



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

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. 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

2. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. · Proclamation Mr. William Pacetti III

Mayor Bell introduced Mr. William Pacetti III and presented him with a Proclamation on for his dedicated service to Publix & the Town of Cutler Bay Community.

B. · Proclamation Mr. Geoffrey Aladro - Teacher of the Year

Mayor Bell introduced Mr. Geoffrey Aladro and presented him with a Proclamation in honor of his Teacher of the Year Award accomplishment.

C. · Proclamation Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Town Manager Rafael Casals introduced Grants Coordinator, Lakeesha Morris for a presentation on Distracted Driving along with a short video clip created by our iPrep Internship Program students in honor of Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

D. · Presentation- Detective Raymond Haar II, Cutler Bay Police Department

Town of Cutler Bay Police Commander Julie Miller presented Detective Raymond Haar II with an award in honor of his retirement in March 2015 after 33 years of dedicated service with Miami-Dade Police Department, the last 9 of which were with the Town of Cutler Bay Police Department.

E. · 2015 Volunteer Recognition Awards- Florida Department of Elder Affairs

Mayor Bell, along with Communities for a Lifetime Advisory Committee Chair Heather Fraser and Communities for a Lifetime Advisory Committee Town Council Liaison Council Member Loyzelle presented the Florida Department of Elder Affairs 2015 Volunteer Recognition Awards to recipients- Rosi Alvarez, Ernest Lent, Joyce Huck, Terry Long, Michael Callahan, Jean Tong-Noon, Delores Dimitriou, Jose Rodriguez and Marilyn Rams in honor of National Volunteer Week for their extraordinary contributions and volunteer service in the community.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. · March 18 2015 Local Planning Agency Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Nixon, seconded by Council Member Loyzelle, that the March 18, 2015 Local Planning Agency Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. TOWN COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Bell brought forth the Local Channel 10 news article "Top 10 South Florida Schools with Violent Incidents" from April 1, 2015 highlighting Cutler Bay Middle School as the Number 3 most violent school in Miami-Dade County and introduced Mr. Paul Pfeiffer, Principal of Cutler Bay Middle School to address the issue before the Town Council. Principal Pfeiffer spoke on the measures that have been and are being taken to improve and reduce the number of incidents taking place at the school. Principal Pfeiffer explained the active measures in place to ensure staff remains on-course with the cultural change implemented. The Town Council expressed concern of this issue and offered support to solving the problem by working together through our educational compact. Mayor Bell reported on Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) amendment to change the population requirement for representation to be increased and assured this item will remain under close-watch as the structure-change goes to vote.

Council Member Coriat reported on his first attendance at Miami-Dade County Days in Tallahassee.

Council Member Mixon also reported on attending Miami-Dade County Days in Tallahassee.

Vice Mayor Sochin reported on various State legislative items and areas of concern.

Council Member Loyzelle also reported on various State legislative items and areas of concern. Council Member Loyzelle reported on the March 20, 2015 trip to the South Dade Landfill and announced the upcoming trip to the Water and Sewer Department. Council Member Loyzelle commended the Parks and Recreation staff for the work they put into the Easter Egg Hunt and announced the upcoming Bike-B-Que & Rodeo event.

Mayor Bell reported on a meeting with Ken Detzner, Florida Secretary of State to discuss the possibility of hosting state artifacts at Cutler Bay Town Hall. Mayor Bell reported on her meeting with Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez in Tallahassee. Mayor Bell also announced the Grand Opening of Sephora inside JCPenny at Southland Mall Event on May 1, 2015 and Open Mic Night Event on April 22, 2015. Mayor Bell reported on her meeting with Miami-Dade Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho. Mayor Bell reported on her meeting with Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen. Mayor Bell reported on her attendance at the Easter Egg Hunt and her participation in the Distracted Driving Presentation. Mayor Bell announced upcoming events including Town of Cutler Bay Employee Appreciation Day on April 17, 2015 and an Ethics Course sponsored by Weiss Serota on April 24, 2015.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Bell opened Public Comments. Youth Council Committee Chair Victor Mederos and Youth Council Committee Member Ashley Gray spoke on behalf of the Youth Council Committee in favor of the name change of Linear Park to Blue Heron Park. Council Member Coriat indicated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee also voted in favor of the name change recommendation by the Youth Council Committee.

6. REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Rafael Casals presented his report to the Town Council. Gary Ratay of Kimley Horn and Associates presented an update on the Caribbean Boulevard Roadway Improvement Project and introduced new Public Information Officer Marissa Baculo. Town Manager Casals confirmed the project is running ahead of schedule and announced an electronic sign to display on Caribbean Boulevard. Town Manager Casals also reported that the Caribbean Boulevard Roadway Improvement Project has been awarded the Contractor of the Year award and the Design of the Year award. Town Manager Casals also reported that we will receive a Children's Trust Grant for after-school program funding. Town Manager Casals closed his report with an update on the vacant Town Clerk position.

B. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Chad Friedman reported on item 7A on the Consent Agenda and its requirement to be removed from the Agenda in acknowledgement of a bid protest received.

C. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

No report.

D. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Coriat presented his report on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and announced the next meeting on May 4, 2015. Council Member Coriat announced Family Movie Night has been rescheduled for Friday, April 17, 2015 as well as the Bike-B-Que and Rodeo Event on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

Vice Mayor Sochin presented his report on the Education Advisory Committee. Council Member Loyzelle presented her report on the Communities for a Lifetime Advisory Committee.

Mayor Bell presented her report on the Youth Council Committee and announced their next meeting date on May 12, 2015.

· 2015 1st Quarter Floodplain Mitigation Committee Report- Council Member Mixon

Council Member Mixon presented her report on the Floodplain Mitigation Committee report and announced a 25% decrease in flood insurance rates.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bell requested to pull item D from the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Mixon, seconded by Council Member Loyzelle, to approve Consent Agenda items B, C, E and F. Mayor Bell called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

- A.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, APPROVING PHILLIPS & JORDAN, INC. AND DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE TOWN MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Council Member Nixon, seconded by Council Member Coriat, that this Resolution be removed from the agenda and that Item 9A be added to the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Peggy Bell, Vice Mayor Ernest Sochin, Council Member Mary Ann Nixon, 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, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO MARLIN ENGINEERING, INC TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE POINT ROYALE SECTION 5 WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT(S) PROJECT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution was adopted on Consent.

- C.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO R.J. BEHAR, INC TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE SW 212 STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT(S) PROJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution was adopted on Consent.

- D.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, URGING THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO UNDERTAKE A NEW STUDY OF THE SOUTH DADE BUSWAY TO DETERMINE THE NEED AND PLANS FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF MASS TRANSIT ALONG THE EXISTING SOUTH DADE BUSWAY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Interim Town Clerk Jacqueline Wilson read the title of the Resolution. Mayor Bell expressed strong support of completing the study, and requested the Interim Town Clerk send the adopted Resolution to any and all South Miami-Dade cities, Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade League of Cities Transportation Committee and Chamber South Transportation Committee, and any other organizations requested. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sochin, seconded by Council Member Nixon, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, RENAMING THE LAKES BY THE BAY LINEAR PARK, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 5.07 ACRES, TO "BLUE HERON PARK"; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution was adopted on Consent.

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING CHANGES TO FLORIDA'S ACCOUNTABILITY/ASSESSMENT SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution was adopted on Consent.

7A. RESOLUTIONS

8. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

There were no quasi-judicial items.

9. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING (NO PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE TOWN'S PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2010A, B, C, D AND E; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Interim Town Clerk Jacqueline Wilson read the title of the Ordinance. Town Manager Rafael Casals introduced this item as a walk-on agenda item and introduced Robert Daddario, the Town's Finance Director to provide a brief overview on loan refinancing and consolidation with TD Bank. Robert Daddario introduced our Financial Advisor Mr. Ed Stull, Managing Director of First South West, who reiterated the benefits for the Town to refinance with TD Bank and answered questions from the Town Council.

Mayor Bell opened the public hearing. There was 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 Ordinance be approved on first reading. 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

10. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

There were no Ordinances for first reading which required a public hearing.

11. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

There were no Ordinances for second reading which required a public hearing.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Bell opened public comments and there were none.

13. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Town Council came to a general consensus for staff to urge TD Bank to drop the pre-payment penalty as part of the loan refinancing.

A. Discussion regarding Separation of State of FL

A motion was made by Council Member Loyzelle, seconded by Council Member Coriat that this item be moved to the front of the agenda. Mayor Bell called for the vote and the motion carried 5-0. Vice Mayor Sochin introduced City of South Miami Vice Mayor Walter Harris to speak regarding the separation of the State of Florida. Vice Mayor Harris spoke in favor of the separation of the State of Florida and requested support from the Town Council.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bell addressed concern associated with traffic issues. Town Manager Casals acknowledged this concern with implementing a Town-wide Traffic Calming analysis into the Transportation Master Plan. Council Member Mixon suggested promoting instruction urging drivers not to stop in the middle of the traffic circle and the importance of maintaining a steady flow of traffic.

15. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Mixon to adjourn. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Sochin. The meeting adjourned at 10:07pm.

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