmann? Commissioner Schroeder? Here. Mayor Curran? Here.

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Cooper City Hall: Mr. City Manager, any changes or emergency matters we need to worry about for the workshop? No, sir.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, Mr. City Manager, take it over.

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Cooper City Hall: Am I right? No, actually,

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Cooper City Hall: This is a presentation by the chairperson of the Charter Review Commission to report directly to the Commission. While Jacob and I and Tedra participate in most of their meetings, the recommendations are solely recommendations from the committee.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Green?

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Cooper City Hall: Good morning. Yeah, go right ahead, my friend, go ahead. Good evening, Honorable Mayor, City Commissioners.

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Cooper City Hall: Mr. City Manager, Mr. City Attorney, Mr. City Clerk. My name's Jeff Green. I had the good fortune and pleasure of serving as the chair for the Charter Review Board recently. I'd be remiss if I did not recognize my

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Cooper City Hall: fellow charter board members who are in attendance. We have Ms. Jennifer Gross, she was our vice chair. We have Ms. Tina.

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Cooper City Hall: Granted...

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Cooper City Hall: I went blank, please forgive me, and Mr. Mike DiLeo, they were some of the members that was here, during the, during the charter review, period. Thank you again so much. I had an opportunity to... we had an opportunity to go through these items.

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Cooper City Hall: And, if I may, I'd like to defer to the City Attorney, Mr. Horowitz.

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Cooper City Hall: If it's alright with the Commission, would love for him to kind of go over the items, or take it from here, Mr. Horowitz. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You tell me what you need me to do, and I'll do it. Fair enough. Mayor Commission, good evening.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As, Commissioner Green indicated, our office, along with the City Manager and the Clerk, had the opportunity to sit with the

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Cooper City Hall: Charter Review Commission over a period of months during the last calendar year. There are a number of recommendations that the Board has provided to the Commission. Just as a matter of procedure, before I sort of help detail the substance of some of those recommendations.

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Cooper City Hall: Keep in mind that any one of these amendments to the Charter would require a referendum be placed on the general election ballot, presumably in this November. The deadline for the supervisor of elections is typically the first week in June, usually aligns with the first day of qualifying for the November election.

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Cooper City Hall: Timing-wise, we're in good shape, to the extent the Commission wanted to move forward with any of these items, to put them on the ballot for consideration by the electorate. To get to that point, it would require two readings of an ordinance, so we do have a number of meetings between now

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Cooper City Hall: and the end of May, beginning of June, in order to adopt any ordinances the commissions wanted to consider to place items on the ballot. However, we would need direction from the Commission, again, either by consensus at the workshop this evening.

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Cooper City Hall: or at some later date in the very near future, to draft ordinances to bring back, which would then include a ballot title, a ballot question, along with proposed revisions to the Charter.

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Cooper City Hall: In your backup this evening on the dais, there are a number of recommended changes to various provisions in the Charter that the Commission is offering for the Commission's review. There's, I think, 7 specific provisions of the Charter they're proposing to amend, and I'll just walk through them one at a time as it relates to the various changes.

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Cooper City Hall: Section 3.06 of the Charter speaks to the compensation and expenses of the City Commission. Currently, your Charter provides that the Commission may determine any change in the monthly salary of the Mayor and the Commission by ordinance, but no such change would take effect until after the commencement of the terms of the Commissioners elected at the next election.

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Cooper City Hall: The proposed recommendation by your commission, which is tracked in your backup this evening, would provide for an annual CPI adjustment for compensation

for the commissioners. However, any increase that exceeded the Consumer Price Index for the southern region

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Cooper City Hall: would require a referendum vote of the electorate. So as recommended, it would propose for an annual CPI adjustment, and any increases beyond that CPI adjustment would then require a referendum.

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Cooper City Hall: The second change to Section 3.05 relates to benefits of members of the Commission. As we know, and as we've discussed over the years, that any benefit provided to the Mayor or Commission requires to be established by ordinance.

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Cooper City Hall: The Charter Review Commission is proposing additional language, which would suggest that a commissioner is eligible to receive a new benefit established pursuant to this subsection after the next election seat following the adoption of the ordinance.

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Cooper City Hall: But that any future changes to that benefit would be, established by subsequent ordinance without the need for waiting for that next election.

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Cooper City Hall: Those are the changes to Section 3.06.

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Cooper City Hall: Section 4.01 relates to the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the City Manager.

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Cooper City Hall: As it currently reads, we know the City Commission approves all recommended department heads and designated assistant department heads that the manager might recommend for employment within the city. The Charter Review Commission is suggesting a change to the code, which would eliminate the Commission's approval of designated assistant department heads.

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Cooper City Hall: The requirement to recommend and approve all department heads would remain, but there is a recommendation to delete the reference to assistant department heads.

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Cooper City Hall: Currently, your City Manager, as it relates to the annual audit, is required within 30 days following the close of each fiscal year to complete a report on the finances and present that to the City Commission.

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Cooper City Hall: Just, I believe this might have been a recommendation of your finance department, but there's a suggestion, recommendation to extend that 30 days to a 90-day window in which time an unaudited report would be provided, followed by an audited report to the City Commission, available to the public within 180 days following the close of the fiscal year.

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Cooper City Hall: And my recollection is that would align with the general auditing practices and timeframes set out by state law.

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Cooper City Hall: As it relates to the deposit of city investment and funds, which is referenced in Section 5.08, currently the City Commission under the Charter is charged with designating from time to time banks or trust companies to serve as the depository bank for the town commission... the city commission.

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Cooper City Hall: The committee is recommending a change so that the city manager would make that recommendation subject to Commission approval. So it'd be the manager as opposed to the commission, which would designate banks or trust companies to act as city depositories.

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Cooper City Hall: As it relates to Section 5.11, regarding appropriation amendments, these are budget appropriations.

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Cooper City Hall: The charter currently states that a city manager may transfer funds within a department, and may transfer funds between departments, up to 2.5% of the then-existing current budget on a cumulative basis. The proposed recommendation would be to clarify that it would be the budget within that particular department, as opposed to the overall city budget.

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Cooper City Hall: Commission may recall a number of years ago, there was a change to our procedures annually, where we now adopt our annual budget and millage by resolution as opposed to ordinance. Your charter still requires that appropriations on an emergency basis be made by ordinance.

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Cooper City Hall: There was a recommendation to align with the resolution process that the Commission adopted, consistent with Chapter 166 a number of years ago. That's reflected in Section 5.11.

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Cooper City Hall: In Section 5.12, regarding the bonds of city officers and employees, your charter currently requires that a bond be issued. City Commission shall determine by ordinance which officers and employees, in addition to the manager, clerk, and finance director.

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Cooper City Hall: shall give a bond to the city. The manager and the finance director are recommended to remain, but there's a suggestion, recommendation by the committee to eliminate a reference to the city clerk as one of the bonded officers.

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Cooper City Hall: Section 5.13 speaks to the requirements for public bidding.

