



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

Monday, December 18, 2017

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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

Vice Mayor Sue Loyzelle called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll with the following in attendance: Council Members Roger Coriat, Michael Callahan and Mary Ann Mixon and Vice Mayor Sue Loyzelle. Vice Mayor Sue Loyzelle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Sue Loyzelle informed the Town Council about the annual Dr. Martin Luther King parade and requested consensus for participation on January 13, 2018. After discussion with the Town Manager regarding requested resources consensus was reached.

Mayor Peggy Bell arrived at 6:38 p.m. and Vice Mayor Sue Loyzelle turned the gavel to Mayor Bell. Mayor Bell requested a moment of silence for the victims and families of the train wreck tragedy in Washington state.

A. Town Center Plaza Next Steps

Town Manager Ralph Casals explained that the Town Council adopted resolutions regarding this project. Subsequently, the Town Council did not adopt a proposed resolution to rescind their previous action. However, the Town Council agreed to step back and review the project before taking further action. As Town Manager, he is now seeking direction as to the will of the Town Council as how to move forward. Mr. Casals introduced George Puig from Kimley Horn and Associates and provided a hand out with a breakdown of the various amenities and the estimated cost associated with each of them.

2. Town Council Questions/ Comments/ Discussion

The Town Council discussed the various amenities and concluded that a major concern is the lack of public involvement and that at previous input meetings, where the project was discussed, the ultimate cost may not have been available or shared adequately. There was also concern that the public may have had misleading information that the project was only a skate park and not a Town Center Plaza with many different features including a skate spot. Mr. George Puig from Kimley-Horn and Associates answered questions for the Town Council and provided further information by discussing perhaps scaling down or eliminating custom options.

There was discussion of bonding multiple projects and the process for doing so. There was discussion of whether the Town Council or the public should select the various amenities to eliminate or keep and how the amenities could be phased in yearly perhaps eliminating the need for a bond. There was discussion about apportioning the soft costs and overhead and the near impossibility of doing that accurately.

After discussion on how to move forward with informational meetings, it was concluded that two additional meetings be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 and Wednesday, January 24, 2018. If at that point a member of the Town Council feels more input is warranted they may speak with the Town Manager.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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