



**CITY OF COOPER CITY**  
**BSO CONTRACT CITIES FORUM**  
Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 1:00 PM  
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

## MINUTES

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 1:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### WELCOME – INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Ross welcomed everyone to Cooper City. He thanked Commissioners Shrouder, Meltzer and Green for attending. He also welcomed all representatives from fellow BSO contracted cities in attendance as well. He advised he invited elected officials and representatives from BSO contracted cities to discuss alike issues they may have in common. Mayor Ross also advised he invited Sheriff Tony but he was unable to attend.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS/AGENDA

*Discussion re: Accountability, verification and parity*

*Discussion re: Sustainability*

*Discussion re: True-up (\$8 Million over-payment by contract cities to Sheriff)*

*Discussion re: Definition of Overhead / Cost Allocation Methodology*

Mayor Ross spoke on accountability and verification by documentation that has not been provided. He spoke on cost allocation with unclear methodology.

Commissioner Steve Gellar advised he had previously met with Commissioners Shrouder and Pulcini, City Attorney Horowitz and BSO legal counsel to discuss numbers charged to Cooper City. BSO counsel advised a “true up” would be complicated. He also spoke on Cooper City having seniority in Police and Fire, which causes issues in calculating salaries.

Commissioner Shrouder spoke on specific issues to the City of Cooper City and increased prices in costs for next year with BSO giving the County surplus funds. He also spoke on an unwillingness to discuss vacancy issues and a deadline to renew the contract. He also spoke on transferring of employees without the City notification.

Rich Walker, Mayor Parkland thanked Mayor Ross for conducting the meeting for all cities to discuss similar issues.

Geoffrey Jacobs, Mayor Pembroke Park, spoke on their issues concerning communication, their constant increases and starting their own Police and Fire departments.

Mayor Ross spoke on discrepancies in costs for a fire apparatus.

Commissioner Pulcini spoke on BSO budget versus actual discrepancies and differences.

Commissioner Shrouder spoke on charges listed in the consideration letter.

Rex Hardin, Mayor Pompano Beach, spoke on issues with costs and administration but not with the "boots on the ground". He also thanked the Mayor for the meeting.

Joy Cooper, Mayor Hallandale Beach, thanked Mayor Ross for hosting a meeting and advised of her contract issues and rising increases.

Antonio Arserio, Vice Mayor, City of Margate is disappointed BSO did not attend.

Arlene R. Schwartz, Mayor City of Margate spoke on her city transitioning to BSO Fire.

Anthony Gaggiano, Commissioner City of Margate, spoke on the inability of BSO to answer questions and not attending the meeting.

Dr. Katrina Tuchstone a resident of West Park spoke on her disappointment with BSO.

Felicia M. Brunson, Mayor West Park, advised that commission and staff are diligently working with BSO to address issues. She stated that West Park is happy working with the agency.

Commissioner Meltzer spoke on surplus monies not going back to the cities. He also spoke on "true ups" and wanting to see invoices and salaries.

Michael Cernech, City Manager of Tamarac, spoke on the unattainability of public safety expenses.

Commissioner Steve Gellar spoke on the relationship between the Sheriff's office and Broward County. He spoke on potential regionalizing and educating the public on public safety costs.

Hazelle P. Rogers, Mayor Lauderdale Lakes, spoke on prices are not sustainable.

Michelle Gomez, Mayor Tamarac, thanked Mayor Ross and spoke on the cities coming together and settling issues together with BSO and the County.

Mayor Ross suggested everyone meet with the Sheriff. He also advised of another meeting on October 26, 2021.

Commissioner Shrouder spoke on the differences between Fire costs and Police costs.

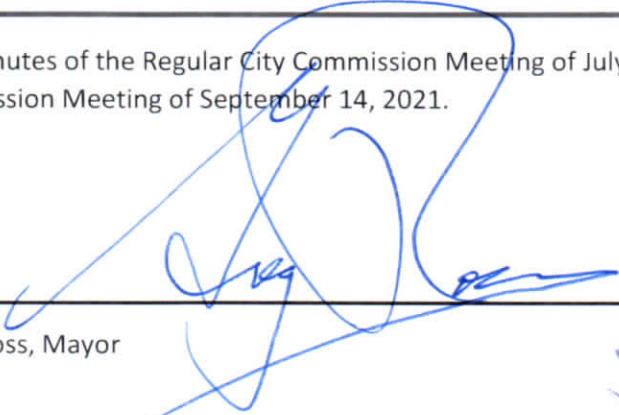
### **CLOSING REMARKS/COMMENTS**

Mayor Ross thanked everyone for attending and thanked City staff and the City Manager for setting up the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 PM.

The minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of July 14, 2021 were approved during the Regular City Commission Meeting of September 14, 2021.



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Greg Ross, Mayor



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Kathryn Sims, City Clerk

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Cooper City Hall: Good afternoon, good afternoon, Mr.

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Cooper City Hall: Mr Mayor.

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Cooper City Hall: I welcome everyone to Cooper city someplace special and with me today my fellow Commissioners, Commissioner pulcini Commissioner melter Commissioner green Commissioners Schroeder, and I thank them for attending.

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Cooper City Hall: We have different representatives from the city's most of these up here have indicated that they would be here.

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Cooper City Hall: But we also have representatives from the city managers representing those cities, so I just want to say thank you everyone for attending.

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Cooper City Hall: Our sheriff's office is a regional police force, founded on the backs of contract cities.

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Cooper City Hall: it's been frustrating.

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Cooper City Hall: To all the cities to get numbers for purposes of accountability sustainability verification and parody data given by bso leads to more questions than it does answers.

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Cooper City Hall: Communication and collaboration is the key to problem solving.

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Cooper City Hall: talking to other elected officials, they recognized that Cooper city was not the only contract city that's having difficulty with bso and let me be clear.

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Cooper City Hall: From boots on the ground to my Captain no complaint only compliments.

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Cooper City Hall: it's dealing with administration is where I reach a stone wall.

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Cooper City Hall: I initiated the meeting between the contract cities and concomitantly notified the Sheriff of this meeting is, I will not say something behind a person's back that I won't say to their face.

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Cooper City Hall: The sheriff indicated, he would absolutely be here.

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Cooper City Hall: till this morning at 1024.

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Cooper City Hall: We received notice that he will not be in attendance, are very disappointing.

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Cooper City Hall: I acknowledge that each of our cities, may have different concerns or some that are very common.

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Cooper City Hall: The sheriff needs to hear these concerns directly from us and not through hearsay because that's like playing telephone.

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Cooper City Hall: Once he's made aware of all our concerns and the beautiful part about today is that not only is it on zoom TV but it's also being recorded so there's no excuses, if anyone wants to watch it they certainly can.

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Cooper City Hall: see that it couldn't be better timing Thank you so once is made aware of our concerns, I would expect him to go back.

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Cooper City Hall: Speak to his people meet with all the contract cities to hopefully resolve these problems and return here.

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Cooper City Hall: To review with us, as a group, what changes they're willing to make towards true ups item ization accountability and verifications but for today I envisioned all the mayor's giving a concise report of their concerns, thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: attempt at reduction what worked what hasn't worked and what they hope to get out of this meeting.

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Cooper City Hall: Initially.

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Cooper City Hall: When we asked for data.

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Cooper City Hall: Be so gives the minimum.

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Cooper City Hall: And we have to sit there and try and figure things out that's not the way you are, if you want to be transparent.

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Cooper City Hall: Transparency is big with me and with my Commission, and so we need to do a deeper dive I know there are some people here who are not with bso but are thinking about going with be so.

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Cooper City Hall: i'm glad you here, I hope you learned something I hope you learn enough to ask questions and that's what we did we were asking questions.

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Cooper City Hall: On accountability of really you asking initially, and most of our contracts, I have reviewed all the contracts from all the contracts cities, I have no life and so i've reviewed them.

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Cooper City Hall: They all read similar not exactly the same there are differences and in their contracts, the differences are noted that one paragraph, essentially says if there's a.

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Cooper City Hall: better way to say things, or better paragraph or something better, for this cities just notify us and we'll change it to that well that's good.



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Cooper City Hall: But what they count on is that we don't talk to each other and we haven't for many years it's important that all the cities talk so that we know what's going on and.

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Cooper City Hall: to rely on bso to say to us hey we have something that would be really good for you, because argument's sake pember park has it why don't you do it they're not doing that.

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Cooper City Hall: they're waiting on us to do it so that's why we're having this conversation today sustainability 5% increase it's across the board.

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Cooper City Hall: When we asked to show how and the cost allocation, we have problems because their methodology is not to be understood, and I think they do it that way, but and i'm glad the county is here, because they recognize this in 2012 and they had their auditor.

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Cooper City Hall: come up on Sep tember yes, a review on September 30 of 2012 now you're going to say that's not.

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Cooper City Hall: The sheriff's that we have today, and that is correct what we do have today is the same old same old nothing changed every promise made we're going to be different hasn't because what we have, and I quote the auditor.

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Cooper City Hall: We found omissions and accuracies and then consistencies in accounting for costs impede BSS financial management of contract services.

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Cooper City Hall: that's what we've been saying all along and all we want is transparency, we need to understand if you're saying a police officer cost X amount of dollars, how did you come to that it's not that we're asking for the world it's a simple question.

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Cooper City Hall: They suggested requiring csos accounting division to prepare periodic financial reports of all the revenues i've never seen one and we've asked for everything.

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Cooper City Hall: To establish formal written policies and procedures defining BSS policy and methodology regarding contracted services and develop controls to ensure reliability of financial reports again, where are they because if they have them they not working.

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Cooper City Hall: It goes on it's not pretty.

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Cooper City Hall: We and I I can't take credit i've got Commissioners who were very involved, I think I went to the.

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Cooper City Hall: More active commissions who get involved and and i'll ask my Commission because they have come up with some various documents and information it's very troubling.

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Cooper City Hall: And it's troubling because.

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Cooper City Hall: We know where the money is and we know what we've paid the Sheriff and when we pay the Sheriff we were all told, and this is clearly to be understood that its revenue neutral, so if it costs 150,000 per police officer that's what we're spending.

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Cooper City Hall: know.

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Cooper City Hall: As explained revenue neutral that cost them 150,000 then it costs us 150,000 the county or the sheriff's office is unable and can't and he's not allowed to make money off the city's.

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Cooper City Hall: Unfortunately, we have the information, showing that the Sheriff actually did charge the city's way too much for all 30 I think it's 13 contract cities just shy of \$800,000 excuse me 8,000,008 million, yes, one decimal point what's the zero among friends.

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Cooper City Hall: \$8 million now think about that, whether you were to get 10% of that.

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Cooper City Hall: that's still in large chunk of your budget.

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Cooper City Hall: But instead the Sheriff chose to return it to the county.

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Cooper City Hall: And, with all due respect, the county did not return it to the cities, so we are here not accusatory but investigatory we are asking.

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Cooper City Hall: What is going on with the payments that we are making with the services we are paying for all we want is accountability verification and sustainability, because candidly for Cooper city at the rate and we're just about 2425 million.

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Cooper City Hall: If we do a 5% that's just over a million dollars increase a year.

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Cooper City Hall: Property taxes are not going up that much for Cooper city, we used to have it where it was maybe 65% of the budget, we are now at 72 or 73% of our budget for public safety.

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Cooper City Hall: it's got to stop it's got to be accountable we've got to have better choices we've got to have true ups which, if you don't know what a true up is it's simple it's it's what was said by the auditor.

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Cooper City Hall: Reports at the end of the year, if it comes out that what you were being charged is not enough money then tell us what we own we pay it.

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Cooper City Hall: In reverse, as is the case and i'll have my Commissioners speak in a minute, if it comes out that we are owed money then tend to that to us that's how we do business, but apparently we all make contracts with them without the knowledge.

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Cooper City Hall: Of these agreements between the county and the Sheriff i'll ask permission to shredder at this time, yes, if I can, if I can make some great for Mario.

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Cooper City Hall: i'm Steve Gallagher i'm the Mayor of broward county i'm also district five commissioner who represents all of Cooper city, as well as six other cities.

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Cooper City Hall: i'm here today, both to listen, but also because this isn't subject I do know a lot about.

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Cooper City Hall: I previous we've met with mayor with Ryan trout are actually Commissioner shredder before he was a Commissioner, I think you was chair of I want to say, the police advisory board or public safety Advisory Board.

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Cooper City Hall: After that, when I was shown in and Max puccini was a Commissioner at the time, and still is, after meeting with them.

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Cooper City Hall: Mr Horwitz the city attorney and I met with I don't remember who it was from be so do the general counsel of of bso because I was concerned about the numbers that were being charged here in Cooper city.

