

# September 2016 Town Council Meeting



## *From the Desk of Mayor Peggy R. Bell*

The Town is committed to operating in a manner that is transparent. Each month I have the privilege and honor to represent the Town at various intergovernmental and community meetings, workshops and events that allow me to gain greater insight about the needs of our community. I also learn of best practices that have been implemented by other municipalities and organizations throughout the country that may help to improve the quality of life for residents within the Town.

Below, is a brief report of the meetings and events that I attended between July 21 – September 13, 2016.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Host /Location</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Meeting Summary</b>
7/21	Town of Cutler Bay	Economic Growth Committee Meeting	Monthly EGC Meeting’s Guest Speaker was a local marketing expert.
8/02	Cutler Bay Policing Unit/National Association of Town Watch	National Night Out	National Night Out is observed by all fifty (50) United States, U.S. Territories, Canada and U.S. military bases around the world. It is a national effort to promote unity in communities and strengthen relationships between local public safety departments and citizens.
8/06	Town of Cutler Bay	Plaque Rededication	Represented the Town during rededication ceremony of plaque in memory of resident Louis Lockwood at Whispering Pines Park.
8/16	Town of Cutler Bay	Meeting with Community Organization	Attended meeting with Gould’s MAC Chairman J.L. Demps accompanied by the Town Manager.
8/17	Miami-Dade Public School Board Chairman Dr. Lawrence Feldman	8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Backpack and Book Distribution	The Town hosted the school district’s event at the Town Hall Building. Children in attendance received backpacks, books and school supplies, while their parents received important updates to prepare for the new school year. Dr. Feldman and members of the school district were in attendance along with Miami-Dade District 8 Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.

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8/18 – 8/20	Florida League of Cities	90 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	Attended annual conference in Hollywood, FL. The conference included educational workshops, forums to discuss strategies for Florida’s future and best practices in local government.
8/23	Town of Cutler Bay	Meeting with Community Partner	Met with Community Health of South Florida (CHI) CEO, Colonel Brodes Hartley to discuss the services available at CHI and possible opportunities for partnership.
8/24	Town of Cutler Bay/Pinewood Villas	Falls Prevention Workshop	The Town partnered with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs to offer a Falls Prevention Workshop. I represented the Town during the event accompanied by Council Member and CFAL Liaison Sue Ellen Loyzelle.
8/24	Town Hall Building	Upcoming Legislation	Meeting with Town Manager and Town Attorney to discuss upcoming legislation and its impact on the Town.
8/27	City of Hallandale Beach	Meeting with State and Federal Elected Officials	Represented the Town during a meeting with Senator Graham, Senator Nelson, Senator Kaine, and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz.
8/27	Palmetto Bay Golf Course	Annual Cutler Bay Golf Tournament	Represented the Town during annual Cutler Bay Golf Tournament. The Town raised over \$5,000 for the Cutler Bay Community Fund as a result of this event.
8/29	Town of Cutler Bay	Aquatic Center Public Involvement Meeting	Attended public involvement meeting to hear first-hand many of the community’s ideas for the renovation of the pool at Cutler Ridge Park.
8/30	Miami-Dade County Government Center	Meeting with County Elected Official	Represented the Town during a meeting with Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez.
8/31	Town Hall Building	Meeting with Federal Elected Official	Represented the Town during a meeting with Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen accompanied by the Town Manager.
8/31	Town of Cutler Bay	Budget Workshop	Attended the third (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Budget Workshop held by the Town to develop the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Town Budget.
9/01	Town of Cutler Bay	Open Mic Night	The Town hosted its final “Open Mic Night” of 2016. “Open Mic Nights” are held twice a year to provide residents with the opportunity to share ideas and identify areas for improvement with the Town Manager, Department Heads and Elected Officials.

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9/06	Concerned Citizen's	Candidate Forum	Attended Candidate Forum for the upcoming Cutler Bay Elections that will be held in November.
9/07	Community Organization Meeting	Queen Bees Women's Organization	Attended monthly meeting to learn more about the work of this local organization.
9/08	South Florida Water Management District	Board Meeting	Represented the Town as we were honored to receive a Proclamation from the SFWMD for our dedication to protecting the water supply of Miami-Dade County. I was accompanied by the Town Manager.
9/08	Town of Cutler Bay	Traffic Calming Master Plan Kick-Off Meeting	The Town of Cutler Bay is developing a Traffic Calming Master Plan to improve the safety of our roadways. The Town will host three (3) additional Public Involvement Meetings starting on September 28, 2016.
9/11	Baptist Hospital	Old Cutler Run Club	Represented the Town during the tri-city inaugural event to kick of the Old Cutler Run Club.
9/13	Town of Cutler Bay	Budget Hearing	Attended the first Budget Hearing to allow residents to provide input on the proposed 2016-17 Town Budget.

*Feel free to contact me if you have questions about the monthly report via email at [pbell@cutlerbay-fl.gov](mailto:pbell@cutlerbay-fl.gov) or (305)234-4262.*

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