



# 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 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*

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Wednesday, September 27, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### Second Budget Hearing

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

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 7:12PM. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll.

**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

## 2. RESOLUTIONS - PUBLIC HEARING

- 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, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 200.065; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the title of Resolution 2A and 2B. Mayor Bell opened the Public Hearing for item 2A. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Bell closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Bell opened the Public Hearing for item 2B. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Bell closed the Public Hearing.

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 2017-18 of 2.5199 mills per \$1,000 of assessed property value within the Town of Cutler Bay is 13.42% greater than the roll-back rate of 2.2217 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 informed the Council that the advertisement for the Second Public Hearing was advertised on September 24, 2017 in the Miami

Herald Local Section. Town Attorney Chad Friedman advised the Council that they must first vote on the millage rate before voting on the budget. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Loyzelle, seconded by Council Member Coriat, to table item 2A and discuss item 2B, then go back and vote on item 2A. Mayor Bell called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Council Member Mixon, seconded by Council Member Coriat that this Resolution be adopted.

An amended motion was made by Vice Mayor Loyzelle, seconded by Council Member Coriat, that this Resolution be adopted with a millage rate of 2.3907. Council Member Mixon and Council Member Coriat agreed to Vice Mayor Loyzelle's amendment to the original motion.

At the request of Council Member Mixon, Vice Mayor Loyzelle provided clarification on the amended motion to lower the millage rate. There was discussion on the potential for a bond for next fiscal year, and a planned dip under a 2.2217 millage rate. Vice Mayor Loyzelle spoke in favor of lowering the millage rate to 2.3907.

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 2017-18 of 2.3907 mills per \$1,000 of assessed property value within the Town of Cutler Bay is 7.61% greater than the roll-back rate of 2.2217 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.

At 8:11PM, the amended motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Mayor Peggy Bell, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Michael Callahan and Council Member Roger Coriat

**No:** 1 - Council Member Mary Ann Mixon

Council Member Mixon amended her vote on item 2A to a Yes vote.

- 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, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 200.065; 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 Manager Rafael Casals informed the Council of the changes made to the budget based on the items discussed during the First Budget Hearing on September 21. At the request of Vice Mayor Loyzelle, Finance Director Robert Daddario provided clarification on the changes in the budget. A motion was made by Council Member Mixon, seconded by Council Member Coriat, to approve \$3000 for a proposed Youth Council Committee trip. Town Manager

Rafael Casals provided clarification on \$5,000 allocated for all committee expenses for the fiscal year. After discussion, Council Member Nixon withdrew her motion. There was discussion on budget changes from July 26 through September 13, the grant writer's salary, and funds allocated for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Cambridge Program. There was also discussion on the budget planned dip of \$4.1 million at the proposed millage rate of 2.5199, the difference in tax payments with a lower millage rate, cost for a special election for a bond, the cost for the Town Center Plaza project plans, and an increase in the Stormwater Budget.

After the discussion of both millage and budget was completed, a motion was made by Council Member Nixon, seconded by Council Member Coriat to move back to item 2A. Mayor Bell called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0. Item 2A was completed.

Finance Director Robert Daddario clarified the final budget amount of \$51,751,537.00 based on an adopted millage rate of 2.3907.

A motion was made by Council Member Coriat, seconded by Council Member Nixon, that this Resolution be adopted as amended. Council Member Callahan expressed that he would prefer that the budget be based upon less estimated costs. Mayor Bell spoke on the ceiling millage rate for next fiscal year and the bond possibility. Vice Mayor Loyzelle spoke on the possibility of a five year pro-forma for the future. Town Manager Rafael Casals informed the Council that Town Staff is working on a five year pro-forma for the future. Mayor Bell expressed gratitude to Town Staff for their budget efforts.

At 8:27PM, the motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Mayor Peggy Bell, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Mary Ann Nixon and Council Member Roger Coriat
- No:** 1 - Council Member Michael Callahan

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 08:28PM

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