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Cooper City Hall: I do need to correct one thing that the mayor said when he said that the money went back to broward county.

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Cooper City Hall: From the money that went back to broward county most or all of that immediately went back to the so it's not like the county kept the \$8 million, almost all of it all or most I don't recall, which went back to be so.

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Cooper City Hall: But in the meeting that Mr Horowitz and I had with the general counts so.

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Cooper City Hall: I did hear the general counsel tell me that it was impossible to true up the numbers because it was just too complicated.

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Cooper City Hall: So that they have, despite the contractual obligation to true up, they just don't because it's complicated.

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Cooper City Hall: And one of the other issues which, in their Defense is complicated, you know as a county Commissioner representing Cooper city several two of my colleagues were consistently attacking the sweetheart deal.

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Cooper City Hall: And you know the air quotes that Cooper city was getting.

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Cooper City Hall: which I simply did not think was accurate but y'all need to understand, but there are some cities, particularly parkland the one no actually you have your own you work with coral springs, but with fire, but at the westin and Cooper city.

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Cooper City Hall: When you're working at the numbers because western and Cooper city are seen as more desirable cities, and particularly in fire, although unless, in some circumstances police so though to Lester circumstance, they do get.

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Cooper City Hall: Based on seniority but some choice as to what aware they're going to go Cooper city and Western both end up with a disproportionately high.

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Cooper City Hall: Number of more most senior deputies and firefighters, which results in an artificially inflated number for those two cities, because it's not like the Cooper city i'm going to make these are made up numbers understand that.

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Cooper City Hall: With the average seniority is 11 years it's not that Cooper city says we want people with an average of 23 years of seniority.

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Cooper City Hall: that's not a request that Cooper city is making, but that has ended up being one of the results, so it is sometimes hard to calculate how much your city actually costs because of that, but I was.

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Cooper City Hall: disturbed again at the inability to have the true ups and at that point in time, I left it for Mr Horowitz and the city and the bso to try and negotiate numbers which edge them, they did.

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Cooper City Hall: But not happily so I understand your concerns i'm here to listen and let's see what we can do, I appreciate that, thank you very much.

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Cooper City Hall: And and Ryan Commissioners sure i'm going to ask you to go ahead and comment about the monies that you located and the split, if you will, how how it's performed.

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Cooper City Hall: i'm going to try to.

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Cooper City Hall: simplify some of the stuff because I have a tendency of getting excited about contracts and numbers and and so basically.

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Cooper City Hall: Some of the cities don't have the same issue, because they don't have five years on fire, the ones of fire I don't think anyone has fired her but us that that's actually here.

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Cooper City Hall: that's even more complicated issue but um the end of the day we got an increase in our in our price for next year and we look, and we say okay well.

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Cooper City Hall: The sheriff's office remitted \$8 million back to the county because the required by law, all the money flows back to the county.

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Cooper City Hall: And they were admitted more but of it, it says here is \$8 million of on designated surplus from our contractual cities so if you have extra money, why are you why are we going up and.

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Cooper City Hall: it's that's kind of the basis of the thing and it says, please apply this to another open liability or another account that we're short on.

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Cooper City Hall: That kind of shows you what what's going on.

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Cooper City Hall: And so what we tried to do when we were negotiating a contract was to actually get real numbers as far as cost allocations when via so has vacancies these different things.

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Cooper City Hall: And they were unwilling to really work with us on it.

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Cooper City Hall: And ultimately, we didn't have a choice because the Sheriff said, if we didn't sign a contract, he was going to pull law enforcement services, out of our city within 30 days and.

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Cooper City Hall: We were paying for the services, so it wasn't like we're asking the Sheriff to provide free services we just wanted to go through and make sure, like any you know auditor or accounting or anyone who was a fiduciary obligation to make sure the money is being spent correctly.

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Cooper City Hall: So so it's clearly not the county's known this for years, and what usually happens is the county fights.

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Cooper City Hall: With the with the sheriff's office, the county's I don't want to say smarter but they're bigger so they have their internal auditor do an audit.

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Cooper City Hall: They say that you're disproportionately you know, using our county funds on this or that and, ultimately, all the money goes back to them anyway in the year.

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Cooper City Hall: So what the county did years ago was they made an agreement, so the Sheriff wouldn't spend everything right away, and have nothing left.

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Cooper City Hall: The county said we'll give you 70% of whatever you send back to us to be used for future capital projects and the other 30% we pocket.

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Cooper City Hall: So that's what happens so every time be so gives money back to the county at the end of the year 70% goes like the mayor said back to be so theoretically in the savings account.

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Cooper City Hall: And that's how they buy projects like a training Center for \$39 million the county's kind of happy because.

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Cooper City Hall: If they didn't do that, that you would go screen, you know downtown give me a training Center give me a new via so building.

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Cooper City Hall: So the county gets that benefit because it does go towards capital, the county otherwise would have bought.

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Cooper City Hall: and be so kind of gets control over that so the county has a sweet deal obviously they have a lot more power.

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Cooper City Hall: anything left over there, saving 30% 70% going towards a future county obligation anyway.

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Cooper City Hall: And then any property bought on one of the counties districts or enterprise funds, like the airport a seaport.

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Cooper City Hall: must be returned to the county if they in the service, so the county has a phenomenal situation, even when the county wanted and be so we're arguing over.

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Cooper City Hall: How many positions, it would take to fund the courthouse accounting comes in says no it's for four people and the vso says, now we need six per spot.

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Cooper City Hall: So the county's really done what we as contracts and you should do, but obviously they have a lot more bigger stick that we have.

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Cooper City Hall: Unfortunately, with us we've kind of just been blind and over the years, just agreeing deerfield not here but i'll give you example deerfield I saw in their.

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Cooper City Hall: proposed budget is proposing to add two additional deputies, but not increase their minimum staffing level so essentially they're just funding to more positions with no obligation on the Sheriff to actually have the people show up to work.

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Cooper City Hall: And if you look at our different minimum staffing ratios it's it's very different parkland has a minimum of five on at all times, but the amount of positions that they're required to fund that is different than Cooper cities minimum of six and and then some of the cities.

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Cooper City Hall: I think tamarack might have a thing, where it doesn't have a minimum at all times, it will have a.

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Cooper City Hall: You know the county will get slick and in or the Sheriff it gets like and say sworn personnel so who do you think it's counted in that.

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Cooper City Hall: So we had that that promised our last contract, we had to make sure it said no, no, you can't count the chief you can't count the CAP, you know the lieutenant's we're talking about people on the.

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Cooper City Hall: On the ground, so there has just been these issues over and over would be so kind of doing what they wanted with with the money and hiding it and moving it around.

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Cooper City Hall: And essentially cheating the municipalities out of it and you could see right here from this letter signed by Tony the \$8 million that they gave back to the county it's it's clear when we asked what this meant they came up with some excuse and said 4 million of it was for.

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Cooper City Hall: credits and none of it made sense, the more disturbing thing is this is 8 million.

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Cooper City Hall: have been designated money there's millions more that they transferred to reserve accounts for future things so it's really probably 10s of millions of dollars that's being.

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Cooper City Hall: switched around, if you look at the backup to what they provided the county Commission, you can see, all these reserve accounts they funded.

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Cooper City Hall: So basically what we have with the sheriff's offices it's it's expensive and and that may not be an issue.

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Cooper City Hall: If you've got the level of service you wanted, and the other aspect of this is just not monetarily but it's the fact that we have almost no say in.

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Cooper City Hall: And the sheriff's office will transfer employees in and out without our say on the fireside the Union actually bids, the seat on the vehicle.

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Cooper City Hall: And they have the four times a year, so if you have fire service, and we have a district fire chief the fire chief has no say over who's driving the fire truck that day.

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Cooper City Hall: Zero side, so I know margate was here in margate was is considering it there, they there's no say so we could have somebody who says, I want to bid there.

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00:22:49.950 --> 00:22:55.830

Cooper City Hall: And, and then what happens with the Mayor gallery got to was if you have decent staffing levels.

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00:22:56.160 --> 00:23:02.910

Cooper City Hall: you're more senior fire personnel say I don't want to wake up all night long i'm going to bid to the cities with more with higher staffing levels.

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00:23:03.330 --> 00:23:18.300

Cooper City Hall: So be so gives you the price, and you have this exorbitant you know payroll costs because you're paying the highest you know the people i'm you know we're really taking it because we have both our services with it, and a lot of you guys don't there's a reason why.

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00:23:19.500 --> 00:23:21.570

Cooper City Hall: You don't but it's just.

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00:23:22.800 --> 00:23:33.300



Cooper City Hall: it's not sustainable, on the fireside they kept creeping up the price so much, then they switched the contract term and said now you have to buy the apparatus.

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00:23:33.780 --> 00:23:43.350

Cooper City Hall: So now we have to buy the apparatus, so the fire truck over one of the fire trucks over there has a city yellow tag on it, so we we by the fire truck and they're driving it.

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00:23:44.130 --> 00:23:51.060

Cooper City Hall: And, and they keep increasing we didn't get a reduction in price so really you can't get you can't get many answers.

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00:23:51.750 --> 00:24:00.750

Cooper City Hall: And then now and all these new contracts where we are prior contract, it would say the city manager and the Sheriff had kind of unilateral control for people to come in and out.

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00:24:01.290 --> 00:24:09.930

Cooper City Hall: They will no longer agree that term it's the Sheriff can move people around and we can make a recommendation, which is obviously you know where that goes so.

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00:24:10.290 --> 00:24:17.370

Cooper City Hall: There goes our community policing we have people who are in our city that we want to stay in our city and they'll just move them out, for whatever reason, they want.

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00:24:17.970 --> 00:24:31.950

Cooper City Hall: And we try to reach out, we could we could talk to a captain, but the captain really has very little very little say and be so is a very authoritative authoritarian organization so it's not like they're going to to cross somebody.

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00:24:33.120 --> 00:24:44.700

Cooper City Hall: And so there's really nothing you know, we have no no control financially or operational and and so that's that's one of the biggest things and then, then the numbers are just they're.

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00:24:45.630 --> 00:24:55.680

Cooper City Hall: outrageous, I think we had a lieutenant we received from pompano and they liked their vehicle, so instead of leaving it in pompano they took it with them well.

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00:24:56.460 --> 00:25:05.790

Cooper City Hall: Each city's anaconda capital replacement plan so you really can't just move vehicles, because maybe that was one of the newer you know and so it's just.

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00:25:07.380 --> 00:25:13.800

Cooper City Hall: it's been very difficult, at least from our side to to deal with them and, as you can see.

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00:25:14.220 --> 00:25:27.960

Cooper City Hall: I don't know that be so interested in the business of contracts cities and you might not know that's their main focus, and I say that because i've tried to reach out to the sheriff's administration to say, can we work, some of these things out.

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00:25:29.160 --> 00:25:38.670

Cooper City Hall: I know the mayor's tried and they don't even there's no one, they can send you they send a I could see the deputy outside is as our zone depth meant that you know so.

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00:25:42.000 --> 00:25:50.310

Cooper City Hall: Not unless they why I don't believe there's anybody here from broward sheriff's office yeah good I verify that is there anybody here from so please raise your hand.

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00:25:51.870 --> 00:25:55.290

Cooper City Hall: No hands wow and one for me.

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00:25:57.330 --> 00:25:59.970

Cooper City Hall: Please raise your hand or all and.

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00:26:01.680 --> 00:26:16.410

Cooper City Hall: So our biggest thing is, we wanted to see two or the other cities, having the same experiences are you guys having communication problems you guys having problems getting numbers, I know I don't know if deerfield, Commissioner.

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00:26:17.520 --> 00:26:18.360

Cooper City Hall: Ross is he.

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00:26:19.440 --> 00:26:36.060

Cooper City Hall: Okay, I don't know yeah, I guess, but I watch their meeting and he proposed adding a public safety director to oversee, among other things, be so contract and the lack of transparency, and so I listened to him and i'm thinking let's just deja vu the same issue we're having here well.

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00:26:39.090 --> 00:26:39.600

Cooper City Hall: water.

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00:26:42.840 --> 00:26:53.790

Cooper City Hall: Well, and let me add, let me add one other topic for for pompano you know be so, so we don't have a true up but we don't if it goes over we don't ask for extra money and that's really not true when it came time for the cures act.

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00:26:54.330 --> 00:27:01.530

Cooper City Hall: The county and and credit to Bertha Henry for doing a phenomenal job for the county but.

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00:27:01.920 --> 00:27:09.660

Cooper City Hall: They basically link would be a CIO and hijack some of our funds ahead of time and we had to work with pompano to get it they'd be asserted not want to give us the data.

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00:27:10.500 --> 00:27:17.160

Cooper City Hall: We needed for us, police and fire for pumping it was police to get reimbursed from the cures act for public safety.

