



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

Thursday, October 15, 2020

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Town Council Meeting

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

Mayor Meerbott called the Special Town Council Meeting being held virtually to order at 5:19 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the instructions for participation in the virtual meeting.

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 in public comments. Mayor Meerbott recognized Paul Lambert of Miami Wilds a planned project at Zoo Miami, who requested the support of the Town Council and provided some details. Diana Gonzalez also of Miami Wilds spoke in favor of the project and asked for support of the Town Council. There being no one else 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

Town Manager Ralph Casals provided a brief report to the Town Council regarding the recent census reporting which resulted in a 76.6 percent participation and thanked all those who participated.

B. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Mitch Bierman explained that this is a Special Call Town Council Meeting that has just one Resolution on the agenda, and pointed out that it is unusual in that there will be two readings required of this Resolution. The next Town Council Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 28, 2020 where the Council will hear it on second reading.

C. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town Clerk Debra Eastman provided a reminder of the November 3, 2020 Election which includes two seats on the Town Council - Vice Mayor and Council Member Seat 2.

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 and there was no one wishing to speak.

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

There were no ordinances for first reading.

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.

11. RESOLUTIONS

- A.** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, MAKING FINDINGS AND DESIGNATING REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED BY FOLIO NUMBERS 36-6009-005-0015, 36-6009-005-0010, 36-6009-006-0010, 36-6009-006-0012, and 36-6009-006-0011 AS A BROWNFIELD AREA PURSUANT TO SEC. 376.80(2)(A), FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR PURPOSES OF ENVIRONMENTAL REHABILITATION, JOB CREATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE...

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the title of the Resolution. Town Manager Ralph Casals introduced Community Development Director Jared Munster and Town Consultant Rudi Thyn. Mr. Munster explained the process of notifying abutters, explained the area involved and legal advertising, explained the site and what the Brownfield designation will accomplish, the four criteria and the possibility for grants. Mayor Meerbott opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Meerbott closed the public hearing. Council Member Coriat requested a comparison of other Brownfield designations of projects this size and the possible impact this designation might have on adjoining future property values. Attorney Michael Goldstein of the Goldstein Environmental Law Firm provided further information about the impact to surrounding property values and other details. Mayor Meerbott pointed out the possibility of applicable grant funding. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Loyzelle, seconded by Council Member Callahan, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote. (5-0)

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.