



## **PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

### **Northwest Council of Elected Officials**

**DATE:** Monday, February 10, 2020

**TIME:** 12:00 noon – Lunch will be served promptly; public meeting to be held concurrently

**HOST CITY:** The City of Parkland

**LOCATION:** Malbec Grill  
7351 N State Road 7  
Parkland, FL 33076

**CHAIRMAN:** Mayor Christine Hunschofsky

#### **AGENDA**

##### **CALL TO ORDER**

- 1. Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2020, hosted by the City of Margate**
- 2. Old Business**
- 3. New Business**
  - a. Discussion on Vacation Rental Ordinances**
- 4. Schedule of Next Meeting – March 9, 2020 by the City of North Lauderdale**
- 5. Adjournment**

Please RSVP by Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, to [lmelone@cityofparkland.org](mailto:lmelone@cityofparkland.org) with the number of representatives from your municipality who plan to attend and advise of any agenda items for the meeting.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that if any persons should desire to appeal any decision made at the Northwest Council of Elected Officials meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any person with a disability requiring auxiliary aids and services for this meeting may call the City Clerk's Office at 954-757-4133 with their request at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting date.

Members of the public do not need to purchase a meal in order to attend this meeting.

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**MINUTES OF THE  
NORTHWEST COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING**

Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

Jasmine Thai & Sushi  
1785 N. State Road 7  
Margate, FL 33063

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ruzzano, City of Margate, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Self-introductions were made around the room.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<b>Mayor Sandra L. Welch</b>	<b>Coconut Creek</b>
<b>Commissioner Becky Tooley</b>	<b>Coconut Creek</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Joy Carter</b>	<b>Coral Springs</b>
<b>Mayor Hazelle P. Rogers</b>	<b>Lauderdale Lakes</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips</b>	<b>Lauderdale Lakes</b>
<b>Mayor Tommy Ruzzano</b>	<b>Margate</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz</b>	<b>Margate</b>
<b>Commissioner Antonio V. Arserio</b>	<b>Margate</b>
<b>Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano</b>	<b>Margate</b>
<b>Mayor Ana M. Ziade</b>	<b>North Lauderdale</b>
<b>Commissioner Mario Bustamante</b>	<b>North Lauderdale</b>
<b>Commissioner Richard Walker</b>	<b>Parkland</b>

**ALSO PRESENT:**

<b>Angel Gomez, School Administrator</b>	<b>Broward County</b>
<b>Nora Rupert, School Board Member</b>	<b>Broward County</b>
<b>Albert (Butch) Arenal, Police Chief</b>	<b>Coconut Creek</b>
<b>Cale Curtis, City Manager</b>	<b>Margate</b>
<b>Larry Vignola, Assistant City Manager</b>	<b>Margate</b>
<b>Janette Smith, City Attorney</b>	<b>Margate</b>
<b>John Shaw, Police Chief</b>	<b>Margate</b>
<b>Jennifer M. Johnson, Assistant City Clerk</b>	<b>Margate</b>
<b>Kregg Lupo, Police Representative</b>	<b>North Lauderdale</b>
<b>Camila Alvarez, Staff Member</b>	<b>District 95</b>
<b>Shnydine G. Toussaint, District Secretary</b>	<b>District 95</b>

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the meeting minutes for the December 9, 2019 meeting hosted by the City of Coral Springs.

Mayor Welch, City of Coconut Creek, moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, City of Margate. There was a unanimous voice vote of approval.

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Welch, City of Coconut Creek, stated at the last meeting at the City of Coral Springs she spoke about Vapor Canine Taylor and Officer Michael Leonard who would be going into the schools detecting guns and ammunition. Currently, this initiative has been stalled for official approval with the School Board. Superintendent Runcie presented to their Commission last Thursday and went on the record to say a closed door session would be held in January to discuss safety and to introduce Vapor Canine Taylor and Officer Leonard to the Board.

Mayor Ruzzano, City of Margate, stated he was at their meeting last week. He further spoke about having a trained dog in the schools with the cost of the purchase and training at \$75,000.00.

Commissioner Arserio, City of Margate, asked if there are any other Cities facing this issue with the canine.

Mayor Ruzzano, City of Margate, stated the City of Coconut Creek is the first City to deal with this.