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00:27:17.610 --> 00:27:25.710

Cooper City Hall: And so, luckily, we are city worked with pumping knows a finance director to finally get that data, but then the county in the aisle a.

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00:27:26.700 --> 00:27:35.880

Cooper City Hall: mandated that if you are a contract sitting there we're going to take money right off the top and give it back to be so, so it really isn't we give you one price it's too hard to do a true up, but if we go over we pay.

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00:27:36.300 --> 00:27:46.470

Cooper City Hall: No care Zack they took money right off the top from from each contract city for P P, or whatever they they they agreed to, and that was a deal between the county in the sheriff's office ahead of time.

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00:27:47.400 --> 00:27:52.980

Cooper City Hall: Because I know I called the sheriff's office and said hey why don't you guys give us some that and maybe we can you know we can.

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00:27:53.430 --> 00:28:00.810

Cooper City Hall: we'll take some of that whatever we get more will make an arrangement, where you guys get to use some too, so we already made that deal on the back end with the county.

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00:28:01.440 --> 00:28:10.680

Cooper City Hall: So the cities are kind of you know, coming into second place and I guess the question is how, how are you are you guys experiencing the same things.

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00:28:17.040 --> 00:28:32.160

Cooper City Hall: First, I like to say mayor Ross thanks for having us, I think, communication is is vital and it's great that a lot of us were able to get together today and have this discussion and Commissioner Schroeder all the work you've done is is is amazing so.

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00:28:33.240 --> 00:28:45.120

Cooper City Hall: To point to what you said earlier mayor, this is not a boots on the ground issue this is more administration so we're running into the same similar problems that you're having.

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00:28:46.140 --> 00:28:52.770

Cooper City Hall: You know, with the true ups and trying to get answers, I guess, fortunately, for us, we just have.

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00:28:53.220 --> 00:29:03.630

Cooper City Hall: The share we we don't have fire we're right now contracted with coral springs, so you know our contract would be so is obviously smaller than what it is for you guys.

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00:29:04.290 --> 00:29:13.710

Cooper City Hall: But we're having a lot of the same you know issues we did recently just hire a public safety director, I think, Paul would you've been here a.

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00:29:14.310 --> 00:29:20.700

Cooper City Hall: few months now right, I mean it's very, very short time that he's been with the city of parkland and he's.

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00:29:21.330 --> 00:29:34.410

Cooper City Hall: going to help us do exactly what we're all talking about, so I think that was a fantastic hired that we made as a city and it's hopefully will pay dividends to get us more the answers.

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00:29:35.370 --> 00:29:47.700

Cooper City Hall: Or you know, hopefully, it sounds like it's going to be difficult for that to happen, you know, obviously without anyone from bso you know being here today to kind of give us some explanations defend themselves a little bit so it's disappointing, not to see.

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00:29:48.750 --> 00:30:02.970

Cooper City Hall: Whether it's sheriff Tony or someone else here so again, I applaud you for having this I appreciate the communication I like to hear from from everyone else, but it seems as of now we're all you know, in the same in the same boat, so to speak.

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00:30:11.400 --> 00:30:16.350

Cooper City Hall: About two years ago, a little over two years ago I started looking into this with our budget and.

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00:30:17.010 --> 00:30:27.780

Cooper City Hall: The contracts would be so one of the big issues was our fire truck was sold be so sold our fire truck we had to replace our fire truck so the town bought the fire truck.

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00:30:28.410 --> 00:30:35.010

Cooper City Hall: But the money that was gained from the sale of the fire truck did not go back to the town, even though that was our funds it went back to the county.

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00:30:36.000 --> 00:30:45.810

Cooper City Hall: And we're a very small municipality of 1.6 miles what we pay per year for police services is 3.3 million and 3.5 million for fire.

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00:30:46.710 --> 00:30:58.260

Cooper City Hall: We were want to be associate original contracts back in 1980 but in 2005 we were in a joint contract with West park and for police and fire services.

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00:30:58.650 --> 00:31:09.510

Cooper City Hall: So we have the only contract that to municipalities, combined with the total of land miles is four points or 4.2 miles between the two municipalities.

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00:31:12.450 --> 00:31:19.890

Cooper City Hall: With the way it was going, and if we kept going down the same path with the 5% increase BSS taking 100% of travelers tax per you.

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00:31:20.820 --> 00:31:30.780

Cooper City Hall: Are we were going to go bankrupt in about six years if we continue down this path now the whole point of it was I was trying to get Ahold to be so for a very, very long time.

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00:31:31.380 --> 00:31:39.930

Cooper City Hall: Just as a you spoke earlier, no one would return my calls, no one would discuss the contract with me, no one would meet with me so.

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00:31:40.740 --> 00:31:47.700

Cooper City Hall: I signed their checks and left their checks sitting in town hall they wouldn't communicate with me so if they wouldn't communicate with me.

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00:31:48.360 --> 00:31:58.650

Cooper City Hall: I kept their checks at some point, they were going to communicate with me and after four months and not receiving their checks, they took the time to threaten with the lawsuit for not paying.

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00:31:59.670 --> 00:32:04.740

Cooper City Hall: At that time I tried to open up the conversation again to have the conversation over the contract and discuss contract.

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00:32:05.550 --> 00:32:20.790

Cooper City Hall: Approximately two months after that, the town manager and I did have a meeting with bso to discuss our contract our town again is 1.6 miles, we pay 3.3 million, we asked for independent contract, separate from West Park, as we our own municipality.

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00:32:21.960 --> 00:32:25.680

Cooper City Hall: bso came back in with the new contract at \$5.4 million per year.

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00:32:27.210 --> 00:32:34.320

Cooper City Hall: We were already maxed out, but what they came out with was a number that was just completely unaffordable for our municipality.

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00:32:34.920 --> 00:32:39.750

Cooper City Hall: At the same time for about the last two years i've been planning and building our own police department.

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00:32:40.650 --> 00:32:53.130

Cooper City Hall: With our numbers staffing our own police department and in accordance with our town, we can operate our own police department, at a cost of 2.75 million a year, which is already less than what we're paying be so.

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00:32:54.960 --> 00:32:56.730

Cooper City Hall: Then we came to the accountability.

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00:32:58.080 --> 00:33:07.320

Cooper City Hall: Myself i'm a i'm a former police officer my education is in law enforcement as well, and one of the major problems we were having was they're never there.

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00:33:08.490 --> 00:33:10.860

Cooper City Hall: were paying for a service our town is not getting.

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00:33:12.360 --> 00:33:15.900

Cooper City Hall: As an example, two weeks ago we had a collision that happened.

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, those offices, right in the middle of our town and it took them an hour and a half to respond.

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00:33:22.350 --> 00:33:34.110

Cooper City Hall: I found that our deputies like to hang out and sit in our park three four cars parked together now being a former officer myself, there were times, where I sat with other officers, we do our paperwork and catch up.

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00:33:34.620 --> 00:33:46.410

Cooper City Hall: But not every day we don't have our units patrolling our Community patrolling just just being I haven't seen a deputy drive by my house just doing patrol.

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00:33:46.860 --> 00:33:53.550

Cooper City Hall: In the five years i've lived in my residence they they respond to calls, but they don't actively patrol.

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00:33:54.450 --> 00:34:02.940

Cooper City Hall: When you look for them they're in miramar West part Miami gardens, they are not in our town and so we're paying for service that we're not getting.

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00:34:03.720 --> 00:34:11.550

Cooper City Hall: that's that's detrimental to our town, especially with the way this contract is written as a business owner I love the contract it's got an automatic 5% increase.

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00:34:11.970 --> 00:34:19.140

Cooper City Hall: You know that's my personal business that's great, but for my town it's not that it was going to bankrupt us but we've made that change.

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00:34:19.920 --> 00:34:29.430

Cooper City Hall: And everyone told me it wasn't wasn't possible we weren't going to be able to start a new department, the town is tried that since 95 it's come up over and over and over again and.

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00:34:30.150 --> 00:34:43.590

Cooper City Hall: Here later this year beginning of next depending on on what we can get on our equipment seeing how the shortage is right now we'll have our own police department and be separating from bso for the police services but that's coming with issues as well.

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00:34:44.850 --> 00:34:53.880

Cooper City Hall: they're they're telling us, we have to sign other contracts to lock into other contracts for a transition period well we're on a 30 day month to month contract with them.

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00:34:54.450 --> 00:35:00.000

Cooper City Hall: Only thing we have to do is give them a 30 day notice when we transition out but they're trying to force other contracts on us now.

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00:35:00.360 --> 00:35:08.100

Cooper City Hall: Which is is unacceptable, they know what we're in the process of doing and they know how far we've we've gotten through our process it's not anything that we've hidden.

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00:35:08.460 --> 00:35:14.550

Cooper City Hall: from anyone i've been very boisterous about how we've been building our own department and and starting our own so.

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00:35:15.360 --> 00:35:32.550

Cooper City Hall: But the the, the response is simple things like I sent a simple spreadsheet to our chief and asked, can you complete this every week for accountability, so I can account for the officers time where they are where they're at and have some documentation on what my officers are up to.

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00:35:33.780 --> 00:35:44.370

Cooper City Hall: They come back and they gave us a spreadsheet that they submit every they do submit every week now or every other week and it lists a breakdown in numbers it wasn't for what I was asking for, but.

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00:35:45.870 --> 00:35:53.340

Cooper City Hall: I don't have faith in the numbers that are submitted I think they're great greatly inflated and when like I asked for calls a service.

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00:35:54.360 --> 00:35:58.830

Cooper City Hall: calls a service to me, is a 911 call when you respond to a call for service.

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00:35:59.490 --> 00:36:14.580

Cooper City Hall: In there, it looks like those those calls a service or anything and everything you know they stopped to get gas that's called a service, it could be anything yeah I can't account for what what that call the services it's just a mythical number that pops up you know.

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00:36:16.470 --> 00:36:36.930

Cooper City Hall: We also a district one is a training area so there's deputies constantly changing in that area, so there's no bond between the Community and the deputies there's there's a huge divide in my Community where there's no trust or faith within the department area fire sheriff's department.

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00:36:38.970 --> 00:36:50.130

Cooper City Hall: And, ironically, my first impression with broward sheriff's was three months after I moved to pembroke Park, I had to do something that I really don't ever want to have to do to a deputy.

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00:36:50.880 --> 00:37:00.120

Cooper City Hall: I wrote a formal complaint to their internal affairs Department on the way to deputies and a started acted in front of my children and my wife.

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00:37:00.600 --> 00:37:08.760

Cooper City Hall: On our way home one evening, as they were blocking I wrote and I was just asking question, the last thing I ever want to do is follow an internal affairs investigation get someone.

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00:37:09.750 --> 00:37:19.290

Cooper City Hall: But that was just the tip of the iceberg that's what led down this entire path of a service that we're paying for that we're desperately not getting in our Community, you know.

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00:37:20.160 --> 00:37:32.640

Cooper City Hall: The one day I did actually get them, they were trying to officer they drove by my house, I was sitting on the front porch so they made sure they stopped to say hi and saw that they were patrolling the Community was last time that was over two years so.

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00:37:34.230 --> 00:37:41.340

Cooper City Hall: These these are things that law enforcement needs to be part of the Community, not just a service for the Community, you know.

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00:37:42.240 --> 00:37:50.220

Cooper City Hall: Residents need to know their deputies as as deputy seem to know them and we don't have that in our town whatsoever, when you show up to events that we have in our part.

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00:37:50.760 --> 00:38:01.710

Cooper City Hall: Yes, O stands around the hands and the rest, I understand it's a comfortable position, but in the in the tactical uniforms, that they were not very inviting you know that it's very.

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00:38:03.090 --> 00:38:10.830

Cooper City Hall: militant and in a Community diverse is mine, you know it's very intimidating to a lot of our residents.

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00:38:12.510 --> 00:38:20.730

Cooper City Hall: there's there's no communication back and forth, and I know the the chief has tried to do you know POPs POPs or coffee with POPs pizza.

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00:38:21.120 --> 00:38:25.710

Cooper City Hall: she's tried tried these things, but in a community that is so divided those those things aren't happening.

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00:38:26.220 --> 00:38:35.340

Cooper City Hall: But the big thing came down to the money in the cost and the lack of service that we continually pay for and and the fact that I can't communicate with anyone.

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00:38:35.910 --> 00:38:44.880

Cooper City Hall: And no one returns my calls, no one will communicate with and that's I think the biggest problem, no one wants to discuss this contract, and so we had to go down our own path.

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00:38:45.390 --> 00:38:53.850

Cooper City Hall: And and start our own own department, and I think this kind of open the open the door for everyone else to follow along and and do what we're doing.

