



City of Margate

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Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz
Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio
Commissioners:

Anthony N. Caggiano, Tommy Ruzzano, Joanne Simone

City Manager Cale Curtis
Interim City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Joanne Simone, Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio and Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz

Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioners all attended in person.

City Manager Curtis attended in person.

Interim City Attorney Tolces attended in person.

City Clerk Kavanagh attended in person.

MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) PRESENTATION(S)

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

A. [ID 2021-373](#) LORI MARRERO, POLICE SERGEANT - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 25 YEARS

ANTHONY SCLAFANI, POLICE SERGEANT - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 25 YEARS

FRANCES RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF CHEMIST - ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - 20 YEARS

ALAIN BANATTE, POLICE LIEUTENANT - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 15 YEARS

STACIE BETH SLADEK, UTILITY SERVICE - UTILITY BILLING - 15 YEARS

EMMANUEL JEAN BAPTISTE, ASSOCIATE ENGINEER - ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - 10 YEARS

PROCLAMATION

- B. [ID 2021-406](#) NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 15, 2021

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO read the proclamation on this Item.

MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ asked to move up Item 6A.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission to move up Item 6A.

6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2021-397](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A DONATION OF A LITTLE FREE LIBRARY TO BE LOCATED AT DAVID PARK IN THE GEORGE MUDD PLAYGROUND AREA FROM GIRL SCOUT TROOP 12404; PROVIDING FOR OWNERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR FINAL APPROVAL BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-077

This Item was heard immediately after the Proclamation.

The motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Vice Mayor Arserio, that this Resolution, should be approved.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 12404, CO-LEADER, RACHEL ROBINSON-HUNLEY spoke on this Item.

Discussion ensued.

This carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Arserio and Mayor Schwartz

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

MARILYN A. KNEELAND, 7955 NW 5TH CT, represented Keep Margate Green and discussed a meeting on September 10th where they met with the owner of the Executive Golf Course, Mr. Fimiani.

JULIE JONES, 7871 NW 1ST STREET, thanked Interim City Attorney Tolces for

attending the 9/11 Memorial. She was disappointed to learn of Kodak Black's appearance at the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Covered Sports Field event.

RICH ALIANIELLO, 7631 NW 23RD STREET, spoke about the demolished fire station on Rock Island Road.

JEAN E. KAPLAN, 601 NW 80TH AVENUE, ORIOLE GARDENS PHASE II referenced the golf course and keeping their space clean and green.

SUSAN HOFFMANN, ORIOLE GOLF & TENNIS PHASE II, 1030 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, complimented the new Covered Sports Field Complex. She referenced Keep Margate Green and discussed a recent meeting pertaining to the golf course. She questioned why sections of a nearby canal were never mowed.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS explained that the canal was controlled by Coral Springs' Improvement District which was a Sunshine Water Control District. He confirmed that the City would make contact with them as both sides were not controlled by Margate.

EXECUTIVE GOLF COURSE OWNER, MIKE FIMIANI discussed continued misinformation being spread pertaining to the golf course and zoning change.

VICE MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO responded to Mr. Fimiani's comments.

ELSA J. SANCHEZ, 6930 NW 15TH STREET, heard that the Covered Sports Field was magnificent and she was unable to attend the CRA event. She questioned whose idea it was to invite rap artist, Kodak Black and read a statement opposing his attendance.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO responded to Ms. Sanchez's comments.

COMMISSIONER TOMMY RUZZANO responded to Ms. Sanchez's comments.

Discussion ensued on Kodak Black's attendance.

LAUREN BERACHA, 6950 NW 14TH PLACE, suggested that the residents should vote on the City's Mayor and Vice Mayor positions.

JULI VAN DER MEULEN, 2913 NW 68 LN. discussed comments made on the golf course.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO said that the hurricane season was entering its most active period and asked people to be alert and to stay safe.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE congratulated Hispanic Americans for all their wonderful contributions for the City and Country. She referenced the color schemes of promotional material of City events and requested if these could be reviewed as they overshadowed the wording which made it difficult to read.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO participated in the Dads and Donuts giveaway. He questioned the history behind the name of Chevy Chase's Plaza and whether it had a meaning or sentimental value.

