



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 Jacqueline N. Wilson

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

First Budget Hearing

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

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. Town Clerk Jacqueline Wilson called the roll. Mayor Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Bell led a Moment of Silence in honor and in memory of Mitzi Gimenez, mother of Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez.

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

Mayor Bell welcomed Town Attorney Alison Smith in attendance. Pursuant to State law, Finance Director Robert Daddario read the TRIM statement into the record: The proposed millage rate of the Town of Cutler Bay for FY 2016-17 of 2.5329 mils per \$1,000 of assessed property value within the Town of Cutler Bay is 14.13% greater than the roll-back rate of 2.2194 mils 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 process.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Bell opened Public Comments. Mr. David Fienberg spoke in favor of funding for an additional traffic patrolman, in favor of authorized overtime for Police services on Halloween night, and on the maintenance of the emergency radio equipment at the Town Hall building. Mayor Bell closed Public Comments.

3. RESOLUTIONS

- A.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Manager Rafael Casals reported on increased property values and provided clarification on the rollback millage rate versus the ceiling millage rate. At the request of Council Member Coriat, Finance Director Robert Daddario provided clarification on ad valorem revenue comparison between FY2015-16 and FY2016-17. At the request of Council Member Loyzelle, Town Manager Rafael Casals provided clarification on the proposed budget plan dip of \$4.3 million based on a ceiling millage rate of 2.5329. At the request of Council Member Mixon, Finance Director Robert Daddario reported on unassigned reserve funds as of September 30, 2015 at approximately \$18.5 million. Town Manager Rafael Casals provided a general overview of the Executive Summary for Fiscal Year 2016-17 Proposed Budget. After discussion, Town Clerk Jacqueline Wilson read the title of the Resolution. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sochin, seconded by Council Member Mixon, that this Resolution be adopted. Council Member Coriat proposed a friendly amendment to reflect a 2.3907 millage rate. After discussion, the motion remained at the 2.5329 millage rate and failed by the following vote:

**Yes: 2 - Vice Mayor Ernest Sochin and Council Member Mary Ann Mixon
No: 3 - Mayor Peggy Bell, Council Member Sue Ellen Loyzelle, and Council Member Roger Coriat**

A motion was made by Council Member Coriat, seconded by Council Member Mixon that this Resolution be adopted as amended with a millage rate of 2.3907. After discussion, the motion carried at 8:12PM by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Peggy Bell, Council Member Mary Ann Mixon, Council Member Sue Ellen Loyzelle and Council Member Roger Coriat

No: 1 - Vice Mayor Ernest Sochin

- B.** 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, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 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.

Town Clerk Jacqueline Wilson read the title of the Resolution. A motion was made by Council Member Coriat, seconded by Council Member Mixon that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Peggy Bell, Council Member Mary Ann Mixon, Council Member Sue Ellen Loyzelle, and Council Member Roger Coriat
No: 1 - Vice Mayor Ernest Sochin

Town Attorney Alison Smith cautioned the Council to establish a new reduced budget figure based on the established millage rate ceiling of 2.3907 prior to voting. Council Member Coriat withdrew the motion and Council Member Mixon withdrew the second. After discussion, Town Manager Rafael Casals provided a breakdown of the proposed cuts to the Town Center Capital Outlay Budget totaling \$1,229,850 million. Finance Director Robert Daddario reported a plan dip of \$3,461,737 with the adoption of the 2.3907 millage rate and the reduction of \$1,229,850 million from the Town Center Capital Outlay Budget. The Council came to a general consensus on the Town Center Capital Outlay Budget cuts. There was discussion on Park Impact Fees. Mayor Bell reported on a recent meeting with Town Manager Rafael Casals and Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen regarding Zika funding. Mayor Bell also reported on Town efforts discussed with Florida Governor Rick Scott advocating for Zika funding. Finance Director Robert Daddario confirmed the total proposed budget figure for all funds combined at \$52,171,433. Town Clerk Jacqueline Wilson read the title of the Resolution. Town Attorney Alison Smith advised the Council that a motion to reconsider was in order. A motion was made by Council Member Coriat, seconded by Council Member Mixon to reconsider the prior motion to approve item 3B. 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

A motion was made by Council Member Coriat, seconded by Vice Mayor Sochin, that this Resolution be adopted. At 10:07PM, 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. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Bell closed Public Comments.

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Bell announced participation in the Baptist Health Run Club and extended an invitation to the Council to participate. Mayor Bell also announced the upcoming Families Against Gun Violence Meeting on September 15, 2016.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

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 10:09PM.

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