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00:38:54.540 --> 00:39:03.690

Cooper City Hall: it's not not cheap, by any means to start a new department and it's not easy, I have a good chief behind me here that we hired to help is it's.

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00:39:04.890 --> 00:39:06.720

Cooper City Hall: very, very hard process but.

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00:39:08.190 --> 00:39:16.380

Cooper City Hall: yeah I figured if i'm having this problem others were too, and once once I got out then mayor Ross contacted me and.

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00:39:17.100 --> 00:39:28.860

Cooper City Hall: You know it's it's just kind of gone from there now my phone rings all the time of other people with questions and and what's going on and and how we're doing this and the process and steps that we're taking to make this happen, but.

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00:39:29.880 --> 00:39:37.530



Cooper City Hall: If we look at what we're paying just for police for the two municipalities, a 4.2 miles we're paying 7.9 million a year.

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00:39:38.550 --> 00:39:45.630

Cooper City Hall: When it comes to fire I don't have the exact number but we're paying for fire services, we have one firehouse.

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00:39:46.710 --> 00:40:06.000

Cooper City Hall: We have the land, we built the building we by the by the equipment, but we're paying over 8 million a year for one firehouse for the two municipalities, when I took the city of plantation and broke it down, it was around they pay approximately 2.72 million per firehouse and that's.

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00:40:07.500 --> 00:40:17.760

Cooper City Hall: yeah they do, they do and but i'm looking at, well, it was it was one who broke the numbers down on on all their houses, but we're paying over eight and a half million for staffing staffing.

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00:40:18.540 --> 00:40:28.350

Cooper City Hall: that's that's a ridiculous number for town as small as ours, and when men with West part when we if I might when when Cooper city tried.

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00:40:29.280 --> 00:40:43.830

Cooper City Hall: To add people and doing the right thing by our constituents, we had a second rescue we added we wanted to add people, ultimately, and I give you no credit where credit is due, this was not under.

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00:40:44.970 --> 00:40:56.820

Cooper City Hall: Tony sheriff tony's regime, it was a former regime and we wanted to hire 24 seven rescue three people on the.

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00:40:57.300 --> 00:41:09.510

Cooper City Hall: Rescue truck so you need to have their factor which is just an incredible way that they do business, you have to factor, the personnel and they factored in, so we had to hire 13 people.

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00:41:10.590 --> 00:41:23.760

Cooper City Hall: it's a heck of a cost but we we wanted to do it right and we were told it would be 1.2 million we test the budget based on 1.2 million, and then they came back and said Oh, we aired.

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00:41:24.900 --> 00:41:38.640

Cooper City Hall: it's 2.1 it's 2.1 million and that did not go over well with anyone, particularly the residents so in due deference to what Commission a mayor geller said.

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00:41:39.450 --> 00:41:48.360

Cooper City Hall: That the fire, people are older, you know, etc, we came up with the idea of I tell you what we'll meet in the middle, will be a training Center.

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00:41:48.900 --> 00:42:02.490

Cooper City Hall: will get the right young rookies will train them, it makes our police our firefighters that much better and it gives the training that they so desperately need, and so we came to a happy medium.

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00:42:03.030 --> 00:42:16.410

Cooper City Hall: But then there's still too much money, and so we go and we say and we we were creative we said, well, I tell you what let's just hire the rescue for the additional rescue for from 10pm to 10am.

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00:42:17.280 --> 00:42:28.050

Cooper City Hall: Well, we can't do that, what do you mean you can't do that well the Union won't, let us well when I made a contract with you, I wasn't at the Union table maybe we need to be.

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00:42:30.630 --> 00:42:40.950

Cooper City Hall: So and and this goes for police as well, they used to have I know they used to have power track and that tracked where the police were all the time.

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00:42:41.460 --> 00:42:50.340

Cooper City Hall: I don't know what they have now maybe they ought to look into something, because we need to know what our deputies are doing and where they are at all times.

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00:42:51.000 --> 00:42:59.820

Cooper City Hall: Having said that, I don't want them not realize it, I know I have another Commissioner wants to speak, but I also said that everyone knows, have a Dania beach on the line.

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Cooper City Hall: tamra James Mare know Florida Dale and as Dr de Mer and open park Mary Jane Bowling so if anyone online wishes to speak.

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Cooper City Hall: just go ahead, raise your hand and we'll we'll get you on to speak.

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Cooper City Hall: And just because you are sitting in the audience doesn't mean you're not allowed to speak i'm very inclusive I like to get everyone to speak, if you have something that you feel would be additional and needed to this conversation.

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00:43:30.840 --> 00:43:31.470

Cooper City Hall: On zoom.

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00:43:35.430 --> 00:43:36.420

Cooper City Hall: got it covered, thank you.

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00:43:37.770 --> 00:43:48.210

Cooper City Hall: i'll be i'll be with you in a moment, first, I know Max you have something so please and and you can there's plenty of seats at the table so feel free.

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yeah.

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00:43:58.800 --> 00:44:01.920

Cooper City Hall: Maxwell training, Commissioner, one moment.

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00:44:03.900 --> 00:44:07.920

Cooper City Hall: Again Oh, you are a very good, very good come on up.

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00:44:11.070 --> 00:44:11.400

Cooper City Hall: Okay.

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00:44:12.750 --> 00:44:12.960

Cooper City Hall: hi.

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00:44:14.880 --> 00:44:21.210

Cooper City Hall: i'm not as eloquent as Commissioner router so be brief, I just brought one document, which is a.

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00:44:22.380 --> 00:44:29.160

Cooper City Hall: The budget versus actual for one year, just to show you an example of what I found.

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00:44:29.970 --> 00:44:39.180

Cooper City Hall: When I when I asked for budget for the actual I found one column is adopted budget, which is a matches that constraint consideration letter we receive.

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Cooper City Hall: which is what we budget for so we agreed to the considerations letter in this case, for example, a regular salary was 4.5 million.

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Cooper City Hall: Next, which is a column called revised budget, I asked what that means I didn't get an answer, yet revised budget regular salary is 5.7 million so it's about \$1.2 million over.

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Cooper City Hall: The doctor adopted budget.

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00:45:04.380 --> 00:45:09.060

Cooper City Hall: As you can see here the fica taxes, made the same everything else remains the same.

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00:45:09.690 --> 00:45:22.500

Cooper City Hall: insurances remain the same pensions remain the same, the only increase the regular salary, I asked several times, why this is like this by the only increase regular salary, nothing else increased I never got an answer.

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00:45:24.420 --> 00:45:26.490

Cooper City Hall: magnified well hold on a second.

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00:45:27.990 --> 00:45:41.220

Cooper City Hall: What concerns the county is this either we paid the higher price in that case, we did not get what we signed up for or, this is not a revenue neutral contract.

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00:45:41.730 --> 00:45:47.460

Cooper City Hall: We paid less than what I have to assume, these are the costs that we are so actually incurred.

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00:45:48.390 --> 00:45:55.740

Cooper City Hall: Actually, the actual is actual costs, but these are the costs of be a soul thought they would incur so be a so offered us a price.

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00:45:56.280 --> 00:46:12.390

Cooper City Hall: at less than they thought they would occur, but they didn't include taxes, I don't know what they did I don't know why they add adjust payroll and not and not taxes, I really don't know what they did to this and just added the first line item important thing.

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00:46:14.910 --> 00:46:27.630

Cooper City Hall: That line item cannot be correct, because you cannot increase salary wages 25% and not portion only increase your fica and social security, unless I think ficus kept that if you make over 120,000 a year.

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00:46:28.980 --> 00:46:36.480

Cooper City Hall: You know, and when they calculate the variants that calculate the variants off the revised budget not off the proposed budget.

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00:46:38.190 --> 00:46:38.940

Cooper City Hall: yeah yeah.

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00:46:42.000 --> 00:46:47.400

Cooper City Hall: Over the over time, is that is over 68% they went over 68%.

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00:46:49.530 --> 00:47:00.540

Cooper City Hall: Smaller small thing utility which we bill, the budget utility then they we build them less, but they don't refund us the amount so that's why me a truck.

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00:47:01.260 --> 00:47:09.210

Cooper City Hall: If they spend less on a budget items that need to refund us of money and they can't go over because we didn't plan to golf that's why we have to have, at the end.

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00:47:12.450 --> 00:47:14.940

Cooper City Hall: And that's why they counted us out is.

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00:47:16.110 --> 00:47:27.420

Cooper City Hall: Because of contracts, need to be revenue neutral you can't be losing money on contracts, but in the county that was one of the recommendations, one of the recommendations in the audit was to actually look at.

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00:47:28.020 --> 00:47:40.890

Cooper City Hall: actual costs when you're coming up with these land and budgets, but there are things in here really what happened was they increase your 5% and they got to find a line to fill it in on so they just pick one category of wages.

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00:47:41.790 --> 00:47:54.780



Cooper City Hall: And so you're you know it's not accurate, because you would have to proportionally increase your social security and fica they do other things like they'll they'll have somebody out on a workers COMP and they'll.

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00:47:55.950 --> 00:48:08.250

Cooper City Hall: they'll bring them into like duty and they'll count them towards your your your account you'll say you send them to us to get a credit anytime you save money well we're not saving money Well, no, you are because you're separately charging us for workers COMP.

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00:48:09.330 --> 00:48:13.680

Cooper City Hall: So you're charging us for workers COMP then you're giving then you're also charging us for the position.

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00:48:14.700 --> 00:48:30.900

Cooper City Hall: there's a lot of that that happens i'm so really I wanted to know if the other city either the ones online or if you guys and pop it on in tamarack had similar experiences or what's your.

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00:48:33.090 --> 00:48:43.620

Cooper City Hall: Honorable geller admitted that we are so said that they don't they don't actually they don't actually account for the cost the way they're supposed to.

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00:48:44.640 --> 00:48:57.660

Cooper City Hall: it's a problem it's a problem that they have made having what they have previously told me, and then it will cost it costs are passing say that they do not do true ups, because they're too complicated that correct and, yes, we.

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00:48:58.860 --> 00:48:59.550

Cooper City Hall: are able to do.

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00:49:10.800 --> 00:49:11.460

Cooper City Hall: and enjoy.

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00:49:16.530 --> 00:49:28.710

Cooper City Hall: Thank you mayor Ross, thank you for bringing this meeting together and welcome everybody who's here I don't know who all these folks are if we have nobody from be so, I guess, these are just interested residents good to see so much interest in this in this topic.

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00:49:31.020 --> 00:49:39.690

Cooper City Hall: To my knowledge, we are not having the same types of problems, although I cannot say without without without question that we're not having some of these the same problems.

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00:49:40.590 --> 00:49:57.120

Cooper City Hall: My city manager he indicated to me that know that from the from the little knowledge, we had from the information that you sent out mayor Ross that we weren't experiencing the same situation now I haven't dug into the details as as you guys have here in Cooper city, but.

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00:49:58.650 --> 00:50:08.490

Cooper City Hall: You know, overall, be so they're doing a great job for pompano and this like you said, this is not about boots on the ground overall pompano beach is getting excellent service in the sheriff's department, but.

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00:50:10.410 --> 00:50:22.950

Cooper City Hall: Everything that has been talked about, as far as loss of control is absolutely true, and we knew that in pompano beach when we first contracted for bso back in 19 1999 I think it was when I was first on the Commission.

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00:50:23.700 --> 00:50:40.140

Cooper City Hall: voted against it, by the way, but and we've also looked at in pompano beach we've looked at creating our own department, we did that one time in the past, and the Commission chose not to move forward, I have asked for a comparison of our costs versus other other.

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00:50:42.120 --> 00:50:49.140

Cooper City Hall: Municipalities not that are covered by bso per se, but other municipalities what it costs for boots on the ground.

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00:50:49.860 --> 00:51:00.540

Cooper City Hall: To see if we're in pompano are we getting the the results that we would like to see based upon what we're we're spending and i've yet to review those those results from my.

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00:51:00.870 --> 00:51:07.260

Cooper City Hall: city administration but i'm going to be looking at that, but it's interesting what you're talking about that you can't get response from bso.

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00:51:07.860 --> 00:51:13.320

Cooper City Hall: And bso knew about this meeting and be so it's not showing up that that does not show a very.

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00:51:14.040 --> 00:51:24.570

Cooper City Hall: Willingness willing nature on the part of our partner, so to speak, which you would hope that be so would be considered our partners, rather than just simply a contractor.

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00:51:25.350 --> 00:51:39.630

Cooper City Hall: we're talking about public safety, which is the the core function of government, and we have contracted that out as contract cities for our residents and if, like I said boots on the ground, I think we're getting great great results.

