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**News from the Town of Cutler Bay**  
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### **Town Hosts ASPA Best Practices Conference**

CUTLER BAY, FL  
February 7, 2018 – On Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> the Town hosted the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Best Practices Conference. Town Hall was buzzing as over 100 professionals and public administration students from all over South Florida came together to share best practices and lessons learned in public administration. Town Hall was converted into a convention center, hosting panels all around the building. A few day's hot panel topics; innovation, transit, disaster preparedness and recovery, and ethical governance.



Mayor Peggy R. Bell and Town Manager Rafael Casals both served as panelists to share their experiences and advice with fellow public administrators. “It was truly an honor to be among such dedicated and intelligent professionals from the public, non-profit, and private sectors. As public servants, we constantly strive to provide the best service possible for our residents. This Conference was a wonderful opportunity to share ideas and learn from one another. I look forward to growing more with my fellow colleagues,” stated Mayor Peggy R. Bell.

Not only did this event serve as a meeting of the minds for practitioners, but it gave public administration students from local universities the opportunity to network and gain insight from seasoned professionals. “Hosting the Best Practices Conference was a great opportunity to showcase all the Town has to offer. I am very proud of Town Staff for being able to turn the Town Hall into a convention center, hosting panels throughout the building for breakout sessions. Being a panelist with fellow City Managers was humbling and exciting to share stories, advice, and

lessons learned with the next generation of public administrators. I am honored that ASPA chose the Town to host this conference, and I'm proud of the work our Town Staff does everyday to make the Town a great place to live, work, and play and I look forward to hosting more conferences at Town Hall in the future," stated Town Manager Rafael G. Casals.

*About ASPA:* ASPA is the largest and most prominent professional association for public administration. It is dedicated to advancing the art, science, teaching and practice of public and non-profit administration. The South Florida Chapter of ASPA is one of the most active chapters in the country and has several members who serve in national leadership roles. To learn more about ASPA, South Florida Chapter please visit [www.aspasouthfl.org](http://www.aspasouthfl.org) or call (786) 222-1512

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