



Town of Cutler Bay

Town Hall
10720 Caribbean Blvd
Cutler Bay, FL 33189

Meeting Minutes Town Council Workshop

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Tim Meerbott

Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle

Council Member Robert "BJ" Duncan

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

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

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

Mayor Meerbott called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll with the following Council Members in attendance: Mayor Tim Meerbott, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Roger Coriat, Council Member Michael Callahan and Council Member Robert "BJ" Duncan.

Mayor Meerbott led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence for fallen police officers.

Present 5 - Mayor Tim Meerbott, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Robert "BJ" Duncan, Council Member Michael P. Callahan, and Council Member Roger Coriat

A. Discussion on Revisiting Annexation

Town Consultant Alex David provided information to the Town Council regarding previous studies done on annexation, the required annexation process, election process and fees involved. Mr. David discussed his experiences with other annexations of municipalities. The Town Council discussed the proposed area of annexation, the value to the Town, timing and length of the process, the expense of an updated annexation report, gauging the opinion of the voters and the areas that are already now being developed. Mayor Meerbott suggested that Council Members work with the Town Manager if they wish to bring this to a Town Council meeting.

Mayor Meerbott called for a short break. The meeting resumed at 6:10 p.m.

B. Discussion on Possible Building Moratorium

Mayor Meerbott gave a statement about the current transportation/traffic problems and pointed out that this might be the time to take a pause to review the Land Development Regulations. Council Member Callahan spoke in favor of moving forward to review inconsistencies, landscaping, building facades and would like to exclude single family homes. Town Attorney Chad Friedman explained that a moratorium would not be a prohibition on development but a temporary pause to study and address issues with some type of solution. He suggested that the Town Council decide the time frame and advised that the time frame could not exceed one year. He suggested a shorter time frame that could be extended, if necessary. Town Attorney Friedman can bring an ordinance forth to a Council Meeting with the consensus of the Town Council.

Council Member Loyzelle expressed her concern with current applications, staffing and would like to exempt types of development relating to the elderly.. Council Member Duncan spoke in favor of the moratorium more for residential property than commercial property. Council Member Coriat stated he would rather focus on commercial development more than residential. There was discussion as to whether the moratorium would apply to commercial or residential and the impact on current applications. It was suggested that the ordinance be crafted to be in effect for three months after the adoption of the ordinance.

2. TOWN COUNCIL QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS/ DISCUSSION

There was no further discussion.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.