



# 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, ICMA-CM, CFM*

*Town Clerk Debra E. Eastman, MMC*

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Tuesday, July 3, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. Deputy Town Clerk Mauricio Melinu called the roll. Mayor Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bell called special attention to the members of the Cutler Ridge Woman's Club, and thanked them for their attendance at the meeting.

Vice Mayor Loyzelle arrived at 6:21 PM.

**Present** 4 - Mayor Peggy Bell, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Michael P. Callahan, and Council Member Roger Coriat

**Absent** 1 - Council Member Mary Ann Mixon

**A. Discussion Regarding Miami-Dade County Public Schools**

- Renewal of Interlocal Agreement
- Status of Joint Use Agreement
- School Resource Officer(s)

Mayor Bell provided information on the reasons for the workshop, and spoke on the state mandate for schools to provide school resource officers.

Mayor Bell provided background information on the expiring interlocal agreement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and the difficulties renegotiating with the school district.

There was discussion on the different programs offered at Cutler Bay Middle School and Cutler Bay High School, the amount of funding the schools receive as part of the agreement, school grades, and the cost of adding school resource officers.

Town Attorney Mitchell Bierman provided information on the state mandate for school resource officers, a proposed Memo of Understanding sent to local municipalities by the school district asking them to indemnify the school system, and another proposed Memo of Understanding suggesting the school board pay for school resource officers and the indemnification be mutual. He also explained the Town is under no obligation to pay for school resource officers.

There was discussion on what other local municipalities are proposing to do to provide school resource officers, associated costs to the Town regarding the Interlocal Agreement with the schools, and options on the cost of adding full time officers or strict overtime costs to provide school resource officers from the Town police force.

Police Major Leo Ricelli provided information on the cost of adding five (5) full time officers, and the overtime costs for current officers to provide coverage for school resource officers

There was discussion on the possibility of a Joint Use Agreement with the schools for use of the school basketball courts.

## 2. Town Council Questions/ Comments/ Discussion

There was discussion on reducing the funding of the middle school and high school and which programs to fund, and the possibility of renewing the Interlocal Agreement but for a shorter term.

Town Attorney Mitchell Bierman explained the potential consequences of not renewing the Interlocal Agreement with the school district.

There was discussion about the school district's terms for renewal of the Interlocal Agreement, and the Town's options going forward.

Town Attorney Mitchell Bierman provided information on a proposed Memo of Understanding from the Town of Miami Lakes and the the City of Hialeah Gardens regarding school resource officers, and suggested to wait and see what they negotiate and bring it back to the Council.

There was Council consensus directing the manager not to renew the Interlocal Agreement and remove it from the upcoming budget, to eliminate discussion on a Joint Use Agreement to use the school basketball courts, and not appropriate funds for school resource officers.

Mayor Bell announced the Cutler Bay - Whispering Pines Fourth of July Parade and Celebration.

## 3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.