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00:51:40.950 --> 00:51:51.390

Cooper City Hall: What it cost versus what we're getting is that's another question that needs to be answered, but if you're not getting responses to the questions that you, you ask then that's a real problem.

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00:51:51.840 --> 00:51:58.380

Cooper City Hall: And and yeah I appreciate you bringing us together like this, I think it's important and I, if nothing else.

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00:51:59.460 --> 00:52:11.520

Cooper City Hall: happens out of today's meeting I would hope that we would we could schedule a meeting amongst contract cities every so often on a scheduled basis to just talk about various items and open agenda, perhaps.

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00:52:12.180 --> 00:52:21.210

Cooper City Hall: Just to kind of find out what's going on, because you're right it's we don't talk to each other as contract cities nobody's supposed to have most favored nation, so to speak, as far as.

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00:52:21.450 --> 00:52:26.010

Cooper City Hall: Their contract language is supposed to be well if there's something good for one it's good for all of us.

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00:52:26.340 --> 00:52:40.410

Cooper City Hall: And that was built into our contract a long time ago, but you're right without looking at everybody else's contract we don't know what's out there, so I can't answer to the the nuts and bolts, the specifics on these types of topics, but i'm certainly going to be looking into it closer.

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00:52:42.180 --> 00:52:48.990

Cooper City Hall: yeah Thank you very much, I promised Mary Jo Cooper from Helen Dale has joined us Mary you're on.

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00:52:50.760 --> 00:52:54.300

Joy Cooper: Thank you, thank you mayor Ross on can you hear me okay.

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00:52:54.870 --> 00:53:07.920

Joy Cooper: Absolutely wonderful um first of all thank you for hosting this meeting truly appreciate it, I know we've spoken offline about it on Thank you mayor geller for attending.

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00:53:08.790 --> 00:53:23.190

Joy Cooper: We appreciate your involvement on this issue, we are fairly new as a contract city i'm going to go on record i've been fighting tooth and nail to get out of this contract to be quite frank.

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00:53:23.760 --> 00:53:34.560

Joy Cooper: On we have had the same issues our staff has been meeting with bsl i'm just from at first glance, when I really wanted to.

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00:53:34.950 --> 00:53:45.870

Joy Cooper: understand what other contracts cities were going through or what their payments were what their costs were It is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

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00:53:46.710 --> 00:53:57.300

Joy Cooper: Our contract to date of what figures and i'm prefacing what figures that we could get or have answers to because the fluctuating percentages on.

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00:53:57.600 --> 00:54:10.710

Joy Cooper: What we have a 5% increase on this category, we have a 3% increase on and other category, we have an administrative fee directly to be a cell and then administrative fees to the county.

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00:54:11.310 --> 00:54:25.020

Joy Cooper: So at this date what we could figure out we're on costing about a million dollars extra to run it department and we have our own fire stations, we built them where you're buying or own equipment.

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00:54:25.560 --> 00:54:33.600

Joy Cooper: We actually lost services, because now we do not have a public safety coordinator for emergency response.

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00:54:34.410 --> 00:54:49.860

Joy Cooper: So, to say the least, I am I am not happy and i'm extremely concerned, my colleague Vice mayor Butler has been on the same page with me and our staff is trying to work out these figures so.

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00:54:50.700 --> 00:55:02.940

Joy Cooper: I would urge everyone, and I believe that again reiterating this isn't about the boots on the ground and, sadly, I think, in my city, it became that.

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00:55:03.600 --> 00:55:21.330

Joy Cooper: On it became an issue and it was raised bit unions obviously on powerful, I think, sadly, put a fear factor in our residents, so those residents that are they're attending in your.

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00:55:21.990 --> 00:55:32.490

Joy Cooper: city, I commend them for their involvement, but I think that we all need to understand, this is about managing contracts, and you know.

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00:55:33.900 --> 00:55:51.060

Joy Cooper: My residents to pan transparency and to say the least, we need better transparency calls to service for fire run times just a myriad of issues that I know from my involvement in 18 years.

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00:55:51.780 --> 00:56:04.380

Joy Cooper: not getting those answers, so I i'm again very, very concerned and any city that's interested in joining bso should be very concerned and.

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Joy Cooper: The ones that are contracted I agree with pumping out, we need to follow those issues, and I think we're more sensitive as smaller communities, because we don't have the ability to.

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00:56:18.990 --> 00:56:29.670

Joy Cooper: Have that much flexibility being small community so every every dollar does count and a million dollars annually for our city certainly is a lot of money.

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00:56:30.150 --> 00:56:40.320

Joy Cooper: So I just wanted to go on record that I will continue the good fight I need to compliment my staff I don't know who else is listening in they've been trying to work on this issue and we might.

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00:56:40.680 --> 00:56:51.030

Joy Cooper: i've been pressing to contract with a third party, because we have small steps, so we you know it's going to cost us even more money to understand.

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00:56:51.420 --> 00:57:02.070

Joy Cooper: where this money is going and if collectively, we can sit around the table it needs to happen, like it's happening today, so thank you mayor Ross.

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00:57:02.700 --> 00:57:13.020

Joy Cooper: I again i'm out of town or I would definitely be there in person, and will continue to participate as Mayor hell and Dale beach in these meetings thanks again everybody.

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00:57:13.620 --> 00:57:19.380



Cooper City Hall: Thank you very much, there any other elected officials that have their hands raised on virtual on zoom.

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00:57:21.630 --> 00:57:30.540

Cooper City Hall: I have a former Commissioner lead peerman and also Vice mayor our scenario, or vice mayor our scenario, are you there.

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Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio: yeah hi may Ross, thank you for putting this meeting together, I just wanted to let everyone know that margate is listening, I believe, some of my colleagues may be there in person I can't see them.

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00:57:44.070 --> 00:57:58.860

Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio: on the screen, but we are listening and hopefully the sherpas listening as well, and I am disappointed that they're not on the, at least on the call, if not there in person, but they should have at least been on the call today and that's it Thank you.

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00:58:00.150 --> 00:58:03.780

Cooper City Hall: Thank you very much, and the Mayor of margate Arlene Schwartz.

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00:58:05.730 --> 00:58:16.260

Cooper City Hall: I can't Thank you enough for having this i'm seated here with Commissioner Anthony caggiano our city manager kale curtis our assistant city manager.

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00:58:16.830 --> 00:58:30.090

Cooper City Hall: allow you to know or not fire chief liberty, Roberta Lorenzo, and the reason, this is important to us as we are literally one city Commission meeting away from going with bsl four fires, you know.

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00:58:30.360 --> 00:58:31.260

Joy Cooper: don't go.

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00:58:37.080 --> 00:58:39.300

Joy Cooper: No, I thought I was muted sorry guys.

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00:58:39.900 --> 00:58:40.470

Sorry.

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00:58:41.550 --> 00:58:42.300

Joy Cooper: Sorry.

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00:58:44.160 --> 00:58:46.230

Cooper City Hall: Probably the best comment made today.

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00:58:48.210 --> 00:58:56.220

Cooper City Hall: It was absolutely from the heart, we are in this position and i'm a 39 year residency you have to understand, I am very much.

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Cooper City Hall: in favor of keeping my own fire department which is ISO one rated wins all the trophies that we possibly can.

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Cooper City Hall: But we are in this position, because for 20 years we have supplied fire rescue to the city of coconut creek.

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00:59:11.520 --> 00:59:21.240

Cooper City Hall: coconut creek has decided they would like to go on their own and they put my fire fighters in disarray because they're not sure about their future.

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Cooper City Hall: coconut creek is entitled of the hundred and 22 fire up vironment, we have to take 44 so i'm listening to what you're saying about upper level management and how much it'll cost us.

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Cooper City Hall: I looked at the proposal which didn't say much, and right now bsl was offering to take over our fire department at the price of \$15.5 million.

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Cooper City Hall: We are 59,000 people we have three stations which adequately supply fire rescue to our city, we are 9.2 miles, but um that 13.8 million is for staffing that comes out to a whopping 89% for salary of that money.

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01:00:07.620 --> 01:00:13.230

Cooper City Hall: It concerns me when I see a contract that says up to 5%, we all know that means 5%.

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01:00:14.970 --> 01:00:21.300

Cooper City Hall: We don't need to do this because we are adequately staffed to take care of our city.

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01:00:21.810 --> 01:00:28.320

Cooper City Hall: We understand that our fire Union would like to see this, because it gives them more opportunity for upward mobility.

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01:00:28.830 --> 01:00:36.510

Cooper City Hall: So i'm listening to what you're saying, because what we were promised, I think, right now, I could probably get bso on the line for you, because they need us.

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01:00:37.260 --> 01:00:43.170

Cooper City Hall: we're still in the point where they will answer our phone so maybe you want to send me some some questions but.

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01:00:44.040 --> 01:00:56.280

Cooper City Hall: The bottom line here is that i'm hearing what you're saying we were told, we would be able to keep our firefighters, that they would not change cities and locations and i'm hearing something different.

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01:00:58.680 --> 01:01:05.760

Cooper City Hall: We were told, we would save money in the long run, but i'm not sure i'll be alive to see how long that might be after listening to what i'm hearing.

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01:01:06.360 --> 01:01:16.950

Cooper City Hall: And so, this might be the first time the city's ahead of something and might be able to to dodge the bullets listening to those of you who are already in this position.

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01:01:17.430 --> 01:01:21.720

Cooper City Hall: Because the last thing I want to hear is we did something reckless we went into something without.

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Cooper City Hall: Complete investigation and, probably, should we should learn when we do contracts like this to call other people who already have contracts like this.

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Cooper City Hall: Because I think that's a lapse in judgment, so I appreciate hearing from all of you i'm not sure how many actually only have fire rescue because that's, the only thing we're thinking of, but I think you've given us.

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01:01:44.430 --> 01:01:56.940

Cooper City Hall: A moment for pause because this isn't as great as it sounds and i'm hearing that so thank you very much for listening to me, and I think Commissioner caggiano has something to say as well.

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01:01:57.960 --> 01:02:09.240

Cooper City Hall: I just think I just think it's very telling that I believe it was mentioned that at 1045 this morning bsl decided that they weren't going to show up after saying that they were going to show up.

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01:02:10.950 --> 01:02:13.560

Cooper City Hall: you're talking about inability to get answers.

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01:02:15.660 --> 01:02:29.820

Cooper City Hall: The Mayor he or she always likes when people are asking for money for donations that they actually show up and tell us what they're doing and we're sitting here and be so didn't show up and that to me, is a very telling item.

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01:02:31.230 --> 01:02:35.250

Cooper City Hall: Thank you we've got lead peerman on the phone.

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Cooper City Hall: she's she's lower and lower their hand then loaded deluxe mayor's with us as well hazel hazel Rogers.

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01:02:49.830 --> 01:02:50.820

Cooper City Hall: A gel anything.

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01:02:54.510 --> 01:02:56.610

Cooper City Hall: I guess not am Europe.

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01:03:09.420 --> 01:03:09.810

Cooper City Hall: Jimmy.

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01:03:27.570 --> 01:03:46.650

Cooper City Hall: hello, how you doing mayor Rossi, and all the other elected officials, my name is Katrina touchdown and i'm a resident in the city of West park Community advocate, and I have to been disappointed in the services from bsl since the inception of our city we've been with bsl.

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01:03:48.240 --> 01:04:01.890

Cooper City Hall: Many of you may not know, but we are a conglomerate of unincorporated communities that were in quality incorporated together to create one city, which is the city of West part we're only 16 years old.

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01:04:03.210 --> 01:04:10.350

Cooper City Hall: I believe, when our Community went in with the bsl contract, separate from when we were unincorporated with the county.

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01:04:11.100 --> 01:04:17.070

Cooper City Hall: That we thought that we were going to get community policing, we thought that we were going to have more autonomy over.

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01:04:17.640 --> 01:04:37.440

Cooper City Hall: what transpires within our Community that's not so currently our chief complaint from our residents, is the lack of visibility, the lack of enforcing the lack of patrolling and generally, no one really feel safe, I think I came in when mayor Jacobs was talking about.

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01:04:39.270 --> 01:04:50.010

Cooper City Hall: That portion of the lack of visibility, but it is severe because they are on a call matrix and anyone that knows about how budgeting is done.

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01:04:50.430 --> 01:05:09.150

Cooper City Hall: They are basing their numbers are they increase in the budget based on the call value, so it doesn't benefit them to do police enforcement are patrolling in the Community, together with the town of him apart, we made up district one now that payment park is leaving we are so.

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01:05:10.230 --> 01:05:25.500

Cooper City Hall: The location in which district one currently is, they are not going to renew their leads, so our city decided to find a location for bso to be house which they just signed a contract for them to be located on pit road and 57th avenue.