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Cooper City Hall: Currently, our charter has a fairly detailed requirement process, bidding process. We know that the Commission has a fairly robust procurement code, which was adopted a number of years ago, has been amended from time to time.

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Cooper City Hall: The recommendation of your Charter Review Commission is to eliminate the public bidding requirements from the Charter, and reference the adoption of an ordinance which the Commission has done

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Cooper City Hall: that provides for fair and competitive purchases of goods and services for the city. Just to be clear, this would not eliminate the

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Cooper City Hall: bidding and competitive requirements from the Charter, excuse me, from the city, it would only eliminate that requirement as charter obligations, but the city would still have its procurement code, which exists as a code of ordinances controlled by and amended from time to time by the city.

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Cooper City Hall: The final item that's been recommended by your committee is Section 5.15, which speak to the requirements for referendum and expenditure of public funds. I believe this item might have been recommended at one point by a member of the Commission for consideration by the Charter Review Committee.

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Cooper City Hall: Currently the Charter states that the city may borrow money, contract loans, issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes, and maturing more than 12 months after the issuance to only... after issue, only to finance or refinance capital projects authorized by law, and only when approved by a vote of the electorate.

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Cooper City Hall: State law currently has certain requirements as it relates to municipal bonds and the borrowing of funds. The committee's recommendation is to strike that initial sentence from the Charter, comply with the requirements of state law, as they may be amended from time to time.

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Cooper City Hall: Those are the recommendations that your Charter Review Commission, sat, digested, and ultimately decided to propose to the Commission for its further review

and consideration. I know that Commissioner Green and some of his colleagues on the board are here this evening. I'm sure they'd be happy to answer any questions. I'd be happy to answer any questions as well as it relates to the substance or procedure with regards to your Charter Review Board. Thank you, Mayor and Commission.

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Cooper City Hall: You guys want to do this one by one? I mean, start at one and take that one and go down the row, or do you want to bounce all around?

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Cooper City Hall: All right, we'll start with number one, then. Discussion?

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith?

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, Mayor. Item number 1, subsection A and B only, correct?

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Cooper City Hall: Subsection A and B, and then number 2 relates to benefits for commissioners. 1A and B both relate to the Commission's compensation.

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Cooper City Hall: Mayor, are you... would you like to discuss one A and B and then go to two? Is that how you would like to do it?

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Cooper City Hall: Understood. Okay, on, on A, I don't think that,

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Cooper City Hall: Just for a point of clarification, or the intent of how this article is being read, or written,

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Cooper City Hall: else... this could be done by the Commission, and as long as it meets CPI, then it would be approved and then be implemented the following calendar year, is that how I'm understanding it? On A?

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Cooper City Hall: With no, with no city, or residential input? Is that a correct statement? An annual adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index, that's correct, Commissioner. Okay, and then, and then B is, very explanatory to me, so, no, Mayor, I'm done, thank you. No further questions. Commissioner Malozzi. I'm good.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Katzman.

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Cooper City Hall: First of all, thank you to the Charter Review Board.

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Cooper City Hall: For volunteering.

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Cooper City Hall: We appreciate the input.

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Cooper City Hall: I think...

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Cooper City Hall: generally, I'm in agreement with, with these points, but I think they can be done by ordinance already.

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Cooper City Hall: So, I just want to hear what my colleagues say. I generally don't...

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Cooper City Hall: think everything should be in the charter when it comes to numbers, specific information like this, because it really can hamstring us. I'm okay limiting commission salaries, I'll put up an ordinance next week on that, if needed.

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Cooper City Hall: legislating all of the items in here. My concern is, if we're putting it in the charter, then we end up in the situation we were in previously, where we ended up having

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Cooper City Hall: outdated... information.

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Cooper City Hall: Where we ended up having to vote on something that was Controversial, if you will.

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Cooper City Hall: Meaning... A huge percentage.

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Cooper City Hall: So... I don't know if my colleagues have thought about that, or have any other feedback.

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Cooper City Hall: Sir, Shrouder.

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, the... Miami-Dade County Charter has the base salary of county commissioners at \$6,000 annually.

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Cooper City Hall: And... what are they paid?

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Cooper City Hall: 138,000.

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Cooper City Hall: Because they just call the other stuff... Not salary.

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Cooper City Hall: So... There's a way around.

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Cooper City Hall: it's, you know, my... I go back to, I think our salary, benefits, everything you want to call it, should be tied to the lowest paid employee, and that prevents that. All this is trying to do is...

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Cooper City Hall: There's nothing... Explain Miami-Dade County. \$6,000 annually.

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Cooper City Hall: And they get paid \$132,000. So, you have to tie all of the stuff in.

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Cooper City Hall: And then the second portion, I'm just gonna talk about the second portion as well. The second portion, worth the benefits.

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Cooper City Hall: How couldn't you have... Benefits have to go...

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Cooper City Hall: Well, the way it's written, you can't, because if you had changed the health insurance plan, does that have to go to the...

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Cooper City Hall: Voters? The voters? How would that be done?

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00:14:43.590 --> 00:14:58.970

Cooper City Hall: The way that it's worded, this is to receive a new benefit. If it's an existing benefit that's adopted by ordinance, this will not apply. This is any Commissioner's able to receive a new benefit established pursuant to this subsection after the next general election. Okay, so if...

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Cooper City Hall: I guess you would say, say the city started paying, I don't know what it pays, but... Anything you want to call it, right? They want to add. And the health insurance, if they add another thing on there, I don't know, another coverage for something, life, something that... whatever it is, would that have to go...

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00:15:19.240 --> 00:15:21.110

Cooper City Hall: To the... to the voters.

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00:15:24.560 --> 00:15:34.079

Cooper City Hall: Or is... No, the benefits do not require a vote, the way that it's worded. Currently, it says any benefit plans to be provided by American Mission shall first be established by ordinance.

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00:15:34.170 --> 00:15:51.439

Cooper City Hall: The proposed language, a city commissioner would be eligible to receive a new benefit established pursuant to this subsection after the next election for the commission seat following the adoption of the ordinance establishing the benefit. In other words, it wouldn't take effect until after the next... No, I understand. It would not require a referendum for the new benefit.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, so how would you have the staggered health benefits, then?

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Cooper City Hall: I'm not sure how the answer, I'd defer to my manager. I'm not sure I understand the question. Well, so if you guys change the health insurance, and add something new, I don't know, some places have legal defense things, or whatever that come with your benefits, how would you stagger that?

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Cooper City Hall: If it was a new benefit that was not currently offered, the Commission could establish it by ordinance, but it would not take effect until after... Okay, what I'm looking at is plans that usually encompass the entire staff.

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Cooper City Hall: And how are you bifurcating out?

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Cooper City Hall: the, the commission in that.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner? So if you change the health insurance, or you add a new health insurance plan, or that thing we just passed, where if you have an out-of-pocket cost, the city's gonna cover that, how would that be... how is that practically... I don't know that that's intended to be covered. Well, but that's what we're trying to figure out, what this is intended, so that's my question.