Discussion ensued on the Chevy Chase Plaza.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO indicated that he would like a dedicated day for walk-through permits such as roofs and air-conditioning swap outs and advised that he had already discussed this initiative with Building Director Richard Nixon. He found difficulties finding the Building Department's new software, Project Dox, on the website. He indicated that any form of remodeling in a house would require an update of all fire alarms and queried whether the owner could sign some form of affidavit as it was too costly to hire an electrician. He wished that they got rid of the Transit Oriented Corridor (TOC) when they were doing their Comprehensive Plan and referenced a failed housing development project on the south end of Margate.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE referenced the Project Dox software and said that she advised City Manager Curtis of a program which Oakland Park used called the Queueless Electronic Scheduling system which had multiple functions.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO wished Mayor Schwartz a Happy Birthday.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO referenced Project Dox software and changing fire alarms and suggested that there should be a list of common things added to the software when pulling a permit, such as renovating a bathroom.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that he could work with Building Director Nixon to put together frequently used applications and a check list that would help homeowners and contractors.

Discussion ensued on the suggested check list.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO said that he would like to have a Review Board with maybe seven or nine members that consists of the City Commission, a few residents, contractors and people in Marketing depending on what they were reviewing. He indicated that the select group of people could report back to the Review Board. He proposed having some form of Review Committee to look at the City's website permitting and any other new software that was introduced to the City.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS said that he could review some best practices for that and report back to the City Commission on potential Committees for internal/external members or a combination of both.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO appreciated input received from residents and discussed the CRA's Covered Sports Field event. He said that the CRA team did an incredible job and suggested small improvements that could be made. He said that he was still receiving complaints about the Charter School and asked City Manager Curtis if he was able to set up a meeting with Coral Springs.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS indicated that both he and Chief of Police Shaw experienced the traffic problems at Coral Bay. He advised that Chief of Police Shaw had been in communication with Coral Springs' Chief of Police, Clyde Perry but was yet to organize a meeting. He said that he would follow up with the Chief of Police Shaw to obtain a report.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO referenced the Carolina Golf Course's Magistrate's hearing on September 28th and questioned if they were planning to do a quick evaluation prior to that meeting. He forewarned people against fake news, fake news groups and fake political action committees on social media sites and the internet, especially around election time. He provided his telephone number for residents to contact him if they had any

questions.

MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ received complaints and made comments about the Carolina Golf Course's grass. She thanked Parks and Recreation and everyone else who was involved and attended last Saturday's CRA Covered Sports Complex event. She said the Spring Clean-up could possibly be held at that vicinity later in the year. She reminded everyone of October's Sounds at Sundown and wished a Happy 100th Birthday to Frank Gallaudet.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES wished Mayor Schwartz a Happy Birthday and his office had been busy working with City staff on various development issues that were pending, notably Code Enforcement pertaining to Special Magistrates hearings. He thanked the City for the opportunity and said it was great to be here in Margate.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CURTIS thanked Parks and Recreation and Communications and Marketing team for putting together the amazing grand opening event of the CRA's Covered Sports Field and advised that it was organized in less than 30 days.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO highlighted the attraction of the Covered Sports Field and he informed that a couple of elected officials would like to take a tour of the facility.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS mentioned a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant of \$50,000 for additional shading at the Dog Park and said he would authorize Parks and Recreation Director, Mike Jones, to proceed unless the City Commission had any objection.

Discussion ensued on the type of shade covering.

The City Commission had no objection.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS highlighted that the Fall Festival would be on October 23rd at Margate Sports Complex. He said that September 26th would end the long time relationship with the City of Coconut Creek for Fire services and that they would be transitioning to their own department. He stated that Margate was not less safe and that they would continue to be fully covered for their operational needs. He said that there were 35 firefighters from Margate that would be transitioning to Coconut Creek. He publicly thanked them for their years of service at the City and read an email expressing his gratitude which he shared with the firefighters.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO thanked City Manager Curtis for the update on the Fire Department. He wished the firefighters and Coconut Creek the best. He questioned when the pedestrian walkway on Winfield Boulevard Bridge would commence.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS confirmed that it was approved for design work but he would follow up with a status report.

Discussion ensued including having a garden club of some sort with reference to a design for Linear Park on Rock Island Road and tweaking the marketing.

5) CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine and the recommendation will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired by the Commission, the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. Anyone wishing to comment on any item on the Consent Agenda should approach the podium now. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.

- A. [ID 2021-398](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES: JULY 21, 2021, CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP; AUGUST 18, 2021, REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING.

