



# 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*

*Interim Town Clerk Jacqueline N. Wilson*

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Thursday, September 24, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### Second Budget Hearing

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

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 7:02PM. Interim Town Clerk Jacqueline Wilson called the roll. Mayor Bell led a Moment of Silence in memory of Ms. Cosette Meerbott, wife of former Town Council Member Timothy Meerbott, who passed away on September 22, 2015. 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

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Bell opened Public Comments and there were none.

#### 3. RESOLUTIONS

Interim Town Clerk Jacqueline Wilson read the title of the millage Resolution. Town Attorney Mitchell Bierman recommended both the millage and budget Resolution titles be read into the record allowing for public hearing on both items. Interim Town Clerk Jacqueline Wilson read the title of the budget Resolution.

- A.** 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, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Finance Director Robert Daddario read the TRIM statement mandated by the State of Florida into the record: The tentative millage rate of the Town of Cutler Bay for FY 2015-16 of 2.3907 mills per \$1,000 of assessed property value within the Town of Cutler Bay is 9.42% greater than the roll-back rate of 2.1849 mills per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Ad valorem taxes are being increased primarily as a result of expenditures for increased costs of contracted police services, as well as to provide for various improvements to park and public facilities.

Town Manager Rafael Casals provided a brief overview and timeline of the budget procedure.

Mayor Bell opened the public hearing. Ms. Tanya Rovin spoke in opposition of an increase in property tax. Town Manager Rafael Casals directed Ms. Rovin to meet with Public Works Director Alfredo Quintero to review her flood insurance plan and ensure she is receiving the discounted rate received for residing within the Town.

Mr. Sergio Lopez thanked the Town for their efforts and the development of Old Cutler Road and Caribbean Boulevard, and expressed concern with the millage rate. Mayor Bell provided clarification for the proposed millage rate. Mr. Lopez suggested a budget summary sheet provided for reference at budget meetings in addition to the Town's current outreach methods and requested the gross percentage increase in revenues expended for 2014 to 2015. Town Manager Rafael Casals confirmed the increase in ad valorem revenues from 2014 to 2015 at \$383,022 as a result of increased property values. Mayor Bell closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Council Member Loyzelle, seconded by Vice Mayor Sochin, that this Resolution be adopted. At 7:39PM, the motion carried by the following vote:

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

- B.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 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.

Mayor Bell opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Bell closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Council Member Mixon, seconded by Council Member Coriat, that this Resolution be adopted. Council Member Loyzelle explained that the roll back rate was explored, but did not seem feasible. At 7:45PM, the motion carried by the following vote:

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

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Bell opened Public Comments and there were none.

#### **5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Loyzelle announced the Communities for a Lifetime Committee Meeting on October 7, 2015 featuring an AARP Age-Friendly Initiative presentation. Council Member Loyzelle reported on attendance at the Public Private Partnerships (P3) Conference on September 24, 2015 with Parks and Recreation Events Coordinator Janelle Marzouka.

Mayor Bell announced a Town Council Workshop on September 30, 2015.

#### **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

Interim Town Clerk Jacqueline Wilson introduced Mauricio Melinu and welcomed him as the new Assistant to the Town Clerk.

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Mixon to adjourn. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Sochin. The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

For complete audio recording of this meeting, please contact the Town Clerk Office at (305) 234-4262.