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Cooper City Hall: I think it's a completely new benefit, something that...

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Cooper City Hall: We currently don't have, like, a car allowance. So we would say, just, we just write completely new benefit?

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Cooper City Hall: I want to understand how this written, as defined.

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Cooper City Hall: would apply. Again, I think we can clarify to the extent that we can. Right now, if you're talking about health insurance, we provide a health benefit, so I don't think this, as worded, this will not apply to a health benefit.

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Cooper City Hall: But if there was a different benefit, as the manager said, that the commission was establishing called a car allowance, there was a city recently that started offering car washes to all of its employees. There was a new car wash benefit.

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Cooper City Hall: that was provided. It would require an ordinance, and it wouldn't take effect until after the next election.

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Cooper City Hall: That'd be for the employees as well? For that seat, though, so you'd have staggered.

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Cooper City Hall: Right?

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Cooper City Hall: Is this staggering it?

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, after their seat. Not, not... so if, if we establish something by ordinance now.

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Cooper City Hall: It's staggered, so two people... It speaks to the seat. Again, it would be after the election for each individual seat. It may provide for a staggering, the way that it's currently worded. But again, if the Commission wanted to clarify that, I think the Commission could certainly clarify that language, address that language, so it'll apply across the board following the next election.

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Cooper City Hall: This is what I think might be a situation that might solve your quandary. I don't have... I'm just asking how... I understand, I understand what you're saying, but if we were to phrase it...

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Cooper City Hall: Must just use...

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Cooper City Hall: car washes, for example. If the Commission is going to receive anything in excess of what the employees receive.

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Cooper City Hall: then it should be established by an ordinance. But if we're giving it to the employees, since we are considered, per what you had just said, the lowest rung on the employee pay scale.

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Cooper City Hall: then...

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Cooper City Hall: there's no difference if we get what they get, because they're getting it. But if we then decide to give ourselves a car allowance of X amount of dollars, that would be something that would need to be done by an ordinance, but if we're giving it to

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Cooper City Hall: the employees as part of, this is what everyone is getting, then I think that we should be included with that, but anything in excess of what the employees are getting should be established by an ordinance. Only half of it, because the other half is

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Cooper City Hall: Do you start everybody at the same time or not?

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Cooper City Hall: And again, and if it is a benefit for the Commission.

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Cooper City Hall: It would require an ordinance. Benefits for your staff do not require an ordinance. But if we are... if it is a benefit for...

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Cooper City Hall: Everyone, again, let's use car washes. If we are giving car washes to every single employee that is there.

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Cooper City Hall: and we are including ourselves in those car washes because we are an employee, then that is... I would recommend adopting that benefit for the Commission by ordinance. Separately, even though it's the same thing that everyone... why? If we're... if we are monetarily

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Cooper City Hall: considered the same as the entry-level employee, why then are we... and I'm curious, I'm not being argumentative. Because even today, your charter requires any benefit plan for the Commission to be first established by ordinance.

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Cooper City Hall: It does not require a benefit plan for your staff, but it does require a benefit plan for the mayor and Commission to be established by ordinance. So you're requiring this, or you're saying we should require this to cover all our bases? No, no, no, no, this is a preference. Follow, follow what we've already been doing.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, no, your charter currently requires that. This would essentially require or suggest that it wouldn't take effect until after the next election.

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Cooper City Hall: This would essentially cap the commission currently, or those sitting, from being able to adopt a new benefit for themselves until after the next election. Mr. Green, can you come up so I can ask you a question, please?

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Cooper City Hall: And again, I would just also clarify, if I might, just real quickly while Commissioner Green comes up. These are recommendations. At the end of the day, the Commission gets to control what, if anything, goes on the ballot in November. This can be amended, changed, disregarded. You, the five of you, ultimately control what any final language would look like.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Green, what was the intent?

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Cooper City Hall: of this one. What was... what was the...

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Cooper City Hall: basis in which you came up with this plan. The intent was, if there was any new established benefits for the City Commission, that it would have to be established by ordinance and then go into effect after the next election cycle. I understand what Commissioner Schroeder is pointing out.

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Cooper City Hall: When he says.

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Cooper City Hall: the staggering, because not everyone up there was elected at the same time. I think, currently, Districts 1 and 2 are up, so to his point, if this was in place, and a new, benefit was,

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Cooper City Hall: was established by ordinance. The only ones that, that would, see the benefit of that would be the commissioners in District 1 and 2.

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Cooper City Hall: and please correct me if I'm wrong, Commissioner Schrouder, Districts 3, or seats 3 and 4 in the mayor's seat, it would... it would take effect after, their election cycle.

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Cooper City Hall: Is that what you're... Yeah, well, so I don't... I just think the way it's currently written is fine. I think to stagger it would be whatever, so I guess you run the risk of 2.

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Cooper City Hall: Or 3, or be up at any given time. But, yeah, that's one thing I think would just be difficult to, to, whatever, stagger.

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Cooper City Hall: To administer? Yeah, but... I see your... I see your point. It makes sense that if it is... if there's a new benefit, it's established by ordinance, and then after the election cycle, then, it's for... Everybody gets it. It's for everyone.

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Cooper City Hall: But it's your... the... Thank you, Honorable Mayor, Commissioner, it's your... the ball's in your court. So I want to add one more thing, because Commissioner Katzmann made a recommendation that... and I want to see if it's what you guys are looking for. We don't really plan on putting 6 or 7 of these on the ballot, correct?

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Cooper City Hall: So the ones that we can do in-house, like one, why wouldn't we take that one and do it ourselves? If it can be done? According to Commissioner Castle, then that can be done. So then we could get the wording the way we want it.

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Cooper City Hall: And then, you know, that one doesn't go into ballot. Because once you get 3 or 4 items on...

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, they just... they don't really read it, and they just start putting yes, yes, yes, no, no, no, whatever. And to me, it doesn't matter, but I mean, there's some in here that doesn't seem like they need to be going on a ballot. Commissioner Smith? Thank you, Mayor.

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Cooper City Hall: To Commissioner Katzmann's and your point, I have a question for the City Attorney. Ordinance vs. Charter would...

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Cooper City Hall: And for those watching, and for maybe the edification of us up here, would the charter supersede an ordinance in almost all cases, and therefore, how would then we bypass if there is something inside the charter that says what shall be done versus

what we would like to change in an ordinance? The short answer is the charter would supersede, and essentially is the city's Bible. The charter can be changed by reference

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Cooper City Hall: referendum by the electorate. The Commission can change the code of ordinances by two readings and a public hearing, sometimes two public hearings, depending on the nature of the ordinance.

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Cooper City Hall: So, the answer is by codifying in your charter.

