



## MAYOR'S REPORT

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### From the Desk of Mayor Tim Meerbott

Dear Residents:

The Town is committed to operating in a manner that is transparent. Each month I have the privilege and honor to represent the Town at various intergovernmental and community meetings, workshops and events that allow me to gain greater insight about the needs of our community. I also learn of best practices that have been implemented by other municipalities and organizations throughout the country that may help to improve the quality of life for residents within the Town. Below, is a brief report of the meetings and events that I attended this month.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions about the monthly report via email at [tmeerbott@cutlerbay-fl.gov](mailto:tmeerbott@cutlerbay-fl.gov) or (305) 234-4262.

#### October 15, 2020 – January 13, 2021

DATE	HOST/LOCATION	TOPIC	MEETING SUMMARY
10/15 – 01/13	Miami-Dade County	Florida League of Cities	Participated in weekly Mayor's Virtually Meeting held by Florida League of Cities.
10/15 – 01/13	Town of Cutler Bay	Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Municipal Updates	During this time, I have received daily updates from Town Manager Casals on COVID-19. In addition, emails from residents were read and responded accordingly.
10/15 – 01/13	State of Florida and Miami-Dade County	COVID-19 Executive Orders and Emergency 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 – 01/13	Miami-Dade County Emergency Operations Center	COVID-19 Daily Situation Reports and 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 – 01/13	Florida Department of Health	COVID-19 Florida Department of Health Updates: New Cases Reports	During this time, I have reviewed daily Florida Department of Health Update on <i>Summary of Persons Being Monitored, Persons Under Investigation, and Cases and Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases whom Tested Positive</i> .
10/15 – 01/13	Miami-Dade County	Moving to a New Normal 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	State of the Town Address Filming	Participated in the 2020 State of the Town video filming with Town Manager Casals.
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 Address (held virtually)	Hosted the State of the Town Address and discussed current Town projects, highlights and a general overview of the last year in Cutler Bay.
11/11	Sandbar Sports Grill	Veterans Day Breakfast	Participated in the Veterans Day Breakfast with Vice Mayor Callahan and Council Member Duncan.
11/16	Town of Cutler Bay	DTPW South Corridor 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.
11/18	Town of Cutler Bay	Public Service Announcement (PSA)	Recorded a PSA to announce the two (2) financial assistance programs the Town is providing for COVID-19 relief (Municipal Housing Assistance Program & Childcare Assistance Program) the Town has established with CARES Act funding.
11/19	Town of Cutler Bay	Franjo Road Roadway 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 Council Member Duncan and Council Member Coriat.
11/20	Cornerstone Church	Turkey Donation Handoff	Participated in the <i>Turkey Donation Handoff</i> with the Town's Police Department personnel, in efforts to distribute groceries and food items to over 400 families for their Thanksgiving meal.
11/25	Town of Cutler Bay	Tri-City Mayors Coalition	Hosted the Tri-City Mayors Coalition Meeting with newly elected Commissioner Kionne McGhee. Also in attendance was Mayor Cunningham, Mayor Corradino, Town Manager Casals, and respective City/Village Managers.
11/25	Town of Cutler Bay	Public Service Announcement (PSA)	Recorded a PSA to remind constituents of the two (2) financial assistance programs the Town is providing for COVID-19 relief, Run-Off Election, Canoe/Kayak Launch, and the On-Demand Mobile App and Service.
12/02	Town of Cutler Bay	Public Service Announcement (PSA)	Recorded a PSA to announce the two (2) financial assistance programs the Town is providing for COVID-19 relief efforts.
12/18	Town of Cutler Bay	Economic Development Council	Participated in the South Miami-Dade Municipality Meeting hosted by the Economic Development Council with Town Manager Casals.
12/23	Lakes by the Bay Park	Public Service Announcement (PSA)	Recorded a PSA to announce the opening of the Canoe/Kayak Launch at Lakes by the Bay Park.
01/06	Town of Cutler Bay	Community Newspapers Facebook Live show	Participated as a Guest Speaker on Michael Miller's– Community Newspapers Facebook Live show and discussed topics such as: Transportation, Town Projects, Future Vision etc.

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01/06	Town of Cutler Bay	Town Council Workshop	Attended the Town Council Meeting held virtually to discuss the Town's Advisory Board Committees.
01/07	Town of Cutler Bay	Public Service Announcement (PSA)	Recorded a PSA to announce the launch of the GO Connect service. See <i>Below</i> .
01/12	Town of Cutler Bay	Meet and Greet – District 8 Commissioner	Met with newly elected Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins to discuss current projects and future expectations with Town Manager Casals.

**OTHER NEWS:** On October 29, 2020, I, Mayor Meerbott, hosted virtually the Annual State of the Town Address. If you were unable to watch the Address, it is available on our website at <https://www.cutlerbay-fl.gov/town-council/page/mayors-annual-state-town-address>

**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: [www.cutlerbay-fl.gov](http://www.cutlerbay-fl.gov)

## 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, <http://cutlerbay-fl.gov/your-community/coronavirus>. For the most up-to-date information regarding the disease, please visit the Centers for Disease Control, (<https://www.cdc.gov/>) and the Department of Health's (<http://www.floridahealth.gov/>) 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 <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/resources.page>

### 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 [goconnect.miamidade.gov](http://goconnect.miamidade.gov) 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: 1) Community For A Lifetime Committee; 2) Education Advisory Committee; 3) Floodplain Mitigation Plan Committee (Local Business Community); 4) Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee; and 5) 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](mailto:deastman@cutlerbay-fl.gov). For more information, visit: <https://www.cutlerbay-fl.gov/bc/page/members-wanted-town-advisory-committees>