



# Town of Cutler Bay

Town Hall  
10720 Caribbean Blvd  
Cutler Bay, FL 33189

## Meeting Minutes Town Council Workshop

### *MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS*

*Mayor Peggy R. Bell*  
*Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle*  
*Council Member Mary Ann L. Mixon*  
*Council Member Michael P. Callahan*  
*Council Member Roger Coriat*

### *CHARTER OFFICIALS*

*Town Attorney Mitchell Bierman*  
*Town Attorney Chad Friedman*  
*Town Manager Rafael G. Casals*  
*Interim Town Clerk Debra E. Eastman, MMC*

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Wednesday, December 14, 2016

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF SILENCE & INVOCATION**

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 5:11 PM. Assistant to the Town Clerk Mauricio Melinu called the roll. Mayor Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Coriat arrived at 5:34 PM.

Town Manager Rafael Casals recognized Grants Coordinator Lakeesha Morris and congratulated her on receiving the Grant Professionals Certification. Mayor Bell recognized Vice Mayor Loyzelle and Council Member Callahan and congratulated them on their elections. Mayor Bell welcomed Debra E. Eastman, MMC who was in attendance.

**Present** 5 - Mayor Peggy Bell, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Mary Ann Mixon, Council Member Michael P. Callahan, and Council Member Roger Coriat

### **2017 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Town Manager Rafael Casals introduced Town Lobbyist Fausto Gomez to present the 2017 State Legislative Items. Town Lobbyist Fausto Gomez briefed the Town Council on new rules for appropriation requests in the Florida House of Representatives.

## 2. Town Council Questions/ Comments/ Discussion

There was discussion regarding the new House rules for appropriation requests. At the request of Vice Mayor Loyzelle, Town Manager Rafael Casals provided clarification on the efforts of Town staff to provide information now required under the new House rules for appropriation requests. There was discussion on Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grants to purchase land for park space and funding for climate change and sea level rise. There was discussion on General Obligation Bonds (GOB). The Council came to a general consensus to place the Business Incubator item on hold pending a discussion on grants and local funding. There was discussion on funding for Active Adult Services.

Town Manager Rafael Casals suggested the Saga Bay 1.2, Cutler Bay Wetland Pavilion, Economic Development Plan, and the Senior Services Program items remain on the list of priorities, and reiterated that other items of importance may also be added as the Council sees fit.

Town Lobbyist Fausto Gomez suggested adding a transportation initiative for next year. Town Attorney Mitchell Bierman spoke on the possible extension of Metrorail by Miami-Dade County and the Town being in a position to have a station. Town Attorney Mitchell Bierman also spoke on the possibility of funds for intermodal transportation.

Town Lobbyist Fausto Gomez suggested the Council visit Tallahassee during committee meeting weeks to meet with State Representatives, rather than during Miami-Dade County Days. The Council came to a consensus to visit Tallahassee the week of February 21 through 24, 2017.

## 3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

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