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Cooper City Hall: you're essentially giving that decision to your voters, to the electorate in Cooper City, and any future change to that provision would then require a subsequent vote. Correct, so there's no sidestep with an ordinance in that theory, then?

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Cooper City Hall: No, but your charter today requires the Commission, by ordinance, to establish salary and compensation, which the Commission has done from time to time. And so, the point on number one, A and B would be... is currently

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Cooper City Hall: How it is written, how it is tied to a very clear, structured process of pay, and the lowest paid, and what benefits equal out.

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Cooper City Hall: Does that... do you know, or can we ask through the chair, then would that meet the, the, the, intent of, of article...

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Cooper City Hall: for all intents and purposes, letter A, number one, A, and then is it B that we're really having the issue with to try to figure out anything new? Is that what we're really debating at this point? I can try to respond to that, Commissioner. So, this commission

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Cooper City Hall: a while ago adopted an ordinance establishing a compensation package for the Commission, as Commissioner Schratter said, based on your lowest-paid full-time employee.

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Cooper City Hall: That was done by ordinance, which is what your charter requires today.

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Cooper City Hall: the...

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Cooper City Hall: Sub-A, 1A section of the proposed revision would provide for an annual CPI adjustment to compensation when the budget is adopted, to be annually consistent with the budget. Anything in excess of the CPI would require a referendum.

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Cooper City Hall: That is not required today. So... so, I'm sorry just to prolong this, but I want to run this theory out. If, in the event, the lowest paid employee of Cooper City was above CPI, and the current commissioners, then, benefits adjusted to that, that would... upon this being approved, and the...

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Cooper City Hall: Residents approving this, then that would mean it would need to go to a vote.

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Cooper City Hall: No, the short answer is, whatever today, whatever your lowest paid full-time employee receives as it relates to compensation, that is the compensation paid to the commission. Understood. But if this was approved tonight, and then sent to ballot and approved by the voters, if in the event the city manager went above CPI for the lowest paid.

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Cooper City Hall: Would that strike.

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Cooper City Hall: Meaning then the commission would follow that, would that strike a voter's approval? Yes. Okay, I just wanted to be clear on that. Okay. But you really couldn't do it that way. So this is...

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Cooper City Hall: This is just not a practical way to achieve, because what you would do is, you say, oh, we don't want you to increase your salaries. Okay, so currently it's written where you... if you vote to increase your salaries, it doesn't apply to your next election, right?

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Cooper City Hall: So, 2 or 3 would be at risk of upsetting residents, you know, but not all, because we don't all run at the same time. So, all you would do is circumvent that.

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Cooper City Hall: by giving, like, Miami-Dade County, and just gave yourself benefits. So, what my point, what we're currently doing by ordinance is, well, you can't afford to do that for everyone. So that's why I wanted to lock it into the lowest paid employee. So now, you're looking at a big issue. You don't have just department directors and commission

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Cooper City Hall: passing insurance for life for themselves, because they would... it would have to be equivalent to what everyone else got. So that's what happened before, was

they... the people who wrote up the agenda slid it on for them, and the people who voted on it slid it on for them. There lies, we have insurance for life. None of which were up here at the time. You know, I'm not...

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Cooper City Hall: you know, this was in, like, 2002. So, we could call it whatever, we could put a cap on salary, they'll just call it allowance, spending allowance, all these other things. So, to me, if we're going to address it, you have to either have some type of

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Cooper City Hall: self-regulating method, like, to the lowest paid employee. So state... under state law, the legislature said.

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Cooper City Hall: the school board members' salaries will be equivalent to the lowest paid teacher, or the starting salary of a teacher. So it made sure, if school board members want more money, I guess they better increase for the entire, you know, the entry-level teachers. But you have to, in my opinion, have an all-benefits

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Cooper City Hall: Or somehow like that. You can't just call it salary, because you'll just circumvent that with other benefits that, you know.

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Cooper City Hall: are worth more than that. And,

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Cooper City Hall: And so that's kind of like, if we're going to address this one, that's how I would want to do it, tie it to something that's self-regulating.

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Cooper City Hall: Tamarack's another one. They have, like, 4 different buckets of money they get money from.

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Cooper City Hall: You know, from pay, they get it from... they get an expense account, which they then get to keep if they don't use, they don't have to show...

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Cooper City Hall: receipts for, or something? What's all that stuff that they... You know, Commissioner, I know a lot of the changes that you're referring to occurred after our office ceased to represent Tamarack. I don't know exactly what the details of their conversation back. They just did it through a bunch of different things, so to me, you either have to tie it to, you know, the employees, where it would cost so much to do it across the board.

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Cooper City Hall: Or have some type of overall cap, or...

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Cooper City Hall: you know, some type of... I don't know, but...

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Cooper City Hall: If you're going to address it, that's where you have to really do it.

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Cooper City Hall: So it'd be better through an ordinance.

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Cooper City Hall: Either way, I mean, you have to rank how many you want to get on here.

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Cooper City Hall: Right, so that's, you know... If you have time, you could make everything better, but you just have to rank it, and we have to count how many we're gonna... So, so we, do you have a... Mayor, do you have a consensus in your... from what you're gathering, where we're at with this, and then maybe we rank at the very end? I like... I like...

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Katzmann's idea of bringing it back in an ordinance, but I wanted to wait and see how many we have that were going to go through the ordinance process through

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Cooper City Hall: And how many we're gonna put on the ballot? Well, I would tell you, it seems like our residents were pretty hot about the fact of how benefits and pay were going on in the city. It was a talk for a while. So I'd hate for the residents that we place on these boards, and I'd hate for 30,000 residents... Can we take a vote on...

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Cooper City Hall: I would hate for us to bypass and not give them the opportunity to see something to vote on on that particular item. I'm good. Now, may we need to wordsmith it? Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: And I think that that's what we do, but I don't think then we take the hard work and hear what everyone said, and then go ahead and buy passenger. No, no, I'm okay. I just want to take a consensus and figure out how we want to do this, so we know

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Cooper City Hall: How we're bringing it back. I might offer, just as a matter of procedure, we will need direction to draft ordinances, so any decisions, to the extent the Commission gave direction tonight, you will see these items in a different form as an ordinance with a ballot title, with a ballot question.

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Cooper City Hall: you can decide then, to the extent the Commission wanted to actually see the final product, before you make a decision as to what you want to put on the back. Well, we gotta move faster, because...

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Cooper City Hall: We're gonna... so... We're gonna run into another meeting. Put that in your category. Right? So this one's gonna move forward into... Is that... is that yes, consensus? We're gonna move this one on into... No, I would just... let's talk through them all, and then we'll rank them. Okay. You know? Because we gotta figure out how many we can get. How many... how many do we think... because there's one on here that's... there's one here that's not on here.

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Cooper City Hall: Which is the elections.

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Cooper City Hall: Which, when we have the elections, that needs to be changed, because it says if you have a vacancy, we have to do it within so many days.

