



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

Monday, September 17, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

2nd Budget Hearing

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

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll with Council Members Mary Ann Mixon, Michael Callahan and Roger Coriat in attendance, along with Vice Mayor Sue Loyzelle and Mayor Peggy Bell. Mayor Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Bell opened the floor to 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 FINAL 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 both the millage resolution and the budget resolution as they appear on the agenda into the record. Finance Director Robert Daddario read the following TRIM statement: The tentative 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 as to provide for various improvements to park and public facilities.

Town Manager Ralph Casals explained the five meeting journey up to this point, explained the action items requested by the Town Council at the first budget hearing meeting on September 4, 2018, explained the handout of millage cost per department, cost of living increase, employee policy and procedures for implementing merit increases and again recommended the distribution of town phones to key employees for town use along with employing the services of SMARSH to archive text messages. He explained by keeping the proposed millage approximately \$200,000 additional revenue would be generated and would require a super majority vote of the Town Council.

Mayor Bell opened the public hearing. Mr. Leonard Coates spoke about the millage rate and in opposition to an increase. Mr. Ignacio Gutierrez spoke about a second home in Cutler Bay and spoke in opposition to a tax increase. There being no other speakers, Mayor Bell closed the public hearing.

Town Council Members discussed the action items provided by the Town Manager, the proposed and current millage rate, the Line2 service vs. SMARSH archive of text messages, tax increase amount for the average home and the artificial dip into reserves.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Loyzelle to adopt the millage rate of 2.3907. The motion received a second from Council Member Callahan. There was further discussion regarding the millage rate, property values, additional homestead exemption and the cost of doing business. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion failed with Council Member Coriat and Callahan voting in favor along with Vice Mayor Loyzelle and Council Member Mixon and Mayor Bell voting in opposition.

There was discussion regarding a new millage rate proposal that would generate \$100,000 in revenue. Vice Mayor Loyzelle made a motion to adopt a millage rate of 2.4323 mills per \$1,000 of assessed property value which is 9.74% greater than the roll-back rate of 2.2164 mills. The motion received a second from Council Member Mixon. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Peggy Bell, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Mary Ann Mixon and Council Member Roger Coriat

No: 1 - Council Member Michael Callahan

- B.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL 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 Manager Ralph Casals explained that the changes from the first hearing of September 4, 2018 were made to the budget before the Town Council. There was a discussion regarding the text message archiving software proposal and staff cell phones. Vice Mayor Loyzelle made a motion to reduce the line item for cell phones in favor of staff having a second line on their personal cell phone. The motion received a second from Council Member Coriat. Mayor Bell called for the vote and the motion failed with Vice Mayor Loyzelle voting in favor and the remainder of the Town Council voting in opposition (1-4). A motion was made by Council Member Coriat to approve the total budget of \$51,482,178. The motion received a second by Council Member Mixon. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Peggy Bell, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Mary Ann Mixon, Council Member Michael Callahan and Council Member Roger Coriat

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ignacio Gutierrez spoke of about his property tax bill. Javier Giraud spoke about town investment income and town vehicle gasoline. Town Manager Ralph Casals explained the gas procedures.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.