



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

Town Clerk Debra E. Eastman, MMC

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:38PM. Deputy Town Clerk Mauricio Melinu called the roll. Mayor Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Proposed Budget

Town Manager Rafael Casals provided background information on the steps leading up to the workshop, and announced the First Budget Hearing on September 13, 2017 and the Second Budget Hearing on September 27, 2017. Finance Director Robert Daddario provided a brief overview of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Proposed Budget based on the existing 2.3907 millage rate, highlighted changes from the July 10, 2017 Second Town Council Budget Workshop, and explained the general fund budget for each department. There was discussion on the net change for the ad valorem revenue decrease. There was discussion on the estimate for the basketball court at Saga Bay Park, work associated with the preparation for a basketball court, and potential uses. There was also discussion on the Eastridge Sidewalk Project, employee salary and merit increases, a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), the costs of additional police officers and a police explorers program.

Mayor Bell requested the Town Clerk's office schedule a future date for a workshop to discuss the contracted leagues and volunteer organizations that work with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Council Member Callahan expressed concern with the projected budget deficit of \$3.2 million, and suggested looking into the budget deeper to reduce the deficit. Finance Director Robert Daddario provided clarification on prior budget projected dip versus actual dips, and also clarified the projected budget dip for the proposed budget is \$4.2 million. He also explained that current revenue is not enough to support expenditures requested by the Council. There was discussion on potentially increasing the millage rate, decreasing services and expenditures, and creating a 5-year projected budget. Town Manager Rafael

Casals informed the Council that Town staff will provide line items that are above essential needs for the Council to look at prior to the First Budget Hearing. There was discussion on the Public Information Officer position.

B. Discussion Regarding Vacant Property Located at Old Cutler Rd and SW 87th Ave

Town Manager Rafael Casals provided a summary on discussions with property owners of vacant land located at Old Cutler Road and Southwest 87th Avenue, and the steps leading to the Broker's Opinion of Value. Mayor Bell spoke on the discussions with the property owners of the vacant land. Town Manager Rafael Casals explained the comparative assessment information. There was discussion on the steps leading to making an offer on the property, comparable properties, and property designation. Town Attorney Chad Friedman provided information on property designation in regards to the updating of the Town's comprehensive plan, the process exempting a negotiation on a property from Public Record, and the appraisal process.

Town Manager Rafael Casals provided background information on the process to approach the owners of the top three properties chosen by the Council. There was discussion on the cost of appraisal, purchasing property on the Environmentally Endangered List (EEL), and looking into other vacant land not on the list chosen by the Council. There was Council consensus to move forward with sending an EEL letter expressing Town interest in acquiring vacant property meeting the EEL acquisition B list, and requesting the County fund fifty percent of the purchase.

At the request of Mayor Bell, there was Council consensus to host an informational meeting for solar panel co-ops. There was also Council consensus to direct the Town Manager to look into bids for an appraisal on the vacant property located at Old Cutler Road and Southwest 87 Avenue.

Mayor Bell suggested a possible workshop to discuss other properties and ideas for those properties at the end of August, and directed the Town Clerk's Office to reach out to Council on potential dates.

Town Manager Rafael Casals informed the Council that the property owner of the vacant land was not interested in selling based on the range provided by the Broker's Price Opinion.

C. Discussion Regarding Crime Statistics- June 2017

Town Manager Rafael Casals introduced Police Major Leo Ricelli for a presentation on Crime Statistics for June 2017. There was discussion on the public perception of police, police procedures regarding an incident posted on social media, educating residents on police processes, and reducing youth violence in the community. Vice Mayor Loyzelle spoke on her attendance at Together for Children coalition meetings. Town Manager Rafael Casals requested information on the July 27, 2017 from Vice Mayor Loyzelle, and suggested having someone attend the next meeting on behalf of the Town. There was also discussion on educating the public, trends regarding suicide and accidental deaths, police body camera policies, and NARCAN medication to help with accidental overdose cases.

2. Town Council Questions/ Comments/ Discussion

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:05PM.

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