



Town of Cutler Bay

Town Hall
10720 Caribbean Blvd
Cutler Bay, FL 33189

Meeting Minutes

Town Council

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Peggy R. Bell

Vice Mayor Ernest N. Sochin

Council Member Mary Ann L. Mixon

Council Member Sue Ellen Loyzelle

Council Member Roger Coriat

CHARTER OFFICIALS

Town Attorney Mitchell Bierman

Town Attorney Chad Friedman

Town Manager Rafael G. Casals

Town Clerk Debra E. Eastman, MMC

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll. Mayor Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: 5 - Mayor Peggy Bell, Vice Mayor Ernest Sochin, Council Member Mary Ann Mixon, Council Member Sue Ellen Loyzelle and Council Member Roger Coriat

Invocation by Pastor Tania of Community Connection

Reverend Tania Brito, Pastor at Community Connexion provided the invocation.

2. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Daniella Levine Cava, Miami-Dade County Commissioner District 8

Commissioner Levine-Cava shared her report card on her three month anniversary and reviewed her agenda including collection of used cell phones for domestic violence victims, used childrens books for Kiwanis Club and used adults books for inmates at Miami Dade detention facility, and a new stray cats program. Commissioner Levine-Cava confirmed she has already passed legislation to support a state-wide fracking ban. Council Member Loyzelle thanked Commissioner Levine-Cava for her efforts concerning Mom and Pop grants and volunteered to review these important grants. Commissioner Levine-Cava also reported on Metropolitan Planning Organization, structural changes and reminder of monthly MPO meetings.

Police Officer of the Quarter Awards - Officer Johnnie Crawford and Officer Anthony Zayas

Town of Cutler Bay Police Commander Julie Miller presented the Officer of the Quarter Award to Anthony Zayas who also received this award in October, and whom continues to distinguish himself with impressive quarterly statistics. Commander Miller also extended apologies on behalf of Officer Johnnie Crawford who was unable to attend the meeting.

Town Clerk Debra Eastman Proclamation

Mayor Bell presented Town Clerk Debra Eastman with a Proclamation in honor of her years of service as a Town Clerk and her retirement on March 6, 2015.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. · January 7 2015 Executive Session Minutes
- January 7 2015 Town Council Workshop Minutes
- January 21 2015 Regular Town Council Minutes

Council Member Loyzelle requested a correction to the January 7, 2015 Executive Session Minutes to reflect that she was not in attendance.

Vice Mayor Sochin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion received a second from Council Member Mixon. Mayor Bell called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

4. TOWN COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Bell reported on her recent trip to Tallahassee to meet with State Legislators in order to raise awareness to 2015 adopted legislative priorities. Mayor Bell attended the Homestead State of the City event. Mayor Bell accompanied Commissioner Levine-Cava on a tour of Cutler Bay, including the World Wetlands event at Blackpoint Marina. She attended the Miami Dade League of Cities event as is now a member of the Board of Directors. Mayor Bell attended the PACE board meeting. Mayor Bell also reported on the progress of the schools renaming committee. Mayor Bell will be working with the Town Manager on arranging tours of landfill and water treatment plant.

Town Attorney Mitch Bierman recognized Frank Balzebre, of Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez's office who was in attendance.

Vice Mayor Sochin reported on his participation in the Real Men Read event at the middle school, talking to children about reading.

Council Member Loyzelle announced Founders Day on Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 11-3pm. She also mentioned an upcoming trip on March 11-12 2015, to Tallahassee following up on items not previously represented during the Mayors visit. Council Member Loyzelle reported on her attendance with Mayor Bell at the Congressional swearing in. Council Member Loyzelle also reported on the opening of the Marilyn Hope Center which is already at capacity. She will be working with the Town Manager to organize a Welcome Wagon event.

Council Member Mixon attended the World Wetlands event which was a successful event.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Bell opened Public Comments and there were none.

6. REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ralph Casals presented his report to the Town Council. Gary Ratay and Alina Phillips of Kimley Horn and Associates presented an update on the Caribbean Boulevard Roadway Improvement Project. Town Manager Ralph Casals announced the Relay for Life Event on February 28-29 at Evelyn Greer Park as well as a briefing on the Shoes for Haiti Drive. Town Manager Ralph Casals requested direction whether to move forward with the foreclosure and demolition of an abandoned property. There was no objection.

B. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Mitch Bierman reported that the case of Realty Associates Fund IX v Publix and the Town of Cutler Bay has not been resolved and has been scheduled for trial. Mr. Bierman expressed gratitude and well wishes for Town Clerk Debra Eastman in her retirement.

C. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town Clerk Debra Eastman presented her final report with progress on projected goals and accomplishments achieved during her term as Town Clerk for the Town of Cutler Bay and thanked the Town Council for their support.

- Memo- Town Clerk sick leave

Council Member Mixon made a motion to approve payment of accrued sick leave to the Town Clerk upon separation. The motion received a second from Council Member Loyzelle. Mayor Bell called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

D. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Mayor Sochin reported on the progress of the Education Advisory Committee and thanked Town Manager Ralph Casals for attending Committee Meetings. Vice Mayor Sochin informed that the Neighborhood Resource Unit of Cutler Bay Police Department has introduced a new program bringing police closer to the Town of Cutler Bay.

Council Member Loyzelle reported that the Communities for a Lifetime Advisory Committee is finishing their strategic plan and will have a booth at the Founder's Day event.

Mayor Bell reported on Parks and Recreation Committee. Mayor Bell also reported on Youth Council Committee and their town-wide No Place for Hate initiative.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Mixon requested to pull item A from the Consent Agenda, and Mayor Bell requested to pull item B from the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Coriat to approve items C and D on Consent Agenda. The motion received a second by Vice Mayor Sochin. Mayor Bell called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA TO APPOINT AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the title of the Resolution. Council Member Mixon invited new member Judd Patterson to introduce himself. A motion was made by Council Member Mixon, seconded by Council Member Coriat, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote. (5-0)

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 06-97 AMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the title of the Resolution. Mayor Bell expressed the joy and pleasure of being Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Liaison since its inception. A motion was made by Council Member Loyzelle, seconded by Council Member Mixon, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote. (5-0)

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR THE TOWN CENTER BUILDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution was adopted on Consent.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - LEASING CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWN CENTER BUILDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution was adopted on Consent.

7A. RESOLUTIONS

- A.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, APPROVING JACQUELINE WILSON AS INTERIM TOWN CLERK; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE OFFER LETTER, ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A;" AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the title of the Resolution. Vice Mayor Sochin requested clarification from the Town Manager that the salary noted in the offer letter would only be for the duration as Interim Clerk. A motion was made by Council Member Mixon, seconded by Council Member Loyzelle, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote. (5-0)

8. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

There were no quasi-judicial items.

9. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING (NO PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

There were no ordinances for first reading.

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There were no ordinances for first reading.

11. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

There were no ordinances for second reading.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Bell opened Public Comments and there were none.

13. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Mixon thanked Town Clerk Debra Eastman for her service and for setting the bar so high with what to look for in the next Town Clerk. Council Member Loyzelle also thanked Town Clerk Debra Eastman for her service as well as welcomed Jackie Wilson to the Interim Clerk position. Vice Mayor Sochin wished Debra Eastman good luck in her retirement.

Mayor Bell praised the team visit to Tallahassee and was pleased to report back that they were welcomed and invited to return. Mayor Bell reported on Representative Richardson's pilot program banning plastic bags, she will report back more information as it becomes available. There was also a discussion regarding the possibility of the state eliminating the communication service tax and the ad valorem tax.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

15. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Mixon to adjourn. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Sochin. The meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

