



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 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

Thursday, May 14, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:18pm. Interim Town Clerk Jacqueline Wilson 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

· Discussion on the guidelines of selecting potential candidates for an interview for the Town Clerk position

Town Manager Rafael Casals opened discussion of the selection process of potential candidates for the Town Clerk position by reviewing the informational package provided to the Town Council containing all applications received. The Council expressed concern of number of applications received and indicating potential deterrants which may have contributed to the limited response. After discussion, the general consensus of the Council was to expand the application pool through increasing the salary range to \$70,000-\$90,000 and adjust the minimum requirements to reflect a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration or related field, and/or minimum of 5 years experience as a municipal clerk, 3years progressive municipal government experience, with an agreement to secure Certified Municipal Clerk designation. The Council also directed Town Manager Rafael Casals to re-evaluate the existing pool of applicants according to the new criteria and re-advertise the Town Clerk position over a 45 day period based on the new minimum requirements and report back to the Town Council.

2. Town Council Questions/ Comments/ Discussion

Mayor Bell reported on the Cutler Bay Middle School violence issue and provided a status update reiterating that the figures from the Channel 10 media piece released on May 4, 2015 were based upon 3 year old data, pronouncing Cutler Bay Middle School as the most violent school in Miami-Dade County. Mayor Bell stated she had spoken with Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent, Alberto Carvalho and requested he attend the Town of Cutler Bay May 20, 2015 Town Council Meeting to which he declined. Mayor Bell also briefed the Council on the Open Letter she had written and published to Facebook, Twitter and news media, addressing the Cutler Bay Middle School violence issue. Mayor Bell reported that Superintendent Carvalho called Mayor Bell in response to her letter to state that this issue is very important to him and that he would like to meet iwth the Council, however, no date has been established yet. Mayor Bell expressed her appreciation that this information has been uncovered and recognized it as an opportunity to turn this school around.

Council Member Loyzelle stated that she spoke with Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Vice Chair of the Miami-Dade County Public School Board in reference to the Cutler Bay Middle School violence issue and that it was a productive conversation. Council Member Loyzelle continued to say that she would like to help identify solutions, and as a partner with the school, the Town should assist with helpful ideas. Council Member Loyzelle suggested introducing a junior police explorers program, reiterating that Cutler Bay Middle School is a criminal justice magnet school and whether through a neighborhood resource officer or alternate solution we should get this issue under control.

Council Member Mixon expressed concern with social media and its potential to instigate fighting. Council Member Mixon indicated a need for more discipline and stated that every child has the right to a safe and secure education.

Mayor Bell opened discussion regarding the Town's sign ordinance, requesting Town staff provide a historical package for comprehensive review and requested a workshop for thorough review of land development regulations.

Council Member Loyzelle indicated she was under the impression that the purpose of this workshop was to address the sign ordinance, and reminded the Council of the 4-1 vote favoring her proposed sign workshop at the March 18, 2015 Town Council Meeting. Council Member Loyzelle reiterated this would be an educational discussion, and she would like to put the issue to rest.

Town Attorney Mitchell Bierman interjected stating if the goal of the workshop is to gain more education on the history and how the sign ordinance came to be, that could be the first part, the second part could be the land development regulations, advising the importance of understanding the sign ordinance in its entire context.

After discussion, the general consensus of the Council was to combine the sign ordinance regulations with the land development regulations to follow.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Bell adjourned the workshop at 9:18pm.

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