

October 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 September 14 - October 8, 2016.

Date	Host /Location	Topic	Meeting Summary
9/15	Town of Cutler Bay	Economic Growth Committee Meeting	Town Manager, Rafael Casals served as the Guest Speaker. He briefed the Committee on his experience and lessons learned during the 2016 International Council of Shopping Centers Florida Conference.
9/15	State Representative Kionne McGhee	Meeting on Gun Violence	Attended meeting organized by Representative McGhee. During the meeting community leaders and elected officials discussed concerns about Gun Violence and possible interventions.
9/16	Chamber of Commerce South	Transportation Committee Meeting	Represented the Town in exploring solutions to address traffic concerns in South Miami Dade County. Discussed the SMART plan and efforts to bring mass transit to the transit way (formerly the busway).
9/16	Commissioner Daniella Levine-Cava (District 8)	South Dade Meeting of Mayors (MOM)	Represented the Town during the South Dade Meeting of Mayors (MOM) hosted by Commissioner Daniella Levine-Cava. Discussed the County's Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.
9/17	Cutler Ridge Soccer Club	Opening Ceremony	Represented the Town during the opening ceremony for the 2016-17 Soccer Season. The Cutler Ridge Soccer Club is one of Florida's oldest soccer programs serving approximately 450 youth per year.

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9/19	Miami Dade Women Mayors Coalition	Monthly Meeting	Attended regularly scheduled meeting. Miami Dade Women Mayors Coalition consists of the eight (8) Mayors currently serving municipalities in Miami-Dade County.
9/21	Town of Cutler Bay	Town Council Meeting	Regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting held at Town Hall.
9/22	Town Hall Meeting	Florida City Gas	Hosted Town Hall Meeting to address community concerns regarding the natural gas line improvements being performed by Florida City Gas (FCG). FCG is relocating over 16 miles of gas mains located in rear easements within Cutler Bay. The project is expected to be completed by July 2017.
9/23	JW Marriot Marquis Hotel - Miami	Award Ceremony	Represented the Town during an event honoring County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.
9/24	HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center	Super Community Fair	Presented HealthSouth with a Town Proclamation in recognition of National Rehabilitation Week which took place September 18th to September 24th, 2016. Councilmember Susi Loyzelle joined me during the presentation.
9/27	Town of Cutler Bay	Budget Hearing	Attended the second (2 nd) Budget Hearing held by the Town finalize the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Town Budget.
9/28	Cutler Ridge Park	Traffic Calming Master Plan Public Involvement Meeting	The Town of Cutler Bay is developing a Traffic Calming Master Plan to improve the safety of our roadways. This was the first of three (3) Public Involvement Meetings. The next meeting is scheduled 7:00 pm on Wednesday, 10/26 at Whispering Pines Elementary School.
9/29	YMCA	Pink Tea	Represented the Town during this special event to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
9/30	Burlington Store (Cutler Bay)	Grand Opening Ceremony	Represented the Town during Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Burlington also presented the Town with a generous donation to support local Cutler Bay Schools. Burlington has created approximately 140 jobs for this community. Vice Mayor Sochin, the Town Manager and staff joined me at this event.

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9/30	Chamber of Commerce South	Awards Ceremony	Represented the Town during a networking event and award ceremony hosted by Chamber South.
10/4	Concerned Citizen's	Candidate Forum	Attended Candidate Forum for the upcoming Cutler Bay, County and State Elections that will be held in November.
10/5	Whispering Pines Elementary School	National Walk to School Day	Joined PTSA President Stephanie Tazi and Principal Tamela Brown in welcoming students and parents who walk to school.
10/5	Town Hall Community Room	Hurricane Matthew Preparedness	Represented the Town during an emergency meeting organized by Representative Kionne McGhee. The Meeting was attended by South Dade Elected Officials and Community Leaders to discuss emergency operations ahead of Hurricane Matthew and available resources to assist with recovery once the Hurricane has passed.
10/6 – 10/8	All Event Canceled	Hurricane Matthew	All Town sponsored events and activities were cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew. The Town Hall Building closed on 10/5 at 5:00 pm and reopened on 10/7.

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

For more information about Town Sponsored Events, please view the Calendar on our website at www.cuterbay-fl.gov.