

TOWN OF CUTLER BAY

Mayor Paul S. Vrooman
Vice-Mayor Edward P. MacDougall
Councilmember Timothy J. Meerbott
Councilmember Ernest N. Sochin
Councilmember Peggy R. Bell

Town Attorney Mitchell Bierman
Town Attorney Chad Friedman
Town Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria
Town Manager Steve Alexander

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LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY AGENDA

Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 7:00 PM
South Dade Regional Library
10750 SW 211th ST, 1st Floor
Cutler Bay, Florida 33189

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

II. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND DEFERRALS

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – January 21, 2009

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 33-124 "STANDARDS" RELATING TO OFF STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR FURNITURE STORES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES 286.0105, THE TOWN HEREBY ADVISES THE PUBLIC THAT IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THIS COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT ITS MEETING OR HEARING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THE AFFECTED PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. THIS NOTICE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE CONSENT BY THE TOWN FOR THE INTRODUCTION OR ADMISSION OF OTHERWISE INADMISSIBLE OR IRRELEVANT EVIDENCE, NOR DOES IT AUTHORIZE CHALLENGES OR APPEALS NOT OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY LAW.

**TOWN OF CUTLER BAY
LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 21, 2009, 7:00 PM
South Dade Regional Library
10750 Southwest 211th Street, 1st Floor
Cutler Bay, Florida 33189

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:05 p.m. Present were the following chartered officials:

Councilmember Peggy R. Bell
Councilmember Timothy J. Meerbott
Councilmember Ernest N. Sochin
Vice Mayor Edward P. MacDougall
Mayor Paul S. Vrooman

Town Attorney Mitchell Bierman
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Town Manager Steven Alexander

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: There was no Pledge of Allegiance at this time.

III. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND DEFERRALS: None at this time.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Meerbott made a motion approving the minutes of meeting of November 18, 2008. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bell and adopted by a unanimous voice vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Bell, Meerbott, Sochin, Vice Mayor MacDougall and Mayor Vrooman voting Yes.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

The clerk read the following ordinance by title:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCES 08-11 AND 08-12 TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTENSION TO THE MORATORIUMS ON DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR A TERM; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

There was no public hearing at this time.

Councilmember Sochin made a motion to adopt staff's recommendation to approve. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor MacDougall and approved by unanimous 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Bell, Meerbott, Sochin, Vice Mayor MacDougall and Mayor Vrooman voting Yes.

The clerk read the following ordinance by title:

- B.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT WITHIN THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The mayor opened the public hearing. There were no speakers. The mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Sochin made a motion to adopt staff's recommendation to approve. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor MacDougall and approved by unanimous 5-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilmembers Bell, Meerbott, Sochin, Vice Mayor MacDougall and Mayor Vrooman voting Yes.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, CMC
Town Clerk*

*Adopted by the Town Local Planning Agency
on this 20th day of May, 2009.*

Paul S. Vrooman, Mayor

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Steven Alexander, Town Manager

Date: May 11, 2009

Re: **Off-street parking requirements**

Town Planning Staff expresses its desire to amend the requirements for off-street parking for Furniture Showrooms within the Town Code.

Comprehensive review of off-street parking requirements indicates the current code requires excessive spaces. Jurisdictions across the nation and in South Florida are promoting sustainable development actions, by providing for a lower minimum off-street parking requirement for furniture showrooms in recognition of their lower trip generation standards. Because the amount of parking is based on square footage, furniture showrooms, which provide multiple rooms replicating residential living areas, are forced to provide excessive amounts of parking. This places an extra-ordinary burden on the off-street parking counts. The current law requires 3 parking spaces for the first 2,500 sq. ft. of gross floor area.

The proposed ordinance, amending Chapter 33, Article VII. Off-Street Parking; Section 33-124, has been prepared to allow furniture showrooms to provide parking based on one parking space per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area, with a minimum of five spaces.

If in the future the property use becomes a different use type, the parking standard will change to the ratio required for that use.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff finds the reduction in parking spaces required for furniture showrooms to be beneficial for the Town and will promote open and landscaped space rather than paved parking areas. Staff recommends Town Council approve the amendment.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 33-124 “STANDARDS” RELATING TO OFF STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR FURNITURE STORES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Cutler Bay (the “Town”) Town staff and consultants are currently drafting new land development regulations to govern development within the Town, which include, but are not limited to, off street parking requirements; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the Town’s current off street parking requirements for furniture stores, Town staff has determined that such regulations were in need of updating and modifications; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, sitting as the Local Planning Agency, has reviewed this Ordinance at a duly noticed meeting on May 20, 2009, and recommended its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby finds and declares that adoption of this Ordinance is necessary, appropriate, and advances the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS¹:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That the recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Amendment to Section 33-124 of the Town Code. The Town Council hereby amends Section 33-124 of the Town Code as follows:

Sec. 33-124. Standards.

Off-street parking shall be provided in accordance with the following minimum standards:

(h) *Commercial:*

¹ Coding: underlined words are additions to existing text, ~~struck through~~ words are deletions from existing text, **shaded** text reflects changes made from First Reading.

(3) Furniture showrooms shall be provided ~~three (3)~~ one (1) parking spaces ~~for the first twenty five hundred (2,500) square feet per 1,000 square foot of gross floor area, or fractional part thereof, and one (1) parking space for each additional five hundred (500) square feet of gross floor area or fractional part thereof with a minimum of 5 spaces.~~ When such a use is located within any BU District, the site plan submitted to the Department shall illustrate future parking spaces based on a calculation of ~~one (1) parking space for each two hundred fifty (250) square feet of gross floor area or fractional part thereof, which shall be provided in the event the furniture use is discontinued.~~ The lot area reserved for future parking spaces shall remain unencumbered with any structures and shall be landscaped. However, this landscaped area shall not be credited toward the minimum required open space. Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Use and Occupancy for any use other than a furniture store, the property owner must provide the required number of parking spaces for the intended use as provided elsewhere in the article.

Section 3. **Conflicts.** All ordinances or Code provisions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. **Severability.** The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 5. **Inclusion in the Code.** It is the intention of the Town Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of the Town of Cutler Bay; that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intentions; and that the word "Ordinance" shall be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word.

Section 6. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption on second reading.

PASSED on first reading this ____ day of _____, 2009.

PASSED and ADOPTED on second reading this _____ day of _____, 2009.

PAUL S. VROOMAN, Mayor

Attest:

ERIKA GONZALEZ-SANTAMARIA, CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE
SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY:

WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN PASTORIZA
COLE & BONISKE, P.L.
Town Attorney

Moved By:
Seconded By:

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Paul S. Vrooman _____

Vice Mayor Edward P. MacDougall _____

Councilmember Peggy R. Bell _____

Councilmember Timothy J. Meerbott _____

Councilmember Ernest N. Sochin _____