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Cooper City Hall: And the supervisor of elections won't do that. So that's one that needs to be fixed, because we're not gonna have our own... That was not a recommendation of the Charter View Board, but it may be a charter item... It needs to be, because from what

happened in Pembroke Pines. The supervisor has said that municipalities can only hold elections in March and in November. So it puts you in this huge...

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Cooper City Hall: You know, predicament.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, the next one?

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Cooper City Hall: Next one's item 4.1. We don't have to go over it again, I don't think. I'm sorry. No, no, please. We did them all.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Smith, any... Add-on for number 2.

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Cooper City Hall: No, sir.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Malozzi?

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Katzmann.

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Cooper City Hall: No? I... I support it. I like the idea.

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Cooper City Hall: Do you have anything you want to add to it, though? You're gonna rank these, remember? Yeah, yeah, I...

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Cooper City Hall: No, I don't wanna... City Manager powers, guys, let's talk. Commissioner...

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Cooper City Hall: Schroeder, anything on this one? Yeah, so, my... if we have room... if we have enough room to get on there... so we put something like this to the voters, I don't know if it was taking just, assistant directors out. We asked the voters last time.

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Cooper City Hall: whether or not the manager should be able to hire... was it hire? Fire... No, it wasn't both. No, no, it was the elimination of assistant directors, very similar to this... Yeah, and I thought, from a practical standpoint, it would have been nice to let them, you know, propose them, or whatever.

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Cooper City Hall: and they voted it down, so... Heavily. Yeah, the voters kind of... whatever. Now, job descriptions. Like, I hate the fact that we have to bring the job descriptions before us, so if we're going to touch this, I would love to strike the job description thing.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, like, like it is, but, and then, I don't know why,

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Cooper City Hall: you know, I don't know why we would water down F, you know?

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Cooper City Hall: Why would we water down F? I agree. Only because it's not feasible? I think it's feasible. Why 30 days isn't feasible?

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Cooper City Hall: To have a financial statement?

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Cooper City Hall: We don't even have all the invoices by the end of the first month.

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Cooper City Hall: It says the clothes.

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Cooper City Hall: Oh, yeah. There's a requirement to take your accruals through 60 days. How can you have...

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Cooper City Hall: Statements by 30 days.

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Cooper City Hall: I mean, that's a requirement. So, you can get unaudited financials within 30 days, but they're gonna be meaningless.

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Cooper City Hall: So, do you want meaningless information, or do you want pretty accurate information?

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Cooper City Hall: So why 180 days, then? No, 180 days is for the audited.

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Cooper City Hall: statements. That's standard.

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Cooper City Hall: And that's pursuant. That's our retirement. It's consistent with size, right.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah,

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Cooper City Hall: This is one of those things that we have. This is really something that should be adopted by ordinance. Huh? This is really something that should be adopted by ordinance.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, it'll be nice, but it... It's in the charter? The charter basically says... No, I understand, but you guys are further defining charter processes, so what happens is the charter doesn't change as much as state law, or technology, other things.

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Cooper City Hall: And so, every time we further define things that are fluid, we end up in the same position, like elections or something like that.

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Cooper City Hall: So you could take out the requirement for the unaudited statements. Just change the 90 to 180 days. Timeline shall be set by the Commission.

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Cooper City Hall: the ordinance. Yeah, so, if... The concern, Commissioner Katzman, is that,

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Cooper City Hall: If you just completely remove the requirement for an audit from the charter, it's gonna get voted no.

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Cooper City Hall: 100%. Because people are going to say, oh, I don't know what you guys are trying to do here. Right, looks like you're trying to do something behind my back. If you just say that it's going from 90 days to 180 days.

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Cooper City Hall: And then, what you put in the information is that this is considered... So, there's two things. There's one, you're asking how you get things voted or not, right? That's a whole other thing. And then two is what's right or wrong, right?

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Cooper City Hall: which one do we want to talk about? So, if you want to talk about what's right or wrong, it should probably say that the Commission shall adopt, by ordinance, a procedure in which this amount of time has to happen. That's what really should happen, right? And so, instead of striking that, you just say.

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Cooper City Hall: you know, shall be adopted by ordinance, or schedule, or time, whatever. That's what should happen.

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Cooper City Hall: Because there's also state law that... that regulates audits, right? When we have to submit. Which really means not much, because we... we... you know, this is something we really don't follow. I mean, maybe in the last couple years, we might have, but we went, like, 4 years without... with missing the state's deadline, right? Didn't we?

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Cooper City Hall: That was years ago, several years ago. I was around here for that. Okay, so this is just... if we have enough room... Out of the last two years, we should make these housekeeping ones, you know, on here, if we have enough room. But it's not, like, a huge one, like we have, like...

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Cooper City Hall: Like the bond one. Can I just clarify one point, with regards to the assistant department directors. In 2020, the item that was on the ballot sought to remove both department directors and assistant department directors. This item only proposes assistant department directors. There's a distinction.

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Cooper City Hall: be done in-house.

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Cooper City Hall: No. So, would we say for 4.01, for letters Charlie.

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Cooper City Hall: Mike and Foxtrot, okay, those will be the ones that we're gonna say we're just putting as potential housekeeping versus ballot. They would require ballot changes. If we have enough room on the ballot, let's put that on, and instead... Yeah, meeting what we have when we go back. And instead of saying 90, let's say that we will adopt, you know, an ordinance prescribing the time frame.

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Cooper City Hall: For that, something to that effect. Does that make sense?

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, because it may not... it may be 120. We don't know how many months total we're talking.

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Cooper City Hall: Let me grab this next one real quick, because we're running out of time. This next one, I don't think this is that big of a deal for us to be adding this as an item on there.

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Cooper City Hall: the depository. I don't either. You know, I mean, yeah, it might be more efficient that way, but it's just to waste a whole question on this?

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Cooper City Hall: You know? We gotta be careful what we ask for, guys, because you're gonna get it if they go... you know what I mean? Well, you're gonna just run, you know, and you're gonna run... you're gonna have pages of them. 100%. You have to do it in 3 languages, and you have to have an explanation of it. Same thing with number 5, 11, 4.

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Cooper City Hall: That's purely housekeeping, you know, we...

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Cooper City Hall: Which one? 511. 511-4 is purely a housekeeping items. That's the way we've been interpreting, but, you know, it's...

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Cooper City Hall: Put a question on that is... And 512 as well.

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Cooper City Hall: You have 5'11s. 6.

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Cooper City Hall: No. Which is more... right now, we're inconsistent with the charter.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, but if you were gonna do... okay, so is that one that you think needs to be addressed?

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Cooper City Hall: Well, every time we pass a budget, we're inconsistent with the Charter. I know. For emergency appropriations.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah.

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Cooper City Hall: Which is odd, obviously, to have emergency appropriation by ordinance, which takes two readings.

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Cooper City Hall: So, I mean, if... Can't be that big of an emergency, right? Yeah, and it should probably be some type of ratification of it, if anything, you know, not even...

