



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
City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman
City Clerk Jennifer M. Johnson

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Joanne Simone and Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz
Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio

MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

MARGATE RESIDENT, TRACY VAN WINKLE, made inquiries about setting up early for this Saturday's event for Breakfast with Santa and referenced liability issues.

CITY MANAGER, CALE CURTIS, advised Ms. Van Winkle that he would discuss her issue with Parks and Recreation and will revert to her thereafter.

MARGATE RESIDENT, ELSA SANCHEZ, expressed her gratitude to the Parks and Recreation team for the wonderful decorations around City Hall and for everything they did all year around. She thanked the Fire and Police Departments for the exemplary work they did and said that they were always there for the residents. She thanked and appreciated all of the City workers for their work during 2024. She highlighted that Commissioner Ruzzano's large election signs were still evident around the City one month after the election and respectively asked them to be removed. She wished everybody a Happy Holidays.

MARGATE RESIDENT, MR. KRALJIC, expressed his disapproval at scheduling two consecutive back to back City Commission meetings.

MARGATE RESIDENT, DONNA FELLOWS, agreed with Mr. Kraljic's comments pertaining to the City Commission and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) meetings being scheduled as early as 5:00pm. She referenced the Charles & Carol Katz

Community Center and residents paying taxes of \$200 and suggested that this should be reviewed.

MAYOR, ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ, responded to Ms. Fellows and said that she was donating money to pay for that.

PARKLAND RESIDENT, MARGI PATTIN, thanked Mayor Schwartz for donating the money to cover the Charles & Carol Katz Community Center.

2) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER, TOMMY RUZZANO, wished everybody a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and to have a Happy New Year. He highlighted that on December 16th, that some of the City's employees and elected officials would be playing the City of Coconut Creek for a charity basketball game. He also highlighted the City's Winter Festival and advised parents that it was a good time to sign their child up for a sports program.

COMMISSIONER, ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO, was explaining how Margate was spared from this year's hurricanes. He congratulated Mayor Schwartz and also thanked the City staff and State Representative Hunschofsky for the collaborative Florida Licensing on Wheels (flow) event between Margate and Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) at the Charles & Carol Katz Community Center. He wished a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and New Year to everyone and highlighted the City's forthcoming Winter Festival.

COMMISSIONER, JOANNE SIMONE, wished everybody a wonderful holiday season and asked them to stay well and to be safe.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ relayed her Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa greetings and highlighted that they all fell within one day of each other and forewarned people to be careful on New Year's. She discussed the 2024 Holiday Decorating Contest.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS, advised on how Margate residents could sign up for the 2024 Holiday Decorating Contest. She wished everybody a Merry Christmas, a happy holidays and New Year.

CITY ATTORNEY, DAVID N. TOLCES, repeated City Manager Curtis' festive sentiments and reminded the City Commission about the Ethics training.

3) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

4) 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.

- A. [ID 2024-369](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025

APPROVED

- B. [ID 2024-391](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING

AWARD OF BID NO. 2024-012 - NW 8TH STREET ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION TO FG CONSTRUCTION LLC; IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 1,692,593.26, INCLUSIVE OF CONTINGENCIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

APPROVED

- C. [ID 2024-393](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT WERE UNDERTAKEN WITH PRIMORIS ENERGY SERVICES CORPORATION PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 24-048 AND REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) NO. 2024-008 - DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES FOR THE WEST WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) UPGRADES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

APPROVED

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Simone and Mayor Schwartz

No: 1 - Commissioner Ruzzano

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Arserio

5) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. [ID 2024-365](#) PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN APPEAL OF A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION DECISION RELATED TO A REQUEST TO WAIVE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS AND ALLOW MORE THAN SIX RESIDENTS FOR RECOVERY RESIDENCES AT 5729 SETON DRIVE AND 5724 SETON DRIVE, MARGATE, FL 33063

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, THE APPEAL AND THE DECISION OF THE CITY MANAGER DENYING A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION REQUEST TO WAIVE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS AND ALLOW MORE THAN SIX RESIDENTS AT EACH PROPERTY, BY APPLICANT, FOR RECOVERY RESIDENCES LOCATED AT 5729 SETON DRIVE AND 5724 SETON DRIVE, MARGATE, FL 33063, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2024-387](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, RESOLUTION TO WAIVE OF BIDDING FOR SOLE SOURCE ACQUISITION AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT OF THE ACQUISITION OF PRODUCTS, WARRANTY, TRAINING, AND REPAIR SERVICES FROM AXON ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED TO EQUIP OUR POLICE PERSONNEL WITH BODY WORN

CAMERAS, REPLACE EXISTING TASERS TO THE UPGRADED MODEL, ACQUIRE DRONE EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE THAT MEETS FLORIDA LAW RELATED TO COMPLIANT DRONE MANUFACTURERS. THIS PROPOSED AGREEMENT IS OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2,198,671.11

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

MAYOR SCHWARTZ questioned what happened to the old equipment.

MAJOR, MICHAEL G. DRUZBIK, explained that the equipment was going to be returned which was part of a deal they had and if one unit was to break, it would be replaced automatically.

DOUGLAS R. KEMP, PARADISE GARDENS IV, sought justification as to why the City was sole sourcing. He congratulated Mayor Schwartz and appreciated the board's service.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that Axon was the only provider of the tasers and body worn cameras that met their specifications.

MS. FELLOWS advised that they should give their Police what they required to keep the public safe.

The motion carried as follows:

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

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Arserio

- B.** [ID 2024-402](#) APPROVE A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE CITY TO ISSUE TAX-EXEMPT BONDS OR NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$60,000,000.00 TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM AND TO USE A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS OR NOTES TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES PAID OR INCURRED PRIOR TO THE DATE OF ISSUANCE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, that this Resolution, should be approved. This carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Arserio

- C.** [ID 2024-404](#) RESOLUTION - RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

WITH THE BROWARD COUNTY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS) FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

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

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO was glad that this Item was resolved. He explained that he sat through all five negotiations and noted that he wished that the Police staff had asked for his feedback as he had their back 100%. He referenced the Fire negotiation and claimed that almost 100% want to go to Broward County. He wished them the best and thanked them for what they did.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Arserio

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: _____

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