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01:05:27.630 --> 01:05:44.400

Cooper City Hall: Right now, we pay 60% of the contract that we share with the town and payment part which is somewhere around \$8 million for a city that only has 16,000 residents and our is only 3.1 square mouth.

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01:05:47.340 --> 01:05:53.610

Cooper City Hall: I just really appreciate you guys coming together, because I know for a fact that we are being overcharged so services.

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01:05:54.390 --> 01:06:00.750

Cooper City Hall: When I look at the contract and it says that we're supposed to have 26 personnel and they're understaffed by at least for.



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Cooper City Hall: Okay, we don't have any Community officers, that is, are riding around and helping out the Community we don't have a neighborhood response team that our contract indicate that we are supposed to have.

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01:06:16.710 --> 01:06:25.560

Cooper City Hall: When I go to my elected officials and i'm pretty sad thing that no one from the city of West park is here to represent our city as far as their elected officials.

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01:06:26.040 --> 01:06:35.130

Cooper City Hall: But when I go to our elected officials to try to speak about the matter, they feel as though everything is great that we don't have any issues with bsl.

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01:06:35.550 --> 01:06:44.460

Cooper City Hall: And that's quite the contrary, because if the town and people park is having issues, the city of West park is having some as well, because we are enjoying and one contract.

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01:06:45.690 --> 01:06:56.340

Cooper City Hall: One of the things that I would encourage margate to do is look closer at the contract, I know you just was saying that 86% of it is for salary.

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01:06:57.810 --> 01:07:11.610

Cooper City Hall: That shouldn't be I did have a question for mayor geller because I also had this conversation with Marty care, because when we pay our property taxes we pay a certain portion to the county.

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01:07:13.470 --> 01:07:17.130

Cooper City Hall: which I believe is also inclusive of bsl services.

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01:07:18.630 --> 01:07:23.100

Cooper City Hall: I feel as though that's kind of like a double taxation, so to speak.

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01:07:24.630 --> 01:07:30.690

Cooper City Hall: And we already paid for services on a county wide level, why is the numbers when we want.

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01:07:32.760 --> 01:07:38.970

Cooper City Hall: coverage in our own cities, why is it so astronomical above what what the county pays.

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01:07:39.990 --> 01:07:49.560

Cooper City Hall: The county charges to say mount ad valorem in every city so, for example, the city of Fort lauderdale which has their own police.

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01:07:50.100 --> 01:08:05.490

Cooper City Hall: pays the same ad valorem tax that y'all are paying in in the town of West Park, so the amount of money that is being charged does not generally include the.

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01:08:06.450 --> 01:08:22.710

Cooper City Hall: This not generally include the police, that is done separately and get in Fort lauderdale they pay separately for West park is paying separately for okay all right, thank you so go ahead.

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01:08:25.110 --> 01:08:31.620

Cooper City Hall: yeah I was just gonna say thank you for having me and I appreciate you putting together this one, thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: You may still be on mute.

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01:08:57.870 --> 01:08:58.140

That.

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Cooper City Hall: way.

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Cooper City Hall: I don't I don't have an 8997 8900.

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01:09:35.670 --> 01:09:35.880

Cooper City Hall: Now.

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You.

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know after a couple minutes our staff your city it's kind of lives on our heart.

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And i'm grateful literally to Eric wants to learn for helping out doing everything in our it department, so I ever do that.

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01:10:07.620 --> 01:10:12.360

Cooper City Hall: we're going to come back to her in a moment as here, I see you're gonna see.

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01:10:17.640 --> 01:10:19.050

Mayor Felicia M. Brunson: Good afternoon, can you hear me.

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01:10:21.510 --> 01:10:22.140

Mayor Felicia M. Brunson: You can.

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01:10:23.820 --> 01:10:35.670

Mayor Felicia M. Brunson: Thank you, this is felicia bronson bear from the city of West Park, I just wanted to clarify a couple of things, Dr Katrina touched, how does not speak for the residents of West park.

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01:10:36.210 --> 01:10:48.210

Mayor Felicia M. Brunson: The Commission and staff of the city of West Park, we are okay with our contract with be so the issues that we have with the, so we are working with them to resolve them.

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01:10:49.320 --> 01:10:54.990

Mayor Felicia M. Brunson: And I want it to be known that the resident that just spoke does not represent the city of West park.

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Mayor Felicia M. Brunson: Again, the Commission staff we are diligently working with bsl to resolve any issues that we have and our issues are very unique and we are resolving them and we are very pleased, thank you.

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01:11:14.430 --> 01:11:17.040

Cooper City Hall: Okay anyone else did I best.

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01:11:20.010 --> 01:11:23.280

Cooper City Hall: Okay, fair enough not not a problem yeah that would be.

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01:11:26.040 --> 01:11:28.680

Cooper City Hall: Oh, thank you, I couldn't see you.

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01:11:30.090 --> 01:11:30.300

Cooper City Hall: there.

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01:11:35.280 --> 01:11:40.500

Cooper City Hall: Thanks mayor Ross and thank you for pulling everybody together, this is a long time and coming.

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01:11:41.700 --> 01:11:44.400

Cooper City Hall: powered Meltzer Cooper city Commissioner district to.

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01:11:45.750 --> 01:11:47.460

Cooper City Hall: When I hear the word surplus.

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01:11:48.870 --> 01:11:54.120

Cooper City Hall: And this is the first time that i've heard that they were monies returned to the county I heard this for the first time, a couple of weeks ago.

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01:11:56.580 --> 01:11:57.360

Cooper City Hall: My first.

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01:11:58.800 --> 01:12:03.780

Cooper City Hall: thought is why what why weren't these monies return to this to the contract cities and there may be a very good reason.

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Cooper City Hall: My second thought is.

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Cooper City Hall: After hearing that the monies were going towards 70% of the money is going back to be so for capital projects.

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01:12:13.920 --> 01:12:25.950

Cooper City Hall: My question for our staff and I don't know if you have the answer right now, I wonder if the part of the 5% that we were getting bumped on an annual basis, if they are the is that broken down by line item.

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01:12:27.030 --> 01:12:35.820

Cooper City Hall: I wonder if any of those monies were going towards the same capital projects that the Sheriff was receiving the 70% back for which, in essence, would mean we're getting built twice.

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01:12:37.860 --> 01:12:42.120

Cooper City Hall: That that's concerning and that's why we, like the mayor, like all of you have said, we need to have.

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01:12:43.260 --> 01:12:44.610

Cooper City Hall: Our our contract for.

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01:12:46.500 --> 01:13:05.040

Cooper City Hall: The new contract we signed back in October for police and fire is approximately \$26.8 million and to mayor Jacobs point, you said that your ad valorem right now is 100% of its paying for your police and fire Cooper cities we're paying 138% put that into perspective.

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01:13:07.050 --> 01:13:13.170

Cooper City Hall: it's a lot of money, the good thing about Cooper city is we're a small bedroom community with very limited commercial development.

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01:13:14.220 --> 01:13:16.590

Cooper City Hall: bad thing about Cooper city i've said this before.

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01:13:17.250 --> 01:13:24.720

Cooper City Hall: we're very small bedroom community with limited commercial development so whatever whatever additional expenses we're encouraging Cooper city it's coming off the backs of.

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01:13:25.020 --> 01:13:40.170

Cooper City Hall: Our residents that are sitting here, and the other 35,997 that are out there, hopefully, you know listening and taking note of what's going on here today, so as Mayor Ross alluded to earlier, and I think the Commissioner shattering Commissioner pulcini.

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01:13:41.280 --> 01:13:43.140

Cooper City Hall: agreed as well this isn't sustainable.

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01:13:44.520 --> 01:13:47.550

Cooper City Hall: But more concerning about, then that is where the troops.



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01:13:49.020 --> 01:13:53.070

Cooper City Hall: Out of our out of our for let's take police, for instance, we have.

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01:13:55.290 --> 01:13:58.410

Mayor Felicia M. Brunson: let's see everybody texting what's.

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Cooper City Hall: Your second year.

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Cooper City Hall: We for this year we're paying about \$15 million for police and I have to believe out of that 15 million about 80% of that is for personnel.

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Cooper City Hall: So let's say 12 million for personnel direct costs in salaries and benefits all it would take for a true up is let's see w tues for the personnel, you can read that social security numbers addresses everything show us a list of w tos to verify what the actual.

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01:14:30.360 --> 01:14:39.720

Cooper City Hall: Personnel expenses are you have benefits show us the health insurance invoices show us the contributions on paper that are being made for pensions.

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01:14:40.650 --> 01:14:47.310

Cooper City Hall: What other what other ancillary benefits are out there just shows the documentation that's all we're asking for we're looking for transparency.

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01:14:47.610 --> 01:14:54.600

Cooper City Hall: We want to be able to reconcile at the end of the year, because it's a very big number we're talking about here it's 73% of our general fund budget.

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01:14:54.990 --> 01:15:01.410

Cooper City Hall: So a lot of money and it's going up every year, we need to know that every dollar we're paying is accounted for.

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01:15:02.160 --> 01:15:17.790

Cooper City Hall: not accusing anybody of anything but the residents, I was put up here and these other gentlemen will put up on that day is there to be custodians of our 36,000 residents trust and their money, and right now, our hands are tied.

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01:15:18.810 --> 01:15:22.740

Cooper City Hall: Because we're not getting the answers that we rightfully deserve.

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01:15:25.230 --> 01:15:35.160

Cooper City Hall: And i'd still like i'd still like a definition from somebody at the broward sheriff's office of what revenue neutral really means we're all assuming here, and you know what happens when you assume folks.

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01:15:36.510 --> 01:15:38.220

Cooper City Hall: that's all I have right now mayor Ross Thank you.

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01:15:40.200 --> 01:15:41.550

anyone else in the audience.

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01:15:56.610 --> 01:15:57.150

Cooper City Hall: yeah got it.

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01:15:58.860 --> 01:16:04.590

Cooper City Hall: mayor Ross mirror gallery and all the other mayors and elected officials, thank you very much for having this meeting.

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01:16:05.520 --> 01:16:15.540

Cooper City Hall: i'm not sure that the city i'm Mike stern in town, the city manager and tamarack and i'm not sure that our situation with bso mirrors everyone else's in the room.

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01:16:15.960 --> 01:16:24.420

Cooper City Hall: per se but that's actually not what I wanted to get up here and take the opportunity to talk about for just a minute I have spoken to my.

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01:16:25.500 --> 01:16:31.350

Cooper City Hall: city manager colleagues in broward county off and on for the last 20 years about how.

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01:16:32.520 --> 01:16:47.010

Cooper City Hall: Sustainable public safety costs are for all of us, and I just because I have the ear of some elected officials beyond my own, I wanted to take the opportunity to say to all of you that.

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01:16:48.210 --> 01:17:00.480

Cooper City Hall: From certainly from tamarack perspective and I we we just in our in the process of doing our budget, just like the rest of you, I see the increases in public safety, police and fire every year.

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01:17:01.200 --> 01:17:11.790

Cooper City Hall: And I we sit and we negotiate our Union agreements every three years and we say every time we've got to do something about this it's not sustainable, we can't afford this anymore.

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01:17:12.210 --> 01:17:24.630

Cooper City Hall: And like I heard from several of you, you know our our costs for police services with bso and for providing fire for our with our own fire department exceed our ad valorem collections every year.

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01:17:25.680 --> 01:17:31.350

Cooper City Hall: And yet, every year we have this rhetoric about cutting the millage rate and reducing taxes, but at the same time.

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01:17:31.830 --> 01:17:39.240

Cooper City Hall: We can't even afford to pay for the cost of public safety, with the taxes that we collect the most important and the most.

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01:17:39.990 --> 01:17:47.310

Cooper City Hall: You know, vital services that we all provide as municipalities and and I don't stand here to say we need to reduce.

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01:17:47.880 --> 01:17:54.750

Cooper City Hall: salaries, we need to take it out of the out of you know, we need to balance our budgets on the backs of the public safety employees.

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01:17:55.410 --> 01:18:07.620

Cooper City Hall: But what we do need to do is to stop jumping over one another, every time we negotiate an agreement and and being willing to pay more and more and more, year after year after year, and I say that.

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01:18:08.190 --> 01:18:19.650

Cooper City Hall: As a city manager, with a fiduciary responsibility to the residents of the city of tamarack, but I also have said it to our our public safety personnel because.

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01:18:20.430 --> 01:18:25.590

Cooper City Hall: It serves them well to protect their jobs and as much as we all.

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01:18:26.400 --> 01:18:36.030

Cooper City Hall: As much as we all value our own departments, as much as we all value that hometown police department that hometown fire department.

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01:18:36.450 --> 01:18:49.050

Cooper City Hall: And, and for us in tamarack that's what bsl has been for us for 25 years they are our police department that's the way we look at them that's the way we treat them and I, and I have to say, through the four sheriff's that i've been involved with.

