



Town of Cutler Bay

Town Hall
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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

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Special Town Council Meeting

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

Mayor Peggy Bell called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll with the following Town Council Members present: Council Member Michael Callahan, Council Member Roger Coriat, Council Member Mary Ann Mixon, Vice Mayor Sue Loyzelle and Mayor Peggy Bell. In the absence of Town Manager Ralph Casals, Interim Town Manager Sandra Aronoff was in attendance.

Mayor Bell led the pledge of allegiance and called for a moment of silence for the victims and families involved with the California wildfires.

Mayor Bell welcomed the audience and asked that if they wish to speak they fill out a speaker card. Further Mayor Bell provided the rules of procedure for the meeting.

Council Member Coriat made a motion to allow the public to speak prior to the presentation. The motion received a second from Council Member Callahan.

Mayor Bell called for the vote and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Bell introduced Miami Dade County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava who was in attendance.

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. PRESENTATION

- A.** · Presentation- Miami-Dade County Traffic Study S.W. 87 Avenue Bridge- Frank P. Guyamier, Deputy Director, Engineering, and Darlene M. Fernandez, Assistant Director, Traffic Services, Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works

Frank Guyamier, Deputy Director of Engineering and Darlene Fernandez, Assistant Director Traffic Services, Miami Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works were introduced by Interim Town Manager Sandra Aronoff. They provided information and explained the results of the study on the Miami Dade County Traffic Study regarding the S.W. 87 Avenue Bridge and answered questions from the Town Council.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Bell invited County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava who spoke about traffic and public transportation and the need for more jobs in South Dade.

Mayor Bell invited Palmetto Bay Mayor Eugene Flynn who spoke about their circulator bus and the need for rail service. They spoke about the need for more studies and an environmental assessment.

Mayor Bell opened the public comments and asked that comments be kept to a 2 minute limit.

Tom Condon, Kevin Voitke, William Bell, Barbara Condon, Melanie Nunez, Sandra Wong, Teresa Schuster, Yuniior Santana, Michelle Craven, Edward Verona and Steve Zarzecki spoke in favor of opening the bridge at S.W. 87th Avenue.

Palmetto Bay Mayor Flynn spoke about the role of the County and their failure to provide for transportation needs.

Palmetto Bay Council Member David Singer encouraged working together to expedite the SMART plan.

Joe Bier spoke in concurrence with the need for alternatives to assist with traffic problems.

Deputy Town Clerk Mauricio Melinu read into the record emails received on behalf of the Mayor and Town Council from Barbara Ruiz, Felipe Balthazar, Francisco Amador, Paul Vrooman, Gary Apostolakos, Geraldine Carrillo, Jeanee McJilton, Mariajose Amador, Mike Schuler, Nikki Watarz, Sandra Arthur, Sharon Johnson, Bill Kestel and Susan Lewis.

Loretta Gregory, Steve Turner, Fei Tang, Nils Linfors, Debby Hutchins, Gilbert Viera, Beatriz Herrmann and Kathryn Linfors spoke in opposition of opening the bridge at S.W. 87th Avenue.

Leslie Lamkin asked that the opening of the bridge be tabled until the master plan is complete.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Bell thanked everyone for their comments.

4. RESOLUTIONS

- A.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ON S.W. 87 AVENUE AND URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE ALSO; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the title of the resolution. After discussion by the Town Council a motion was made by Council Member Coriat, seconded by Council Member Callahan, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote. (5-0)

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

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