



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

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the following were in attendance: Mayor Peggy Bell, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Mary Ann Mixon, Council Member Roger Coriat and Council Member Michael Callahan.

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

A. Discussion on Louise Lockwood Memorial Butterfly Garden (6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

Town Manager Ralph Casals explained that he revisited Whispering Pines Park and is presenting some cost saving measures. Vice Mayor Loyzelle spoke in favor of planting the butterfly garden and would like to have it completed for the July 4 celebration. She requested a consensus at this workshop so that work could begin and will bring the item back for a vote at the June 21, 2017 Town Council meeting. There was discussion regarding the trees and other plants and relocating the plaque to the new location. There was concern regarding the consistent watering of the new plantings. Council Member Mixon suggested that as an alternative

a certificate and scholarship be given to a student annually as an award for service to the community.

Mayor Bell acknowledge two gentlemen in the audience and permitted them to speak. Mr. Adam Skowronski explained the need for all of the planned plantings. Mr. Skowronski spoke in favor of planning the garden and encouraged watering of the plants. There was discussion of getting volunteers to assist in the watering process.

Council Member Callahan suggested that the entire budget, including the rededication plaque be set at \$1,500. Mayor Bell recapped that the total budget would be \$1,500 to move the stone, add a small plaque to rededicate the garden, and a few plants, starting with a smaller area, using the relocated benches and see what the Town Manager can put together for \$1,500. Mayor Bell asked for consensus and there was agreement. Council Member Coriat referred to this as

Phase 1. Vice Mayor Loyzelle asked for consensus as to whether it was agreeable to get donations and it was agreed. Vice Mayor Loyzelle thanked Mr. Skowronski and the staff for their assistance. Mayor Bell requested a few moments of break.

B. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Visioning Workshop (7:00 p.m.)

The meeting reconvened at 7:28 p.m. Town Manager Rafael Casals opened the discussion with an explanation of possible new legislation that may impact revenue and provided the dates and times for future budget workshops for the Town Council.

Council Member Mixon informed the Council of her re-appointment to the Florida League of Cities Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works Legislative Policy Committee.

Town Manager Rafael Casals discussed major projects that will be carried over into the 2017-18 projected budget from last fiscal year, including basketball courts, hardening of Town Center building windows, and a new HVAC unit for the Town Center building. There was discussion on the urban expansion area, the upcoming annexation and basketball court workshop scheduled for July 31, 2017, the Town Center Plaza project, remaining park impact fees, studies on purchase of property cost, and possibly touring vacant properties.

Vice Mayor Loyzelle spoke on the need for a Public Information Officer for the Town. There was discussion about adding a bus stop at the mall, funding for advisory committees and the Deputy Clerk position.

2. Town Council Questions/ Comments/ Discussion

Council Member Coriat suggested each Council member provide a Council Report similar to the Town Manager and Mayor Report to streamline Council Meetings. Vice Mayor Loyzelle spoke in opposition of Council Member reports. Town Manager Rafael Casals will provide a template for Council Members.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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