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01:18:49.530 --> 01:18:52.380

Cooper City Hall: that's the way the boots on the ground have treated us.

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01:18:53.640 --> 01:18:54.150

Cooper City Hall: So.

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01:18:55.530 --> 01:19:03.090

Cooper City Hall: So some point, for the benefit of better service for the the residents that we serve the constituents who elect all of you.

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01:19:03.450 --> 01:19:09.540

Cooper City Hall: We really have to look at better and more regional approaches to law enforcement and and to fire rescue.

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01:19:10.110 --> 01:19:15.810

Cooper City Hall: And, and to really take that seriously if we're going to continue to be able to afford it.

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01:19:16.590 --> 01:19:28.860

Cooper City Hall: And and that's not going to hurt anybody in the long run, as a matter of fact it'll do more to serve the women and the men who come to work every day to protect us and to serve us by guaranteeing.

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01:19:29.730 --> 01:19:37.110

Cooper City Hall: You know, continued resiliency and continued affordability of their services for us, and it will continue to make.

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01:19:38.160 --> 01:19:49.590

Cooper City Hall: public safety and attractive career choice for for people, I mean it's it's not it's not lost on anyone that nobody wants to be a law enforcement officer right now.

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01:19:50.370 --> 01:20:07.080

Cooper City Hall: Every single law enforcement agency in this country is suffering to hire new people into the profession for for any host of reasons that we can discuss now i've said, for a long time, if I knew then what I know now I certainly would have been a firefighter when I was 18 years old.

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01:20:08.640 --> 01:20:16.200

Cooper City Hall: But hindsight is 2020 and I am too old at this point to go back into try to do that I just like I said, I have the opportunity to talk.

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01:20:16.470 --> 01:20:21.750

Cooper City Hall: To some people, and there are certainly public safety professionals in the room and elected officials and.

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01:20:22.080 --> 01:20:33.420

Cooper City Hall: If we can't take a different better approach to law enforcement and to fire rescue it is truly not going to be sustainable and it's not going to be that far down the road that it isn't.

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01:20:33.720 --> 01:20:45.780

Cooper City Hall: And, and the city managers can talk about it all day long, but the elected officials are the ones who are going to have to make those types of decisions and commitments to make something other than what's happening now happen, and I thank you for listening.

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01:20:47.310 --> 01:21:04.380

Cooper City Hall: Thank you very much Mike I appreciate it Mary geller Thank you, I wanted to wait till I spoke again till after every other elected official and member of the audience had spoken so that I could deal with all of the issues that i've heard raised first mission remotes or the.

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01:21:05.790 --> 01:21:17.520

Cooper City Hall: While I do believe that the so should be able to true up it's not nearly as easy as you mentioned, because people move in the middle of the year between cities.

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01:21:19.380 --> 01:21:27.750

Cooper City Hall: yeah between cities, but between districts there's an overhead factor we get a snapshot in a point in time.

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01:21:28.650 --> 01:21:31.440

Cooper City Hall: you'd said, look at their w two at the end of the year and.

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Cooper City Hall: i'm just saying and there's an overhead factor for the district staff and then they've complained and you will recall, the amount of shifts the overtime, etc, so it is very complicated to do.

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01:21:47.640 --> 01:22:00.480

Cooper City Hall: But, nonetheless, and should be doing what I what I would offer is It is complicated, and I can appreciate that I am an account and also, as well as Commission not not near smarty same account all centers they count as you probably know about lucky but.

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01:22:01.110 --> 01:22:07.320

Cooper City Hall: What I would I would prefer is since nobody from bso is here and you're and you're you're here you're you're their boss.

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01:22:07.920 --> 01:22:18.720

Cooper City Hall: I would prefer I would love to sit down with them, let them explain the cost allocation process to me and i'm glad we understand that when you said there was one bad things I want to talk about Okay, you said, where their boss.

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01:22:19.770 --> 01:22:30.360

Cooper City Hall: I need to explain, because there is clearly a lack of understanding in this room, about the relationship between the county and the Sheriff.

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01:22:31.530 --> 01:22:38.310

Cooper City Hall: So, before I get to that, let me just say I agree that 5% increases or simply unsustainable because.

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01:22:38.640 --> 01:22:48.240

Cooper City Hall: ad valorem taxes are simply not going up on average five year 5% people say oh look at the property increases are going up so high.

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01:22:48.510 --> 01:22:55.170

Cooper City Hall: But in cities, I Cooper city, which are all residential they're protected by save our homes, and I want to remind you.

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01:22:55.470 --> 01:23:09.570

Cooper City Hall: I put together a chart and I would advise all of the cities to contact the county and ask for a copy of it local governments have never recovered from the great recession.

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01:23:09.990 --> 01:23:18.510

Cooper City Hall: If you look at the in the county if you look at our total population or total budget in 2007.

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01:23:19.110 --> 01:23:28.950

Cooper City Hall: And you factor in population growth since then and inflation since then, we are still way below what we were prior to the great recession, because.

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01:23:29.400 --> 01:23:52.290

Cooper City Hall: Property value if it goes down 30% in one year, then your tax goes down by 30% if it goes back up the following year or the same 30% you get to go up by 3% so the cities have never recovered for nor has the county from the great recession, because of that work in the save our homes.

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01:23:54.270 --> 01:24:04.740

Cooper City Hall: And so we have county charts if anybody would like copies of them contact my office or can't contact county administration but nonetheless i'm agreeing 5% is unsustainable.

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01:24:06.540 --> 01:24:22.950

Cooper City Hall: When y'all hire a police chief and a police force, you can tell your police chief and police force, what to do, how to do it, you can set the budget.

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01:24:24.510 --> 01:24:35.520

Cooper City Hall: county doesn't have that ability, when people came in when they were talking about you know defunding the police, ignoring the issue of whether we should or should not.

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01:24:36.090 --> 01:24:50.190

Cooper City Hall: We have we don't have county police that we control, I want to remind everybody that the county sheriff is an independently elected county official.

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01:24:50.610 --> 01:25:05.550

Cooper City Hall: That does not answer to the county Commission, let me discuss his budget because I think that there is a fundamental lack of understanding, here we negotiate something with the sheriff's.

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01:25:06.300 --> 01:25:26.040

Cooper City Hall: We don't set their budget because well there's two reasons for that number one we can pass a budget and it can say in there, you must spend \$1 million on floral bouquets and the Sheriff says great I decided to spend it on.

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01:25:28.350 --> 01:25:52.260

Cooper City Hall: And, according to the Florida Supreme Court, they have the complete right to do that, once we set a budget the Sheriff can move it and not just broward but any county sheriff can move the funds around within his budget as he or she sees fit, if we don't reach an agreement on the number.

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01:25:53.670 --> 01:26:03.540

Cooper City Hall: The sheriff has the right to go directly to the governor and cabinet and ask them to increase the amount.

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01:26:04.440 --> 01:26:12.330

Cooper City Hall: I would like to remind everybody that broward county has nine county Commissioners, all of whom are democrats.

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01:26:13.320 --> 01:26:27.240

Cooper City Hall: The state is solidly republican that the governor governor to stamp this obviously republican three of the four cabinet Members are Republicans, the legislature is republican.

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01:26:27.840 --> 01:26:42.360

Cooper City Hall: And if a local sheriff goes up to tallahassee and says those stingy county Commissioners will not authorize a large enough amount we want you to increase it by 20%.

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01:26:43.170 --> 01:27:01.920

Cooper City Hall: We have no doubt the Sheriff those remember the Sheriff was appointed by a republican Governor, we have absolutely no doubt that they will go along and say all right, we are granting you a 20% in Greece.

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01:27:03.600 --> 01:27:13.140

Cooper City Hall: Has better comes out of county funds not out of the State doesn't pay it, they have the ability to increase it, but the county has to fund it.

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01:27:13.380 --> 01:27:25.560

Cooper City Hall: So I want to make sure that you clearly understand what our relationship is with be so they he's an elected official does not have to listen to us.

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01:27:26.580 --> 01:27:33.210

Cooper City Hall: And although we negotiate a budget if it's not to his liking, I say his because it's currently a male.

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01:27:34.500 --> 01:27:47.010

Cooper City Hall: He just goes over our head that's happened previously with the property appraiser worry parish at the time didn't like the budget she went over our head when the governor and cabinet and they ordered us to pay more.

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01:27:48.060 --> 01:27:54.360

Cooper City Hall: So it's not like we control the Sheriff in need to understand that now.

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01:27:56.250 --> 01:28:06.060

Cooper City Hall: I see Ryan to grab the microphone, but I also want to point out when he was talking about the enterprise funds that any surpluses return to the county you know.

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01:28:06.960 --> 01:28:15.000

Cooper City Hall: The way we have our enterprise fund set up that's the airport, we have three enterprise funds, the airport the seaport and water.

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01:28:15.600 --> 01:28:18.780

Cooper City Hall: Water doesn't really have police, but the airport and seaport do.

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01:28:19.770 --> 01:28:37.770

Cooper City Hall: If they raise a making up this number \$2 billion at the airport is probably more I can tell you airport seaport and water combined are just under 5 billion I don't know the breakdown between the three I know water is couple hundred million and most.

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01:28:39.780 --> 01:28:49.500

Cooper City Hall: The we don't put money in, and we don't take money out it's an enterprise fund so if there.

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01:28:50.250 --> 01:28:59.940

Cooper City Hall: And the way that that set up is the people at the airport the users, which are the airlines and some of the contestants.

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01:29:00.780 --> 01:29:22.950

Cooper City Hall: have to agree to all capital projects but they're ultimately paying If so, if there is a surplus at the airport or there is a surplus at the seaport it stays in the airport or the board money, it does not go in the county general funds, so you need to understand that.

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01:29:25.290 --> 01:29:35.190

Cooper City Hall: The sea and MAC you'd made something some simple reference that well this concerns the county yeah, but it may concern us, but we don't control it.

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01:29:35.700 --> 01:29:47.400

Cooper City Hall: Let me say two things on this now, that i've established the real relationship between the county and the Sheriff which I don't think has been fully understood.

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01:29:48.660 --> 01:29:55.200

Cooper City Hall: First of all, when bs when I was contacted by Cooper city.

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01:29:56.820 --> 01:30:13.320

Cooper City Hall: About you know dealing with bsl one of my suggestions at the time and i'm glad that the city manager from tamarack raised said this, because it was what I was born and raised was I said, in addition to talk to be so wench talk today be.

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01:30:14.940 --> 01:30:26.190

Cooper City Hall: or Hollywood or pembroke pines Southwest branches won't help because there were also bsl but we're surrounded by other cities, most of whom have their own police force.

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01:30:27.300 --> 01:30:34.740

Cooper City Hall: To me it would seem that if you are concerned with be so.

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01:30:36.360 --> 01:30:47.850

Cooper City Hall: You may want to consider regional compact between nearby cities and i'm sorry apparently it's falling apart in your city now with coconut creek.

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01:30:50.280 --> 01:31:03.570

Cooper City Hall: I have no problem, asking other cities, who may be with DSL to talk about regionalisation, it would seem to me that if you are right now bso has no competition.

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01:31:04.470 --> 01:31:19.290

Cooper City Hall: If they know that their options are charge a reasonable rate or instead of going with bso Cooper city would go with you know Davey Hollywood pembroke pines all of them surround us.

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01:31:19.920 --> 01:31:30.540

Cooper City Hall: Maybe that would result in though it's something that I urge you to consider i'm not telling you, it will be better i'm just saying at least that.

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01:31:30.960 --> 01:31:40.950

Cooper City Hall: introduces an element of competition, which is currently lacking the last thing I want to tell you this is a problem.

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01:31:41.520 --> 01:31:54.240

Cooper City Hall: Please understand my background I was elected to the legislature in 1988 when Bob Martinez was governor and i'm willing to bet almost nobody in this room is even heard of Bob Martinez.

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01:31:55.770 --> 01:32:10.950

Cooper City Hall: But the point is i've done this for a long time it's been a public official and one thing that I have discovered, is that the public has absolutely no idea.



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01:32:11.610 --> 01:32:27.090

Cooper City Hall: Where cities spend their tax dollars, I used to and I stopped doing this probably 10 years ago, so my numbers were not current but I asked over a period of five six years, seven years.

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01:32:28.110 --> 01:32:38.520

Cooper City Hall: At thousands or 1000 speeches, I would ask people in the audience, where do you think your municipal budgets go.

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01:32:39.000 --> 01:32:54.450

Cooper City Hall: They divided it into five categories one was parks and recreation one was public safety, one was administration and overhead meaning running City Hall city Commission department chairs, but not people writing checks.

