



CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

TITLE: Resolution 26-17 – (Administration)

DATE: February 24, 2026

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF COOPER CITY PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval and adoption of the City of Cooper City Parks and Recreation Master Plan presented by the Miller Legg professional services firm.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

The City of Cooper City originally issued a Request for Proposal (RFP 2023-6-REC) on December 22, 2023, to guide the future growth of city parks and facilities. Miller Legg was selected after a thorough evaluation of four total proposals received by the January 31, 2024, deadline. The firm was tasked with creating a comprehensive strategy to meet the community's current and future recreational needs.

A public workshop was held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at the Community Center. At this Public Workshop, residents and stakeholders had the opportunity to:

- Learn more about the Master Plan process.
- Share ideas and feedback on how the City can improve our parks, facilities, and programs.
- Be an active participant in shaping the future of our community's recreational services.

A survey was available for comments and suggestions from October 2024 to March 2025. On Tuesday, May 27, 2025, the City Commission gathered for a workshop and was presented with a drafted master plan to review and provide comments. Changes to the document since the May 27, 2025, based on feedback from the workshop have been:

- Explanation on Key Input Findings Summary about NRPA and SCORP level-of-service (LOS) benchmarks and how the City is currently meeting the majority of its LOS standards, with only targeted gaps identified for future planning consideration.
- Park Improvement Changes (translates into cost changes reduction)
 - Cooper City Community Center: Repainting moved to 2025
 - Bill Lips Sports Complex:
 - Lighting upgrade timeline to 2026-2027

- Added restroom/storage/concession stand upgrade to existing restroom building
 - Christie Schafale Park & Dog Park:
 - We identified an error of removing splashpad and restrooms in this park on the original staff report that published February 13, 2025. Neither of those options were presented in the May 27, 2025 workshop to commission but internally discussed among Miller Legg and city staff.
 - Diamond Head Park
 - Left the racquet courts instead of proposing to be changed to pickleball
 - Memorial Park:
 - Removed fitness stations
 - Removed sprayground
 - Added upgrades to event space area
 - Michael “City Mike” Riordan Park
 - Added trail improvements
 - Added dog park improvements
 - Removal of Monterra Dog Park from recommended capital projects and action plan
 - Suellen H. Fardelmann Sports Complex recommendations
 - Changed pickleball complex (10 courts) to (2) pickleball courts instead
 - Tamarind Park:
 - Added tennis courts upgrade
 - Removed the recommendation of removing racquet courts
 - Ted Ferone Park:
 - Racquet courts to pickleball instead of just removing courts
 - Added fitness area upgrade
 - Added trail improvements
 - Pioneer Middle School:
 - Added baseball fields upgrade
 - Added 1 tennis court upgrade
 - Added 1 tennis court refurbish to pickleball
- Implementation Plan Cost and Timeline changes:
 - Bill Lips Sports Complex - Restroom/storage/concession stand cost moved from Short Term to Long Term
 - Christie Schafale Park & Dog Park moved from Mid-Term to Short Term
 - Cooper's Point Park moved from Long Term to Mid-Term
 - Encore Park moved from Mid-Term to Short Term
 - Flamingo West Park moved from Mid-Term to Long Term
 - Forest Lake Park moved from Mid-Term to Short Term
 - Michael “City Mike” Riordan Park moved from Long Term to Mid-Term
 - Striling Palm Park moved from Mid-Term to Long Term
 - Suellen H. Fardelmann Sports Complex moved from Short Term to Mid-Term
 - Tamarind Park moved from Mid-Term to Short Term
 - Ted Ferone Park moved from Mid-Term to Short Term
- Organization Chart update

- Document general cleanup

ANALYSIS:

The creation of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) allows the City to establish goals and standards for Cooper City's parks and recreation system, which directly contributes to the daily lives of its residents and users. The PRMP vision and recommendations have been developed with input from Cooper City's residents and the City's leadership, which have been the foundational components of the plan development process.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit 1 – The City of Cooper City Parks and Recreation Master Plan