



# 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*

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Tuesday, September 22, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 2nd Budget Hearing

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

Mayor Meerbott called the budget hearing being held virtually to order at 7 p.m.

and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Meerbott called for a moment of

silence in honor of deceased Supreme Court Justice Ruth B Ginsberg.

Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and read the instructions to participate

in the meeting. Council Member Duncan joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**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

Town Clerk Debra Eastman provided instructions for those wishing to participate

in public comments. Mr. Peter England, Executive Director of the Economic

Development Council of South Miami Dade requested a sum of support in the

amount of \$10,000. There being no other person wishing to speak, Mayor

Meerbott closed public comments.

#### 3. TOWN COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS, BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports.

#### 4. REPORTS

##### A. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report from the Town Manager.

##### B. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

There was no report from the Town Attorney.

**C. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

There was no report from the Town Clerk.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

**6. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)**

None

(These hearings are scheduled to begin being heard not later than 8:00 P.M.)

All persons addressing the Town Council shall be sworn-in prior to giving testimony and may be subject to cross examination. All persons addressing the Town Council shall state their name and address for the record.

Each party will be limited to a presentation of 20 minutes. This time limitation may be extended by the chair of the meeting.

Any person who wishes to comment on an agenda item which is not under public hearings may be heard at this time and must sign up in advance. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less, as directed by the Presiding Officer. Comments made by members of the public are important to the Town Council. If appropriate, items may be referred to town staff for review and resolution. Speakers will address the Town Council with respect. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

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

None

**9. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)**

None

**10. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)**

None

**11. RESOLUTIONS**

- sA.** 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, 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 item A and then item B. Town Manager Ralph Casals provided background information as well as, information on the various meetings held during this process. Mayor Meerbott opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Finance Director, Robert Daddario read that with the 2.6500 millage rate, the resolution would read, the town's final millage rate for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, be and is hereby fixed at the rate of 2.6500 mills per \$1,000 of assessed property value within the town which is 14.85% greater than the rollback rate of 2.3073 mills per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Mr. Daddario explained updates made to the budget since the last hearing. Vice Mayor Loyzelle suggested moving funds to allow for providing funds to the South Dade Economic Development Council. It was decided that the Town Manager has authority to make that reallocation. Council Member Coriat made a motion to approve the mill rate of 2.6500. The motion received a second from Council Member Duncan. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the motion failed 4-1 as a unanimous vote was required for passage.

Mayor Meerbott suggested a motion to set the rate at 2.6198. Town Manager Ralph Casals explained the impact in total taxes to be raised and that this increase would not require a unanimous vote. Council Member Coriat expressed his frustration in the failure of the last vote. Council Member Callahan expressed his opposition to the failed motion.

Vice Mayor Loyzelle made a motion to set the millage rate at 2.6198. The motion received second from Council member Callahan. Finance Director Robert Daddario read the new TRIM statement that the resolution would read that the town's final mill rate for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, be and is hereby fixed at the rate of 2.6198 mills per \$1,000 of assessed property value within the town, which is 13.54% greater than the rollback rate of 2.3073 mills per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Mayor Tim Meerbott, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Robert Duncan and Council Member Michael Callahan

**No:** 1 - Council Member Roger Coriat

- 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, 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.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Loyzelle, seconded by Council Member Callahan, that this Resolution be adopted. Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll 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**

**Mayor Meerbott thanked the Town Council and staff. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**