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01:32:54.900 --> 01:33:10.650

Cooper City Hall: um one was roads and bridges and one was everything else, and I can tell you that their guesses were that about between 30 35% of the budget.

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01:33:11.160 --> 01:33:30.030

Cooper City Hall: With going to public safety, they were assuming about 20 25% was going towards city administration and overhead when, at the time the actual statewide number was 8% I don't know what it is today, but i'm willing to bet it somewhere around still 8%, but they were guessing.

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01:33:31.320 --> 01:33:34.740

Cooper City Hall: 30 35% goes to public safety.

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01:33:35.970 --> 01:33:50.820

Cooper City Hall: I think it's critically important that cities communicate with people where your money is going so that they understand how much of it is going to police and fire, because at that way.

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01:33:52.200 --> 01:34:03.150

Cooper City Hall: It may affect the elections, but also will at least know police and fire have the broadest support and if people know where their money is going at least.

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01:34:03.690 --> 01:34:12.720

Cooper City Hall: That will help you and you're trying, if you do have to raise your melon traits because you can't keep saying Oh well, i've heard this for years, well.

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01:34:13.200 --> 01:34:23.940

Cooper City Hall: You should just reduce your millage rate and cut 20% of your budget out of your own out of your you know city administration, because they think it's.

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01:34:24.870 --> 01:34:43.020

Cooper City Hall: A third 40% well, you can cut 20% from 8% so i'm done, I will certainly continue, no doubt, to hear from my good friend mayor Ross who I think lives, you know somewhere around 15 houses away from me.

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01:34:46.020 --> 01:34:56.580

Cooper City Hall: yeah yeah exactly but, and I expect to hear from Ryan again because you know he he lives and breathes This, it seems.

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01:34:57.120 --> 01:35:05.160

Cooper City Hall: i'm happy to talk at anytime that y'all want I think you know that I have we have a mayor's call this Friday again.

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01:35:05.640 --> 01:35:16.920

Cooper City Hall: i'm happy to discuss anything that you want to talk about, but again very important mostly that you understand the limited oversight.

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01:35:17.460 --> 01:35:31.320

Cooper City Hall: That the county has over the sheriff's office and understand that when we get this money back, we don't get most of the money back 70% apparently I didn't without aware that was a permanent agreement but goes back.

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01:35:31.830 --> 01:35:44.310

Cooper City Hall: To be so and again if they don't like it they'll just go over to the governor and cabinet and overrule us, so thank you, thank you mayor, we do have two additional speakers mayor Rogers are you on.

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01:35:49.770 --> 01:35:50.550

Cooper City Hall: May Rogers.

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01:35:51.180 --> 01:35:53.070

Mayor Hazelle Rogers: Hello i'm on can you hear me.

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01:35:53.490 --> 01:35:55.260

Cooper City Hall: I can hear you very well.

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01:35:56.010 --> 01:36:08.610

Mayor Hazelle Rogers: I was listening, although I could not see you or speak, but I just would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that my city manager and my finance director is on the call.

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01:36:09.120 --> 01:36:32.490

Mayor Hazelle Rogers: Right, I will agree that we are budgets are different in my city, we also have a shared service agreement with unincorporated area in the central broward area, yes, we can agree that at the rate we're going it's not sustainable for my city, either, so I would like to say to.

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01:36:33.600 --> 01:36:52.800

Mayor Hazelle Rogers: mayor Ross and mayor geller, thank you for convening this conversation and mayor Ross, thank you for calling me nine o'clock last night all right, the only reason I answered my phone I wondered, I did not recognize the number, I was wondering who was calling me at that lead hour.

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Mayor Hazelle Rogers: After meeting, so I took your calls so i'm here we're listening, we want to encourage this conversation and looking forward to us after the conversation with the Sheriff, I can tell you I need to call him too, because he answers Michael so i'll join.

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Mayor Hazelle Rogers: I think that was mayor Schwartz and she says she has a good relationship she can get the Sheriff to the conversation I will try, that also but seriously, I think we need to consider continue this collaboration there's a lot to be said for us.

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Mayor Hazelle Rogers: You know, as a group of bso.

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Mayor Hazelle Rogers: Law enforcement group, we need to have this conversation, and thanks to Mike for his comment.

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Mayor Hazelle Rogers: On Tamar Thank you always for being open and honest whenever I call or have a discussion so guys great job let's continue.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, Mr Rogers and for those who don't know me Roger she's from lauderdale lakes and we didn't have mayor Gomez tamarack.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you very much for the putting this together, and all of your staff, who has done an excellent job and I have to say I.

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Cooper City Hall: Think my city manager, as everybody knows, I think he's absolutely phenomenal and he's done a great job for our city, and they also know he's worked very hard with the other city managers that are in the room, and on the line.

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Cooper City Hall: And I think at this point it's where do we go from here.

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Cooper City Hall: Listening to a lot of the concerns that have been expressed, we are much of us were similar our cities are similar the ones that be so contract, but we have our differences, we have contracts that seemed to be semi.

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Cooper City Hall: piecemeal at this point in time, I know when sheriff Tony came on board, he started these Roundtable discussions with.

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Cooper City Hall: His vs accounting is contracts, he also had some of the ones that were not.

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Cooper City Hall: Part of the so so maybe at this time we just get back to that round table we each bring our contract and we put it on the table and we say for the parts of the contracts that are saying, for our cities where we all resemble.

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Cooper City Hall: Then, this is the way it should be for the parts of our city that have the nuances.

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Cooper City Hall: This is how it should be, but it should all be on the table, we should all be discussing this and this way we don't have the feeling of somebody going to another city because they're going to make it better or.

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Cooper City Hall: We just level the playing ground we can make it more sustainable, and I think, also the county should be at the table with whatever contract that you try to have that could be.

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Cooper City Hall: walked on by the top but anyway um I think we just need to have that starting point and be able to take the momentum from today and move it forward.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, thank you and taking it a step further mayor, I suggest that each and every one of the contract cities contact the Sheriff.

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Cooper City Hall: I guess you might want to know why he wasn't here today, but more importantly, you need a meeting with him.

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Cooper City Hall: I tried doing it where instead of having 13 different meetings you have one apparently he wants to conquer and divide and conquer.

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Cooper City Hall: i'm suggesting that when you have a meeting you might want to suggest all the other cities join in.

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Cooper City Hall: which goes back to what Mary Gomez said, is he you sat around a table, I guess, for whatever reason he stopped it and I don't know the reason, but we need to get back to that and I for one will not let this go.

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Cooper City Hall: Once i'm in i'm in it and so October 26 and answer to your question mayor harden will be the next meeting here in Cooper city.

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Cooper City Hall: But please keep us informed i'll try and have my executive assistant send around because we've got all the emails to the contract cities.

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Cooper City Hall: The notices, if you have any information feel free to adopt that email thread, if you will, and notify us of everything going on, particularly any.

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Cooper City Hall: headway, you may make with the share disappointing, as it was, I think this was a productive meeting and I thank everyone for attending and, once again, particularly my city manager.

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Cooper City Hall: and

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Cooper City Hall: I really do thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Anything else coming before us may Ross if I get asked the questions for the cities that have fire service only contracts, I would be interested in sharing that with the city of margate because.

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Cooper City Hall: i'd like to level the playing field and see what you do and don't get what we've been offered that we may never get.

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Cooper City Hall: And just in general have an understanding what might be different because, again, I thank you in particular, because we were one meeting away from possibly going and doing this.

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Cooper City Hall: And it's rare that you get the opportunity to step back before you've already taken two steps forward, I will ask you to contact joy Cooper.

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Cooper City Hall: Cooper if you are still on on zoom please contact margate they be extremely interested and if you can't get Ahold of her which i'm sure you can but Mike Butler is a Commissioner out there and he's heavily into.

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Joy Cooper: Yes, yes i'm willing to an absolutely my staff is also online, so thank you very, very much.

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Joy Cooper: might just call me anytime Okay, thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: very much.

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Cooper City Hall: Additional public comment for Marty Sherwood town of Southwest branches uses town of Davey fire both police and fire since 2015.

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Cooper City Hall: Now, having said that that's the regionalisation right mayor us yes good can I mentioned this about fire so it's drastically different between.

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Cooper City Hall: Police and fire the the way fire is done in in via SOS really more regional eyes, as far as staffing but and and it can be more costly because.

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Cooper City Hall: It, contrary to what may or geller says, the only reason why it's broward sheriff's fire rescue is because of the broward county Commission.

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Cooper City Hall: They contracted years ago to go ahead and send over the airport and seaport fire which is not a constitutional obligation of the share from broward county.

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Cooper City Hall: So without the county Commission the county Commission has a lot more say over over that fire, then, then I think.

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Cooper City Hall: They would admit to, but what happened is broward county sheriff's office fire rescues not truly regionalisation they go from deerfield to Allendale from Daniel Western like a tea of sideways tea and it's not geographically.

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Cooper City Hall: Regional eyes, so you have duplicated services.

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Cooper City Hall: Be so fire rescue has pushed to become more of a professional etc, so to say, in terms of Miami dade or palm beach county but those counties have true regionalisation, so their fire stations are actually.

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Cooper City Hall: mapped out correctly, so you don't have to duplicate resources and things like that we don't have that under Bia SOS.

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Cooper City Hall: You know system, just because geographically they don't have those contracts, so when be so push to put three people on a fire truck and fire rescue truck like dade county did.

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Cooper City Hall: There was a huge increase in cost, because all these stations are just kind of put put out the middle of nowhere if you're in unincorporated broward county.

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Cooper City Hall: And there's a fire in Fort lauderdale you for lateral fire who drives past be a'ssos fire station to go to it, and so what the city manager of tamarack.

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Cooper City Hall: kind of alluded to, with regard to us, as politicians, we really should push the county Commission to help us with true regionalisation of fire rescue services.

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Cooper City Hall: However, that would be very hard for cities that don't have be so fire because you're telling them to trust them buy into the system trust them.

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Cooper City Hall: And it's costlier so fire rescues pay more than most, which is why 100% of the Union members and how they'll vote it to go to be so far.

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Cooper City Hall: And it so when you look at that that list there and you're saying it's 80 something percent salaries yeah that's because you're going to pay all those salaries and additionally there's gonna be a contractual terms saying you're going to buy the equipment.

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Cooper City Hall: So it's just going to keep going I tried to reach out to.

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Cooper City Hall: mayor Cooper when their city switch and, unfortunately, I think I was about a month too late and so was she and stopping it, so I.

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Cooper City Hall: You know, I hope that margate doesn't make a big mistake like Allendale did.

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Cooper City Hall: hillandale be a so came in quoted them under what what how they'll staffing levels were although be associate staff to those levels, they grant funded.

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Cooper City Hall: Those positions and then started, increasing the cost and their increased in a million dollars doesn't include the fact, they have to buy the equipment to now.

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Cooper City Hall: So you know I respect what what Greg homeless, is doing with bso fire rescue trying to make it more of a premier.

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Cooper City Hall: organization, but it's not realistic financially under the current makeup with us not having an independent taxing district like dade county does.

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Cooper City Hall: And not having the logistics of the fire stations mapped out so if the mayor would a mayor geller will will take that on and regional eyes broward county fire rescue I would love that.

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Cooper City Hall: But the county Commission before his time got smart and gave away the headache essentially to Ken Jenny and and so today.

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Cooper City Hall: we're left with where we're at the contract cities that don't have fire I would caution you on joining it.

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Cooper City Hall: The ones that do I hope we can find a way to geographically regional eyes and make it more sustainable for the future, but it just it, I think the US is looking to add.

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Cooper City Hall: There they're going towards wanting to add a fourth on on certain apparatus which every time you add a position is 4.3 additional positions and and I don't know that it's sustainable.

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Cooper City Hall: I would only point out that.

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Cooper City Hall: I was going to point out, but in response to one of the things that you were saying the narrow recall the unlike dade or palm beach.

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Cooper City Hall: Which are have massive amounts of unincorporated area true broward is 1% unincorporated and that 1% is scattered throughout the county there is one relatively large area.

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Cooper City Hall: In Central broward but that's even that's tiny there's not any building in the unincorporated areas that's taller than four stories.

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01:48:10.860 --> 01:48:32.160

Cooper City Hall: So this one Ryan, I guess, saying so much more difficult to get regionalisation, because the only way of doing that is getting municipalities to give up their local police and fire and since 99% of the county is in cities, I just don't see that happening.

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Cooper City Hall: And that that might be true, I mean nine one was hard enough, we know to regional eyes, so I can only imagine fire, but hopefully I was born in 88 when the mayor was elected to the first elected So hopefully when i'm his age, we can see the regionalisation.

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Cooper City Hall: Very much I appreciate everyone coming.