



Town of Cutler Bay

Town Hall
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Cutler Bay, FL 33189

Meeting Minutes

Town Council

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

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1st Budget Hearing

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

Mayor Peggy Bell called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Council Members Callahan and Coriat were in attendance, along with Vice Mayor Loyzelle and Mayor Peggy Bell. Council Member Mixon was absent.

Mayor Bell and the Town Council congratulated Council Member Coriat and his wife, Jessica, on the birth of their son, David.

Town Manager Ralph Casals discussed the recently vacated position in the Parks Department and his plan to confer with the Parks Director about combining some positions.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Bell opened public comments and there were none.

3. RESOLUTIONS

- A.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 200.065; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the resolution. Town Finance Director Robert Daddario read the TRIM statement as follows: The proposed millage rate of the Town of Cutler Bay for FY 2018-19 of 2.4739 mills per \$1,000 of assessed property value within the Town of Cutler Bay is 11.62% greater than the roll-back rate of 2.2164 mills per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Ad valorem taxes are being increased primarily to help provide for operating expenditures required to maintain current levels of resident services, as well to provide for various improvements to park and public facilities.

Town Manager Ralph Casals reviewed the "millage cost by department" document. There was discussion regarding the cost of the Town Center, number of employees including seasonal staff, contracted services, and the cost of rebuilding Franjo Park.

Council Member Coriat made a motion to adopt a millage rate of 2.4739 per thousand dollars of assessed property value. The motion received a second from Mayor Bell. Town Attorney Mitch Bierman explained that the motion requires a 2/3 vote of the governing body. Finance Director Robert Daddario read the TRIM statement again as above.

Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion failed in a tie vote with Council Member Coriat and Mayor Bell voting in favor and Vice Mayor Loyzelle and Council Member Callahan voting in opposition and Council Member Mixon absent.

Vice Mayor Loyzelle made a motion to adopt a millage rate of 2.3907 per thousand dollars of assessed value. The motion received a second from Council Member Callahan. Finance Director Robert Daddario read the TRIM statement that the fixed rate of 2.3907 is 7.86% greater than the roll back rate. Council Member Coriat and Mayor Bell spoke in opposition to the lower millage rate. Council Member Callahan and Vice Mayor Loyzelle spoke in favor of the lower millage rate.

Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion failed with Council Member Callahan and Vice Mayor Loyzelle voting in favor and Council Member Coriat and Mayor Bell voting in opposition. Council Member Mixon was absent.

Council Member Coriat reintroduced the original motion to adopt a millage of 2.4739 per thousand dollars of assessed value. Council Member Michael Callahan provided the second to the motion. There was discussion about continuing to review the budget including merit increases and benefits for staff. Mayor Bell requested public comments and there were none. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion carried (4-0) with Council Member Mixon absent.

Yes: 4 - Mayor Peggy Bell, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Michael Callahan and Council Member Roger Coriat

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mary Ann Mixon

Mayor Bell called for a five minute break. The meeting resumed at 9:15 p.m. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll. Present were Council Members Coriat and Callahan, Vice Mayor Loyzelle and Mayor Bell. Council Member Mixon was absent.

- B.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE OPERATING AND CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 200.065; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO MAKE EXPENDITURES CONSISTENT THEREWITH AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO MAKE CERTAIN BUDGET AMENDMENTS WITHIN A DEPARTMENT PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL OF THE APPROPRIATIONS IS NOT CHANGED; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the title of the resolution. Vice Mayor Loyzelle discussed the cost of the issuance of cell phones and archiving services vs. a product called Line 2. Town Attorney Mitch Bierman explained the archiving of public records. Mayor Bell opened the public hearing on both items. There were no comments.

The Town Council agreed to review the budget summary pages at this time. Council Member Coriat made a motion to eliminate the window hardening, lobby improvements, security cameras and restroom upgrades from the budget. Council Member Callahan provided a second to the motion. Mayor Bell called for the vote and all were in favor.

Council Member Coriat made a motion to approve the budget resolution as amended by the previous motion and vote for a total budget of \$51,581,678.00. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Loyzelle. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion carried (4-0) with Council Member Mixon absent.

The Town Council discussed action items which they requested that the Town Manager address prior to the second budget hearing, including merit increases and position reassignment and the cost of living increases.

Yes: 4 - Mayor Peggy Bell, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Michael Callahan and Council Member Roger Coriat

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mary Ann Mixon

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ignacio Gutierrez stated that he is opposed to a property tax increase.

Town Council Members provided announcements of upcoming events.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.