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Calendar of Meetings and Events

Council Workshop - Lakes by the Bay Park and Proposed Land Acquisition and Management

Monday, June 1st at 4:00 p.m., Town Hall, 10720 Caribbean Blvd., Suite 105

Town Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m., South Dade Regional Library, 10750 SW 211th ST, 1st Floor

Special Election

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Special Council Meeting

Monday, June 29th at 4:30 p.m., Town Hall, 10720 Caribbean Blvd., Suite 105

*This e-newsletter from the **Town of Cutler Bay** offers you a brief update of what is going on in the Town. We hope you will find this information valuable and we welcome any suggestions to improve it. If you know of other people that would like to receive the Town's e-Brief, please contact us at townclerk@cutlerbay-fl.gov or download an e-mail opt-in form from our website, www.cutlerbay-fl.gov.*

Special Election Timeline

The following is a timeline of the schedule of tasks that will be performed by the Miami-Dade Elections Department:

Week of May 31 – June 6: Second Notice of Special Election shall be advertised

June 25: All Mail-in ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections of Miami-Dade County by 7 pm (2700 NW 87 Ave.)

June 26: Final Canvassing of ballots

June 29 Special Council Meeting requested - The Elections Department requires the Town Council to formally certify the results in order for the post-audit to be performed (post-audit is a new State mandate)

PLEASE NOTE: There will **not** be a ballot drop-off box at Town Hall. All ballots must be sent to or delivered to Miami-Dade County Elections, 2700 NW 87th Avenue.



Brief Legislation from the May 12, 2009 Special Council Meeting

- Adopted Resolution 09-37 opposing Senate Bill 360 and requesting the governor to veto the bill.

Brief Legislation from the May 20, 2009 Town Council Meeting:

- Adopted Resolution 09-38 awarding a contract to Auto Electric Service for vehicle repair and maintenance.
- Adopted Resolution 09-39 approving agreement with Tasco Plumbing for paving and drainage improvements in the Saga Bay area.
- Adopted Resolution 09-40 approving agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates to provide construction phase services for the Cutler Ridge Elementary School area paving and drainage improvements projects.
- Adopted Resolution 09-41 authorizing the issuance of five separate invitations to bid for roadway resurfacing improvements provided by funding made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- Adopted Resolution 09-42 approving an Interlocal agreement between the Town and Miami-Dade Transit Agency for federal funding for the installation of bus shelters and additional ADA compliance work.
- Approved Ordinance 09-12, on second reading, an ordinance amending Ordinance 06-22 entitled "Purchasing" revising contacts considered permissible under the Town Cone of Silence.



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Special Election – Mail-in Ballot

Miami-Dade County will hold a Special Mail-In Ballot Election on June 25th, 2009 relating to Cutler Bay and several other municipalities. The special election for Cutler Bay will consist of two proposed charter amendments. Mail-in Ballots will be sent to all Cutler Bay registered voters on June 5th, 2009. Completed Mail-in ballots must be received by the Miami-Dade County Elections Department (Doral) by no later than 7:00 PM on June 25th, 2009.

Below you will find information that will assist you on what to expect in the Mail-in ballot:

What is the first charter amendment on the Mail-in Ballot?

Compliance with Future Elections Laws and Policies

The Town Charter currently provides for qualification periods for candidates for Town elections that may only be altered by amending the Charter. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to allow the Town to alter those qualifying periods by ordinance if necessary to comply with changes to state or federal law or to the policies of the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections office. Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

What does this charter amendment mean?

This charter amendment would allow the Town to change qualifying periods for its elections by ordinance whenever necessary in order to comply with changes to state or federal law or to the policies of the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections office. This will save Town residents money, as it will be less expensive to hold an election at the same time as the County. Currently, a change in qualifying periods for elections can only be done by amending the Town of Cutler Bay Charter.

What is the second charter amendment on the Mail-in Ballot?

Eliminating Requirement that Town Contract and Pay Separately for Specialized Police Services with Miami-Dade County

The Town Charter currently provides that the Town is required to contract with and pay for specialized police services from Miami-Dade County. It is proposed that the Charter be amended to eliminate the requirement to pay additional fees for the services and to eliminate the “favored nation” status for specialized police services. Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

What does this charter amendment mean?

Subsequent to negotiations with the effected municipalities, the Miami-Dade County Commission passed a resolution in November 2008, which eliminated the need for new municipalities to separately contract with the County and pay the county for specialized police services such as homicide, robbery, canine unit and crime lab services among others. The County will continue to provide such services to the Town without any contract or additional charge.

Does this mean that the Town is decreasing in Police services?

No, the current level of police services will remain the same.

Does this mean that the cost of Police Services to the Town will decrease?

No, the current cost of police services will remain the same due to the fact that the Town had negotiated an end to these charges, which went into effect last year.

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