



Town of Cutler Bay

Town Hall
10720 Caribbean Blvd
Cutler Bay, FL 33189

Meeting Minutes

Town Council

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

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1st Budget Hearing

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

Mayor Tim Meerbott called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll. Mayor Meerbott led the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk Eastman provided the announcements.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Meerbott opened Public Comments. Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the instructions for participation. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Meerbott closed Public Comments.

3. TOWN COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS, BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Town Council Announcements, Board and Committee Reports.

4. REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no Town Manager's Report.

B. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

There was no Town Attorney's Report.

C. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

There was no Town Clerk's Report.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda.

6. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

There were no Quasi-Judicial Hearings.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Meerbott opened Public Comments. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Meerbott closed Public Comments.

8. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING (NO PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

There were no Ordinances for First Reading Not Requiring a Public Hearing.

9. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

There were no Ordinances for First Reading Requiring a Public Hearing.

10. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)

There were no Ordinances for Second Reading Requiring a Public Hearing.

11. 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, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the title of Resolutions 11A and 11B.

Mayor Meerbott opened the Public Hearing. Town Clerk Eastman read the instructions for participation. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Meerbott closed the Public Hearing.

Town Manager Rafael Casals provided background information on the steps leading to the First Budget Hearing, and introduced Finance Director Robert Daddario to provide information on the changes from the August 26 Budget Workshop.

Finance Director Robert Daddario read the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Statement as follows: The proposed millage rate of the Town of Cutler Bay for FY 2020-21 of 2.6500 mills per \$1,000 of assessed property value within the Town of Cutler Bay is 14.85% greater than the roll-back rate of 2.3073 mills per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Taxes increased primarily to help provide for operating expenditures required to maintain current levels of resident services.

Finance Director Robert Daddario provided information on changes to State Revenue, items moved to the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget, and changes to the Mayor and Town Council, Town Clerk, General Government, Community Development and Special Revenue budgets.

Mayor Meerbott opened up the item for Council discussion. There was discussion on the new planning position, differential according to new revenues, and the amount of tax increase to residents.

A motion was made by Council Member Coriat, seconded by Council Member Duncan, that this Resolution be adopted.

Finance Director Robert Daddario read the TRIM statement as follows: The Town's proposed millage rate for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, is hereby fixed at the rate of 2.6500 Mills per one thousand dollars of assessed property value within the town, which is 14.85% greater than the roll back rate of 2.3073 mills per one thousand dollars of assessed property value.

Town Manager Rafael Casals explained that the proposed millage rate can pass with majority vote this evening, but the final adoption of the proposed millage rate at the Second Budget Hearing would require a unanimous vote.

Mayor Meerbott called for the vote, and the motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Mayor Tim Meerbott, Council Member Robert Duncan and Council Member Roger Coriat

No: 2 - Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle and Council Member Michael Callahan

- 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, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; 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.

Mayor Meerbott opened the item for further discussion.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Coriat, seconded by Council Member Callahan, that this Resolution be adopted.

Finance Director Robert Daddario announced the tentative budget number with changes as \$68,048,404.00.

Mayor Meerbott called for the vote, and the motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Tim Meerbott, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Robert Duncan, Council Member Michael Callahan and Council Member Roger Coriat

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.