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Cooper City Hall: I would put this as another housekeeping if we have room. Okay, I do have a question then. Are we at 5.12 for the bond? Yes, yeah. Okay, I have a question, because unless I'm incorrect, the state of Florida requires... it names a city clerk needing bonding, so unless I'm wrong, is there a reason we want to strike through? Is there something we didn't recognize?

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Cooper City Hall: Unless I'm wrong, I mean, the state very clearly identifies certain, official capacities which may be bonded, or not maybe, which will be bonded. I'm not sure municipal clerks are included within that list. Can we just confirm before we do that? That would be all. Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Because county clerks, because they manage the finances of the, of the county, yeah. County clerks and clerk of courts, but I'm not sure municipal... I, I just thought I understood municipal to be one, so if I'm wrong, understood, but if, if not...

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, 513.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, this is a...

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Cooper City Hall: You know, the most money that is spent is through procurement, so that this would be taking a lot of...

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Cooper City Hall: Controls away.

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Cooper City Hall: From the Charter. They are in the ordinance.

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Cooper City Hall: You have the control? That's every argument. Hey, that's every argument, right? Right. So...

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Cooper City Hall: I think we should chew on some best examples, because we should have a beefed-up procurement ordinance, but I'm not sure I would want to necessarily give away

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Cooper City Hall: the threshold amount, we might have to figure that out. I think we did look at one point what other places had, and that... we weren't necessarily over.

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Cooper City Hall: about 20,000? Yeah. We're not out of line. I'm actually aware of some comparative analyses that have been done in relatively recent time. Yeah. But I think looking at

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Cooper City Hall: The fact that we're discussing not having numbers in the charter I, I think...

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Cooper City Hall: Having an ordinance that defines this.

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Cooper City Hall: requiring the commission to set an ordinance maximum... You're gonna get that anyway, so I don't like having numbers in the Charter. I agree with you, but this is the single biggest control, and we can't defer to state law because it's too high, huh? What's state law, like, 100,000, or...

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah. So then right now, per what I'm seeing, it looks like there's 3 that we're choosing from that seem that priority for ballot. Does that seem like a pretty good number, or an aggressive number?

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Cooper City Hall: If we were to do Section 1, if we were to then do Section 5.11, number 6, and if we were to do 513, that's 3 of them.

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Cooper City Hall: The first one would be, Section 3.061, A, B, and 2.

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Cooper City Hall: If that were to be a ballot question. One.

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Cooper City Hall: Right, so that'd be one. Second one, and I was just taking notes, so if I'm wrong, stop me. The second one that I saw looked to be a need for ballot was 508, number 6, for... from ordinance strikethrough to resolution. I thought that was Housekeeping. No. We need 515.

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Cooper City Hall: Well... Or not housekeeping. And then, and then just confirming, and then confirming 513 would be a ballot as well, since it's...

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Cooper City Hall: From public bidding, right? And then it leaves us to 15, so that would be either 3 or 4, depending how we're counting... Well, that's just their recommendation. The election one, I think, has to go. Right, so that would be 5. You guys realize 5 is gonna be, like, 2 pages.

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Cooper City Hall: And then...

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, so I think we should... I mean, the procurement one is a big one. Obviously, we want to take out the things where we were,

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Cooper City Hall: What else was bad in there?

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, what was the... how about this? What's the history on 513? Why... what's the history on that recommendation? Commissioner Green?

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Cooper City Hall: Was this, and you can defer to anybody, in case it was theirs.

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Cooper City Hall: Oh, no, into the mic, please.

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Cooper City Hall: I believe it was exactly, kind of back to Katzman, Commissioner Katzmann's point, was to take dollar amounts out of the charter. So, there's an ordinance, for the...

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Cooper City Hall: Procurement code, there's a procurement code, and to leave the amounts in the procurement code, versus leaving it in the charter.

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Cooper City Hall: Because... \$20,000 in 5 years.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah. I think it's a little out of date now. Are you speaking as Charter Review, or as the... I'm speaking as Charter Review. Because this would be a huge expansion on your department's

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Cooper City Hall: authority, essentially. Procurements. So, I... Absolutely. Exactly. Okay, well, we know... So, but, no, so... so, technically, procurement is under the...

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Cooper City Hall: CFO, so... And I am just here as Charter Review, as a resident.

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Cooper City Hall: Right, but let me... And I am not the only person on the Charter Review Board. No, but I asked for anybody, so...

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Cooper City Hall: But you were also appointed that because you have knowledge. I know that on my appointment, I appointed my appointment because of their knowledge and their background. I submitted an application with a resume to be on the job. I know you have knowledge. What I'm saying is this is a major expansion

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Cooper City Hall: of the finance department's... the procurement department's authority. Only if the ordinance is changed. Have you read our procurement ordinance?

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Cooper City Hall: It's... have you read our procurement ordinance? I don't know where they copied it from, but it doesn't even add up.

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Cooper City Hall: You know?

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Cooper City Hall: But he has his own \$20,000 limitations.

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Cooper City Hall: So, just to circle back, so the mayor expanded on a point earlier tonight about

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Cooper City Hall: you know, what we can address via ordinance should be addressed via ordinance. I think this is something we should address via ordinance with specific numbers. We might have to vote on it

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Cooper City Hall: We might have to...

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Cooper City Hall: We do have to amend the charter if we want to vote on it via ordinance, but I think having a number in the charter of 20,000

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Cooper City Hall: it's not relevant anymore. That's why I don't like to see numbers in the charter, any number, financially. It goes against what we're trying to... Yeah, we're trying to make our city agile, and... What are you doing, carte blanche? Ordinances are public, there's public speaking, they're advertised, they're, you know, as much as possible. If you want, advertise it four times. You do know when they see the language being struck through, and what it's going to, they're gonna think you're trying to...

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Cooper City Hall: Something, and they're gonna fail it.

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Cooper City Hall: So that's... so that's not what we're looking for. Let's come up with an... with language that specifically says... I would like to see, like, the gold... like, not the gold standard, I'd like to see what a lot of other ones are doing, so that we're within... Yeah, we can beef this up, because I agree with you, Commissioner Smith, it looks like we're...

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Cooper City Hall: taking out requirements, but I also think If we say.

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Cooper City Hall: I don't even know the answer, but I just think taking that number out and making it...

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Cooper City Hall: If we want to have a public meeting in public square, or announce it at E to the beat, like, I'm okay with that. I don't... it's not a hiding thing, it's a matter of making the city productive.

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Cooper City Hall: Correct, but that... just remember, that's the mechanism that prevents... Millions of dollars are being...

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Cooper City Hall: having to come onto the, you know, you have to... Right, I'm with you. I agree that we should regulate it. I'm just saying that number...

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Cooper City Hall: Which was a high number whenever they passed it, I'm sure, or a moderate number, is now...

