

# **TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER SEAT 1 REPORT** *January 2021*

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## From the Desk of Council Member Robert "BJ" Duncan

#### Dear Residents:

I am committed to operating in a manner that is transparent. Each month, the Town Council has the privilege and honor to represent the Town at various intergovernmental and community meetings, workshops and events that allow us to gain greater insight about the needs of our community. Below you will find a list of the events I attended within the time frame listed.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions about the monthly report via email at <a href="mailto:rduncan@cutlerbay-fl.gov">rduncan@cutlerbay-fl.gov</a> or (305) 234-4262.

## October 15, 2020 - January 13, 2021

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| DATE             | HOST/LOCATION                                       | TOPIC   | MEETING SUMMARY   |
| 10/15 -<br>01/13 | Town of Cutler Bay                                  | Coronavirus Disease<br>2019 (COVID-19)<br>Municipal Updates               | During this time, I have received daily updates<br>from Town Manager Casals on COVID-19. In<br>addition, emails from residents were read and<br>responded accordingly   |
| 10/15 -<br>01/13 | State of Florida<br>and Miami-Dade<br>County        | COVID-19 Executive<br>Orders and Emergency<br>Orders                      | During this time, I have received and reviewed periodic Governor DeSantis Executive Orders, former Mayor Gimenez and Mayor Levine Cava Emergency Orders.  |
| 10/15 -<br>01/13 | Miami-Dade<br>County Emergency<br>Operations Center | COVID-19 Daily<br>Situation Reports and<br>Incident Action Plans          | During this time, I have received and reviewed daily Situation Reports and periodic Incident Action Plans from Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management.  |
| 10/15 -<br>01/13 | Florida<br>Department of<br>Health                  | COVID-19 Florida<br>Department of Health<br>Updates: New Cases<br>Reports | During this time, I have reviewed daily Florida Department of Health Update on Summary of Persons Being Monitored, Persons Under Investigation, and Cases and Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases whom Tested Positive. |
| 10/15 -<br>01/13 | Miami-Dade<br>County                                | Moving to a New Normal<br>Dashboard                                       | During this time, I reviewed daily <i>Moving to a New Normal Dashboard</i> reports issued by former Mayor Gimenez and Mayor Levine Cava.  |
| 10/15            | Town of Cutler Bay                                  | Special Town Council<br>Meeting   | Attended the Town Council Special Meeting to discuss the Brownfield Designation Area (Old Cutler Road) held virtually.  |
| 10/28            | Town of Cutler Bay                                  | Town Council Meeting  | Attended the Town Council Meeting held virtually.   |

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| 10/29 | Town of Cutler Bay                 | 2020 State of the Town<br>Address             | Attended the Town's Annual State of the Town<br>Address delivered by Mayor Tim Meerbott, which<br>was held virtually.   |
| 11/11 | Sandbar Sports<br>Grill            | Veterans Day Breakfast                        | Participated in the Veterans Day Breakfast with Mayor Meerbott and Vice Mayor Callahan.   |
| 11/16 | Town of Cutler Bay                 | DTPW South Corridor<br>RTP Briefing           | Participated in the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) South Corridor Rapid Transit Project Educational Awareness Outreach – Briefings to review status of the project and provide input.   |
| 11/19 | Town of Cutler Bay                 | Franjo Road Roadway<br>Improvement(s) Project | Attended the virtual Franjo Road Roadway Improvement(s) Project First Public Information Session to review project logistics and discuss the construction process with the Town's Project Team. Also, in attendance was Mayor Meerbott and Council Member Coriat. |
| 12/23 | South Dade<br>Government<br>Center | South Dade Meal<br>Giveaway                   | Participated in the South Dade Meal Giveaway sponsored by newly elected Commissioner Cohen Higgins with Council Member Lord, and Council Member Coriat. Also, in attendance was Mayor Levine Cava.  |
| 01/06 | Town of Cutler Bay                 | Town Council Workshop                         | Attended the Town Council Workshop to discuss the Town Advisory Committees held virtually.  |

OTHER NEWS: Join us at the next Youth Council Committee Meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall Community Room Suite 220. Click here to learn about the Youth Council Committee

PLEASE NOTE: The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Please visit our website for additional information at: <a href="https://www.cutlerbay-fl.gov">www.cutlerbay-fl.gov</a>

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## **Our Commitment to Keeping You Informed:**

## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Updates, Information and Resources.

The Town continues to provide updates regarding our operations during the Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19) pandemic through this designated webpage, <a href="https://www.cutlerbay-fl.gov/community/page/covid-19-updates">https://www.cutlerbay-fl.gov/community/page/covid-19-updates</a>. For the most up-to-date information regarding the disease, please visit the Centers for Disease Control, (<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/">https://www.cdc.gov/</a>) and the Department of Health's (<a href="https://www.floridahealth.gov/">http://www.floridahealth.gov/</a>) websites.

### We Can Adapt. We Can Thrive.

The December 8, 2020, Mayor Daniella Levine Cava hosted a virtual press conference with elected leaders, business leaders, and health experts to launch the *We Can, We Will* campaign to promote positive behaviors to fight the spread of COVID-19 over the holidays. The campaign is a collaborative effort by Miami-Dade County, City Mayors, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, businesses and business groups, health leaders, community leaders, and more to share positive messaging about key behaviors to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and celebrate residents and businesses working to keep others safe. For more information visit <a href="https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/resources.page">https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/resources.page</a>

### Free On-Demand Transit Service Launches in Cutler Bay.

On Monday, December 14, the Town of Cutler Bay launched GO Connect, a near door-to-door on-demand public transit service. GO Connect provides residents and visitors with FREE rides, booked through a mobile app to the South Dade Transitway and within the Town. To book a ride, users must download the GO Connect application in the App Store or Google Play and create an account. To learn more about the program visit <a href="https://www.goconnect.miamidade.gov">www.goconnect.miamidade.gov</a> or call (786) 321-5842, Monday to Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### **Members Wanted - Town Advisory Committees.**

As a result of the 2020 General Election, the Town of Cutler Bay is seeking residents to serve on the following Town Advisory Committees:

- Community For A Lifetime Committee
- Education Advisory Committee
- Floodplain Mitigation Plan Committee (Local Business Community)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
- Youth Council Committee

Residents interested in applying to serve on a committee must provide a resume, a list of qualifications or other relevant information (application if required) to the Office of the Town Clerk by 5 p.m. Friday, January 22, 2021.

Inquiries may be directed to the Office of Town Clerk at 305-234-4262, or via email to deastman@cutlerbay-fl.gov

For more information, visit: https://www.cutlerbay-fl.gov/bc/page/members-wanted-town-advisory-committees