Police Chief Arenal, City of Coconut Creek, discussed the Vapor Weight K9 trained dog and stated the dog can smell gun ammunition and guns. The dog will sit when it finds any of those items and the dog is not intrusive. The City of Coconut Creek is the first to deploy this type of dog in a school.

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Ruzzano, City of Margate, discussed the School Resource Officers (SRO) in schools and the concern since the Parkland incident. He stated that Margate has two officers in each school and he discussed guardians in schools. He stated there is a concern about what goes on in the schools and he is not in agreement to raise the mileage, which is capped at 10%, to fund or subsidize the SRO's.

Police Chief Shaw, City of Margate, gave a brief presentation about the School Resource Officers. He stated the Chiefs Association had a meeting and went to the School Board to show their support to get more money to pay for the SRO's. When the City funds SRO's other areas are getting neglected in law enforcement that they may not have the resources to cover. He stated that you cannot put a value on SRO's as they have a passion for this and the things they accomplish can't be done with a guardian. The difference between guardians and SRO's is

that SRO's mentor. Kids need to be comfortable with police and the best support is increasing the money for SRO's and keeping them in the schools.

Commissioner Caggiano, City of Margate, questioned the funding structure and if every child should have a dollar figure of what security should cost or should other cities chip in if they are sending kids to other schools.

Police Chief Shaw, City of Margate, stated he is just in favor of obtaining funding for the SRO's. Some Cities are so big and have multiple schools and they can't fund it like the City of Fort Lauderdale.

City Attorney Smith, City of Margate, asked if the Chiefs got together to discuss an agreement and a plan to move forward. As of August, there is no contract since it was only signed for one year.

Police Chief Shaw, City of Margate, stated they put together a Board consisting of Attorneys from multiple agencies to spearhead an Agreement but they are not comfortable paying for it year after year.

Police Chief Arenal, City of Coconut Creek, stated the Broward Chiefs are not in full agreement on everything. South Chiefs from larger agencies have an all or nothing approach. To have either the School Board fund it fully or have the Sheriff take over and that is not every Chiefs position. He wants to let the Elected Officials make those decisions and hammer out the details.

Mayor Ruzzano, City of Margate, stated he would like have a resolution to present to the School Board prior to August.

School Board Member Rupert, Broward County, asked if Brian Katz has been involved in these conversations.

Police Chief Shaw, City of Margate, said Brian Katz has and he has a strong opinion on the side of the School Board.

Police Chief Arenal, City of Coconut Creek, stated they work well with Brian Katz and he spoke about an unfunded mandate with Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

School Board Member Rupert, Broward County, stated she is one hundred percent behind law enforcement. She wants to reach kids young so they feel safe to say something. She wants an open door talk on this topic and no conversations in the shade. She asked if the elected officials had a platform in Tallahassee and stated that next week is Broward Days which is a great opportunity.

Mayor Rogers, City of Lauderdale Lakes, spoke about the Broward League of Cities and that they had a subcommittee for safety and SRO's. They had a

meeting at the Broward County library and there were discussions and a consensus building for the approach for Broward Days in Tallahassee.

School Board Member Rupert, Broward County, asked for the resolution/platform to be sent to her.

Mayor Rogers, City of Lauderdale Lakes, said the request should go to the delegate assigned to the Broward League of Cities.

Mayor Ruzzano, City of Margate, spoke about an article with Superintendent Runcie and the Florida League President with a plan to raise the mileage rate higher than 10% to fund this.

Commissioner Caggiano, City of Margate, questioned the guardian program and said to take the money and use it to fund officers.

School Board Member Rupert, Broward County, stated that the Sheriff gave the monetary rundown and it is cost prohibitive.

There was further discussion about the cost of sworn officers including salary, pension and fringe benefits.

School Board Member Rupert, Broward County, stated the cost was \$180 million a year for the Sheriff to take it over.

Mayor Rogers, City of Lauderdale Lakes, challenged the City of Coconut Creek to host the next Domino tournament; she will send over information.

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING**

Mayor Ruzzano, City of Margate, announced that the February 2020 Northwest Council of Elected Officials meeting would be hosted by the City of Parkland on Monday, February 10, 2020.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

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Jennifer M. Johnson, MMC  
Assistant City Clerk