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Cooper City Hall: You can't do much for 2021. It's actually... if you look at the survey, we're not really out of whack. Oh, no, it's... It's in line. Yeah, Fort Lauderdale, I think, is probably... Hey, Mayor, may I ask, through you to the chair of, of the, Charter Review Board? Sure.

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, sir.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, Commissioner Green. I appreciate, like the others have said, the time that was placed into this, so my question is very specific.

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Cooper City Hall: when you all were coming up with these adoptions, and I know that there was way more than this, and you funneled through to this number, as a resident, and as

somebody that would see this on a ballot, have you guys, did all of you discuss what you felt would be a tipping point of too many that may just get either

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Cooper City Hall: You know, discarded, or... or...

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Cooper City Hall: did you come to a number? You sort of hear the discussion up here. As a resident, as priorly holding a seat like this, where do you feel that and your board's threshold number should be? Well, these were the ones that, collectively, as the Charter Review Board, that we felt were the ones that you probably needed to look at the most.

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Cooper City Hall: There were other items, and as a board, we said, okay, we know, we understand that not everything is gonna be, is gonna go on the ballot, but these were some ones that we felt, as residents, that would be,

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Cooper City Hall: Important for the voters, to have, have some input in.

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Cooper City Hall: But we also, we also felt, and we also know, that, you know, based on what the Commission, what you all decide as a majority, those are gonna be the items that go on, on the, on the, on the ballot. So,

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Cooper City Hall: We defer to you. You know, as a collective board, we did our best to present items that we felt would probably be the most important to this city, and we knew that at some point.

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Cooper City Hall: when it came before you, you all would make the determination as to what actually is going to go on the ballot. I appreciate that. Mayor, may I ask the city manager, on Section 5.15 on the very back, what was the... what's your takeaway on that strikethrough?

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Cooper City Hall: What handcuffs does that put you through versus... versus not? Oh, it gives him...

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Cooper City Hall: the... I wanted to... I wanna have him give me some insight. Right.

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Cooper City Hall: This language is actually not too far from what other cities have when it relates to ad valorem taxes. So every time that you're going to commit to a valorum.

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Cooper City Hall: Issues of bonds and loans,

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Cooper City Hall: It, it, it is,

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Cooper City Hall: sometimes, for example, we had an issue where the city issued a few weeks back, a letter of credit, and the letter of credit basically was supported by all of the city's revenues, including Alban taxes.

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Cooper City Hall: This was, basically, will prohibit you from even doing a loan

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Cooper City Hall: Related to that. You don't do that very often, and it's not, you know, too, too concerning on that aspect. I believe that the ability to issue bonds, for example, for the utility, are accepted from.

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Cooper City Hall: The border approval, and you'll be able to issue those, you know.

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Cooper City Hall: Correct. Correct. Yeah. So those are the big ones that we're looking to... So, so where were... Also, just to offer, just to supplement the manager's comments, state law provides specific requirements for issuing of general obligation bonds, borrowing of money. I think what the Charter Review Board Commission was recommending was to align the Charter with state law.

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Cooper City Hall: But it doesn't create additional...

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Cooper City Hall: constraints on us. So if this body up here chooses to bypass 5.15, it's not going to put us in a constraint for wastewater management, the things that are handled going forward? Correct. It's more of a cleanup issue. Understood, thank you. But 5.15, we do need that amended.

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Cooper City Hall: 5.151.

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Cooper City Hall: We need... we're not doing that correctly. Whoa, so 5.15, we... we were really not getting voter approval for, loans like we're... like the charter requires. We're in violation of it, but it's not practical the way it's written.

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Cooper City Hall: Right? I would agree with that. So that's one that has to be fixed. Okay, so this is number 2.

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Cooper City Hall: So that one has to be... now, each one of these ones you're striking are a separate thing, so even though 5.13 looks like it's 1, no, 5.14 is one of its own? Right, no, no, I get that. I'm just saying 5.151.

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Cooper City Hall: is important. Yeah, you have to. So that's number... and the ranking so far, that's 2. Yeah. Because number 1 is 1, and number 2 is this one, and then you want to say whether 2, 3... Which one is number 1, correct? Thank you, Mayor. That's not important to me.

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Cooper City Hall: I thought that was. No, I said if you're going to do it, the language needs to tie at a cap. There's no point in halfway doing it. Okay, so you're saying this one is more important than the first one? The election one, which isn't on here, is very important, because we're going to violate it.

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Cooper City Hall: We are. From the supervisor election, won't have them, you know?

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Cooper City Hall: The, this Bond one?

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Cooper City Hall: Is, borrowing money is important to me.

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Cooper City Hall: Because we're violating it.

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Cooper City Hall: From a practical standpoint,

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Cooper City Hall: Are you gonna be able to bring these back? We will bring them all back. And again, we can bring any combination back, and whatever we bring back, the Commission is not bound to. You'll see a final form ordinance, which you can then decide whether or not you want to move forward. I would like the manager one.

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Cooper City Hall: on there with his powers, because I am annoyed every time we approve a job description.

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Cooper City Hall: I think that's something that's really, really should be done at the manager level. I mean, I don't know of anywhere else where it has to come to the city commission in order to approve a job description.

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Cooper City Hall: Right? Have you ever heard of that? Yeah, but now we're already at 4, and I don't care, we can do 15, we can do all these, but if we're gonna be prudent.

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Cooper City Hall: We got... I think we've got... we're gonna... if... if you truly believe right now that 5.15 has been utilized in the last 2 years, that we've been flagrant on it, then I agree with you, let's send it to ballot. We're... we're... yeah, we're violated every year when we renew the loan, or every too many years.

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Cooper City Hall: You know, 3 years, our loan, because we can't... it's not practical, we have a line of credit.

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Cooper City Hall: Huh? You can change the... You can change the pledge on the loan, and you'll be fine. You can change the what? A pledge. As long as you don't pledge up below in taxes, then you're fine. Yeah, but the problem is, you're now... you're mandating what lending products are, and you don't always get the ability to do that, you know? Like, one bank might do that, but...

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00:53:20.810 --> 00:53:34.839

Cooper City Hall: That's not, you know... well, we've been violating it. Yes, correct. Correct. For... that letter of credit that we issued 3 years ago, it was technically in violation. We all know that. Yeah. So, and then the other...

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Cooper City Hall: But we've also been violating, the 30-day rule.

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Cooper City Hall: So, let me know. Okay, that one should be... oh, that was the manager one, though, we put that on there. M&F, right. That's on there. So we know the manager one needs to be fixed.

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Cooper City Hall: And then,

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Cooper City Hall: I think we should have some good discussions on the procurement thing and look at what other places have. Are we gonna have discussion, Ryan, when the ordinances come back? Yes. And I just need... we need some samples, though, of other... We, we, again, I have a fairly current survey that was prepared for another municipality I can provide. And then, I think we have to put the election one on there.

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Cooper City Hall: And the other thing we need... I have no choice, that's number one. And then the other thing we gotta think about is, are we going out? Do we have to get any?