APPROVED

- B. [ID 2021-376](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROWARD COUNTY AND CITY OF MARGATE FOR PREPARATION, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ADMINISTRATION BY BROWARD COUNTY OF THE CITY OF MARGATE'S STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) PROGRAM FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S FISCAL YEARS 2019-2020, 2020-2021, AND 2021-2022; PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTION COMMITTEE (AHAC); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-069

APPROVED

- C. [ID 2021-388](#) RESOLUTION - REJECTING ALL SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED FOR BID NO. 2021-009 - SUPPLY AND INSTALL EATON 93PM UPS SYSTEM; DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXPLORE AN ALTERNATE METHOD OF ACQUISITION; PROVIDING FOR UTILIZATION OF AN EXISTING GOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT OR ENTERING INTO A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT DIRECTLY WITH THE MANUFACTURER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-070

APPROVED

- D. [ID 2021-389](#) RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA TO JOIN WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE FLORIDA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND FORMAL AGREEMENTS IMPLEMENTING A UNIFIED PLAN FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION, MDL NO. 2804 (N.D. OHIO); DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND THE FLORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-071

APPROVED

- E. [ID 2021-395](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, FOR PARTIAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT WINFIELD PARK WITH A \$0 MATCH BY THE CITY OF MARGATE.

RESOLUTION 21-072

APPROVED

- F. [ID 2021-396](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, FOR PARTIAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT CORAL GATE PARK WITH A \$0 MATCH BY THE CITY OF MARGATE.

RESOLUTION 21-073

APPROVED

- G. [ID 2021-402](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARGATE AND THE MARGATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR CONTRIBUTION, SERVICES AND COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR FROM THE MARGATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,346,018; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-074

APPROVED

- H. [ID 2021-404](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING A DONATION OF \$3,000.00 TO “THE BROWARD VICTIM’S RIGHTS COALITION”; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND.

RESOLUTION 21-075

COMMISSIONER CAGGIANO said he believed that both of these contributions from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund were great ideas.

APPROVED

- I. [ID 2021-405](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING A DONATION OF \$4,000.00 TO “THE MARGATE POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM POST #97”; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND

RESOLUTION 21-076

APPROVED

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Arserio, seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Arserio and Mayor Schwartz

6) RESOLUTION(S) (Continued)

- B.** [ID 2021-378](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING WAIVING OF BIDDING FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF AQUAHAWK 607A BULK LIQUID COAGULANT FROM HAWKINS, INC. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES (DEES) FOR THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$300,000 PER YEAR; PROVIDING FOR ONGOING PURCHASE SO LONG AS THE VENDOR REMAINS THE SOLE SOURCE FOR THE ITEM SPECIFIED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-078

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Arserio, seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, that this Resolution, should be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Arserio and Mayor Schwartz

- C.** [ID 2021-379](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING WAIVING OF BIDDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES (DEES) FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF JAEGER POLYPROPYLENE MEDIA PACKING FOR THE ODOR CONTROL TOWERS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FROM TSC-JACOBS, INC.; PROVIDING THAT AMOUNT OF CONTRACT IS NOT TO EXCEED \$36,500 IN ACQUISITIONS UNDER THE WAIVER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

RESOLUTION 21-079

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Arserio, seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, that this Resolution, should be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Arserio and Mayor Schwartz

- D.** [ID 2021-403](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A TWO PERCENT (2.0%) BASE WAGE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, FOR ALL NON-BARGAINED PERSONNEL.

RESOLUTION 21-080

A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Vice Mayor Arserio, that this Resolution, should be approved.

MS. BERACHA sought clarification who the pay rise was for.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS confirmed that the base wage would include all non-bargaining and part-time personnel, as well as Senior Management and City Commissioners.

MS. BERACHA continued to discuss the increase.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ made a statement on the pay increase and Step plan.

Discussion ensued on Margate's 2% wage increase and consideration for this and the Step plan.

TRACY VAN WINKLE, 1020 SW 61ST AVENUE, believed that former City Commissioners' pay rises were not tied into Margate's pay increase structure.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO responded to Ms. Van Winkle's comments.

Discussion ensued.

MR. ALIANIELLO discussed the 2% pay increase.

Discussion ensued.

An amendment was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Vice Mayor Arserio, to remove the City Commissioners from the 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase.

Discussion ensued.

The motion, as amended, carried as follows:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Simone, Vice Mayor Arserio and Mayor Schwartz

No: 2 - Commissioner Caggiano and Commissioner Ruzzano

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES explained the procedure.

Discussion ensued.

The original motion as amended failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Simone and Vice Mayor Arserio

No: 3 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Ruzzano and Mayor Schwartz

Discussion ensued on a "double" raise.

A motion was made by Mayor Schwartz, seconded by Vice Mayor Arserio, to reconsider the amended motion that previously failed.

Discussion ensued.

The motion to reconsider carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Arserio and Mayor Schwartz

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES explained the procedure of the motion.

Discussion ensued.

An amendment was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Commissioner Ruzzano, to include the City Commissioners in the 2% COLA. This motion is the same as the original motion.

Discussion ensued.

The motion carried as follows:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Ruzzano and Mayor Schwartz

No: 1 - Vice Mayor Arserio

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Date: _____

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