



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FIRST BUDGET HEARING

Wednesday, September 11, 2012

7:00 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers

10720 Caribbean Boulevard

Cutler Bay, Florida 33189

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor MacDougall called the meeting to order on the above date at 7:03 p.m. Present were Vice Mayor Sochin, Council Member Peggy R. Bell, Council Member Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Mary Ann Mixon, and Mayor Edward P. MacDougall.

Mayor MacDougall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor MacDougall requested a moment of silence on the anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy in remembrance of those who died and their families.

Mayor MacDougall welcomed Mr. Ferreira who was representing County Commissioner Lynda Bell's office.

Town Manager Rafael Casals requested that the Town Council defer item 6 on the agenda, an ordinance relating to dangerous intersections. Council Member Mixon made a motion to defer item 6, an ordinance relating to dangerous intersections to a time certain of September 18, 2013 at 7 p.m. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Sochin. Mayor MacDougall called for the vote and the motion carried 5-0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor MacDougall opened the floor for public comments. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor MacDougall closed public comments.

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the title of the resolutions in items 3 and 4 regarding the millage rate and the budget. Vice Mayor Sochin made a motion to discuss the millage resolution. The motion received a second from Council Member Bell.

Finance Director Robert Daddario read the following statement into the record: The proposed millage rate of the Town of Cutler Bay for FY 2013-14 of 2.8351 mils per \$1,000 of assessed property value within the Town of Cutler Bay is 16.29% greater than the roll-back rate of

2.4379 mils per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Ad valorem taxes are being increased as a result of expenditures required for the Town Hall building as well as to provide for the debt service on the Town's existing loans and to provide for increased police services.

After discussion, Council Member Loyzelle made a motion to approve a tentative millage rate of 2.5702 mils per \$1,000 of assessed property value with the Town of Cutler Bay, which is 5.43 percent greater than the roll-back rate of \$2.4379 mils per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The motion received a second from Council Member Bell. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion passed 5-0.

4. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE OPERATING AND CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO MAKE EXPENDITURES CONSISTENT THEREWITH AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO MAKE CERTAIN BUDGET AMENDMENTS WITHIN A DEPARTMENT PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL OF THE APPROPRIATIONS IS NOT CHANGED, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Bell made a motion to discuss the budget resolution. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Sochin. Mayor MacDougall called for the vote and the motion carried.

Finance Director Robert Daddario explained various line item reductions that have been made since the **Budget Workshop** and the reduced planned dip to reserves. Council Member Bell asked about the tax equalization reserve and it was proposed to retitle the account to indicate that it is an operating reserve for the Town Center building.

Council Member Loyzelle made a motion to retain \$1,250,000 in a Town Center debt service reserve account. The motion received a second from Council Member Bell. Mayor MacDougall expressed his opposition and pointed out that doing this does not change the numbers within the budget. Mayor MacDougall called for the vote and the motion carried 4-1 with Mayor MacDougall voting in opposition.

Town Attorney Chad Friedman requested that Mayor MacDougall seek comments from the audience on the millage resolution and there were no comments.

Mayor MacDougall opened the public hearing on the budget hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor MacDougall closed the public hearing.

There was discussion regarding new position added to the budget of administrative assistant. A motion was made by Council Member Bell to make the proposed position a part time position. The motion received a second from Council Member Mixon. Mayor MacDougall called for the vote and the motion failed with **Council Member Mixon Loyzelle**, Vice Mayor Sochin and Mayor MacDougall voting in opposition.

There was a discussion of the budgeted items for possible personnel with regard to new legislation surrounding the dangerous intersection program, reduction of the police budget, other contractual services, the impact of affordable health care and the approved uses of impact fees. Council Member Bell made a motion to remove \$85,000 from the budget for a bus and not to use the funds for anything in particular at this time. She stated that it is her understanding that the money will stay where it is until such time there is another proposal for the use of the funds. The motion received a second from Council Member Mixon. After further discussion, Mayor MacDougall called for the vote and the motion failed 2-3 with Council Member Loyzelle, Vice Mayor Sochin and Mayor MacDougall voting in opposition.

Council Member Bell referenced page 139 of the budget book, Capital Outlay, item (d) approximately \$25,000 for upgrades at Cutler Ridge Park (primarily fencing). Council Member Bell made a motion to change the language from “primarily fencing” to “park benches, bike racks and fences”. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Sochin. Mayor MacDougall called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

There being no further discussion, at 9:11 p.m. Mayor MacDougall called for a brief break so that the Finance Director could review the notes and determine the total of the tentative budget. The meeting resumed at 9:14 p.m.

Council Member Loyzelle made a motion to approve the tentative budget of \$55,554,092 with the amendments as voted. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Sochin. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion passed 5-0.

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Bell advised that she would like to appoint Louise Lockwood as the Senior Advisor to the Education Advisory Committee as a non-voting position and made a motion to take that action. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Sochin. Mayor MacDougall called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

6. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 10-11 RELATING TO DANGEROUS INTERSECTION SAFETY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION WITHIN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The above ordinance was deferred to September 18, 2013 at 7 p.m.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

Town Clerk Debra Eastman announced the date and time of the second and final budget hearing as follows:

Second Budget Public Hearing

Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM
Town of Cutler Bay Town Hall Chambers
10720 Caribbean Blvd., Cutler Bay, FL 33189

Vice Mayor Sochin made a motion to adjourn. The motion received a second from Council Member Mixon. The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Debra E. Eastman, MMC
Town Clerk