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Cooper City Hall: voter approval for bonds on anything, because those will be on the ballot as well. So the water plant, does that require

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Cooper City Hall: It depends what kind of bond it is. A revenue bond does not require a referendum. Yeah, and the water plan is always going to be utility, you know, revenues. Utility revenues are being paid. I'm trying to think of things that are going to go on, and the public safety facility... What is that?

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Cooper City Hall: No, you can pledge utility taxes, franchise fees, you can, you know, do all the pledges. But not under this? Because...

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, you can. This is Albalore in Texas.

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Cooper City Hall: The second line, about lowering taxes.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay. Any other portion of it... Under state law, for example, on taxes, you're gonna have to go for border approval anyway.

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Cooper City Hall: So what... can I just take one 30 seconds? Mr. Horowitz, what do you have right now that... Well, right now I have the borrowing, the elections, the job descriptions, and the auditor timeframes.

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Cooper City Hall: Is there anything else that you guys seen? I'm not rushing you, I'm just... In procurement, we just don't know what we're gonna do. So for us and everyone watching.

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Cooper City Hall: Please go through by section number, and if there's a correlation of a numeric and alphanumeric, please let us know what you have so we can... Well, I'm looking, Commissioner, if I might, section 4.01, subsection M,

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Cooper City Hall: And subsection F. Yes.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm looking at section... 515.1. 5.15.

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Cooper City Hall: We're looking at section 5.13.

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Cooper City Hall: We're looking at elections, which is not in your backup, but that would be section...

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Cooper City Hall: Let's see, that'll be in Section 3.10.

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Cooper City Hall: And I believe that's it. And then we need to do...

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Cooper City Hall: 5. We need to do the requirement on public bidding because of the...

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Cooper City Hall: The print... Which one is that, Ryan? I'm sorry. 5.13... Yeah, we said 5.13. Oh, okay. And then...

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Cooper City Hall: 5.14, was this on there because sometimes we don't want the lowest responsive?

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Cooper City Hall: Well, again, it's, it's...

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Cooper City Hall: But that's a whole item, no. 5.13, 5.14. No, no, but 5.1... 5.13, 5.14, and 5.16 all relate to procurement.

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Cooper City Hall: I think the recommendation of the board was to strike all references to procurement from the Charter, embrace them in a separate... My... but I'm talking about how many questions that would be. That would all be one question. I don't think you could... you could...

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Cooper City Hall: Strike multiple sections with one question? All related to procurement? Procurement, all falls under the procurement. I agree with you, to your turn. I think that's a lot for one question, and I think a lot is going to get lost if you do all of that in one.

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Cooper City Hall: Even... even still, I didn't see 3.06 at all.

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Cooper City Hall: I don't think it needs to be. I've not heard of 3.06 unless the Commission feels otherwise. That was one of the very first ones that we... that we... I absolutely have it marked right here. So, I'm not... I'm not... I'm not willing to move around from that. That was a big highlight from our... from our city citizens.

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Cooper City Hall: That first one, right? Number one? Yeah, I think it's fine, I just think we need to...

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Cooper City Hall: Work on the language.

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Cooper City Hall: So that it's a little less... We'll let it bring it back in an ordinance form. Absolutely. We'll see where we're gonna go from there. Okay?

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Cooper City Hall: So then that... there would be 6 on our... that we would be expecting to see back, is that... is that correct? And whether we elect to go forward.

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Cooper City Hall: And whether we elect to go forward, at least we have 6 that we're looking at, right? Bring it back on here as an ordinance. No, it's not... what did you... you want to bring it back for... to change in the charter, or no? I was okay with doing it in-house, but you guys... That's what I thought. Yeah, okay.

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Cooper City Hall: So... That's up to you guys. I mean, if... listen, if you think the...

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Cooper City Hall: If you think it needs to be on a charter for a question, get ready for it.

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Cooper City Hall: I think it can be done in-house.

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Cooper City Hall: I would love the residents to make sure that they follow up with their commissioners to let them know how they feel. You're the fifth vote, buddy. That's... yeah. Well, I mean, I'm fine asking the residents, if...

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Cooper City Hall: if Commissioner Smith feels strongly about this, I... and... and the...

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Cooper City Hall: And the committee. I just want to make sure that it's written in a way that

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Cooper City Hall: We've heard some feedback tonight. There are ways to work around the way it is now, and also not to constrain with specific numbers.

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Cooper City Hall: We need to be accountable. I think that's the purpose of it. That is, and I would agree with Commissioner Schrouder's point on whether we need to create verbiage that ties that, but I definitely feel that if our, this is just one I really feel we definitely shouldn't bypass.

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Cooper City Hall: I kind of felt that way when they passed the ordinance that said that you shouldn't get any benefits, or the charter said you shouldn't get any benefits unless it's adopted by ordinance, and I came up here and fought it and lost.

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Cooper City Hall: So, I was kind of thinking, man, maybe I should get insurance for life, because...

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Cooper City Hall: you know, I felt bad voting for it. I didn't. I don't get it.

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Cooper City Hall: And that's what the residents wanted, but...

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Cooper City Hall: You know, somehow we're giving out... Insurance for life.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm being a wise guy now. So, at the end of the day.

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Cooper City Hall: Accountability... if you wanna... if we're gonna touch it, because anything you put on there is gonna... it's gonna probably pass, right? Because nobody thinks that you should let politicians have, you know, decide their own fate, right? Because look what we have in our country. But the truth is, if you're gonna do it, it has to be tied to something legitimate, not like every other one of these ones.

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Cooper City Hall: And,

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Cooper City Hall: my biggest thing is disclosure, so, like, there isn't disclosure. To me, it should be like, anytime you're gonna give a benefit, you have to have a...

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Cooper City Hall: you know, actuarial analysis, and tell everybody what it's gonna cost, and... I mean... Would we... would... if...

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Cooper City Hall: If we gave direction to the city attorney, we would have... that would be number 6 that you would bring back that we would see. You would see 6 items, as I currently have. And at that point, it still does not mean we've agreed to send any of them forward, it's just allow it, right? That's how I would like to see. Meetings and one public hearing, that's correct.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm open to seeing more... more...

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Cooper City Hall: 3, but it has to be rewritten, not... Which one are you referring to? 3.06? Yeah. If I could clarify on 3.06, we're only talking about sub-1.

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Cooper City Hall: Sub 1, we're not talking about sub 2, is that correct? Or you want to see the entirety of it? Oh, no, sub 2, I don't think should be staggered. It should... But you're talking about... you're not suggesting a change to Sub 2, you'd keep it the same, or you want to include a change? I think you have to keep it the same. So we're only talking about sub 1, the changes to Sub 2? Yeah, yeah, that's where I was at. Okay, got it. Thank you. I understand. Thank you. Are we good?

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Cooper City Hall: Motion to adjourn, do we need one? You don't need a motion. All right, we're gonna go right in at 6.30.