



City of Margate

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Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano

Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano

Commissioners:

Antonio V. Arserio, Arlene R. Schwartz, Joanne Simone

City Manager Cale Curtis

Interim City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman

City Clerk Jennifer M. Johnson

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) PRESENTATION(S)

A. [ID 2023-208](#) UPDATE BY MARTY KIAR, BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER (BCPA) MARTY KIAR thanked the City and staff for the great service they provided to the people of Margate. He explained the functions of their office which included determining the value of every piece of property in Broward County (BC) for tax purposes and advised on tax exemptions for those that qualified. He informed Margate residents to go onto BCPA.net to review the value of their property and if they had any concerns, to make contact. He also highlighted the property value increase in Margate and advised that South Florida was the title fraud property of the world and discussed cracking down on the same.

MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO sought an explanation on why the people who did the record keeping were not there to justify the paperwork in reference to property fraud.

BCPA KIAR responded to Mayor Caggiano's question and referenced the Owner Alert service which was introduced approximately two years ago.

A question and answer session ensued between the City Commission and the BCPA Kiar including signing up for the Owner Alerts with a suggestion that mortgage companies should also be notified.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

B. [ID 2023-299](#) SHANQUISTA WALLACE, SERVICE WORKER I - PUBLIC WORKS - 20 YEARS

TANGELA THOMAS, TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR I - ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - 15 YEARS

REGINALD JEAN POIX, SERVICE WORKER II - PUBLIC WORKS - 10 YEARS

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR CAGGIANO explained the protocol for speaking under Public Comments and the Consent Agenda.

EDDIE D. VAZQUEZ, 7331 NW 18TH STREET, #203, complained about Northwest Focal Point Senior Center (NWFPSC) as he said that he just wanted to go there to sing. He also discussed his difficulties with job hunting.

MAYOR CAGGIANO responded to Mr. Vazquez.

JULIE JONES praised BCPA Kiar. She commented that she had not heard anyone thank the City, City Commission, or select residents for giving back to the community.

TRACY VAN WINKLE, 1020 SW 61ST AVENUE, referenced the City celebrating their 50th anniversary and said that bottles were made with Margate's logo and she thanked the Water Department. She questioned the City's hourly pay rate and benefits structure and compared this to the City Commission's wage and benefits.

DOUGLAS R. KEMP, 795 NW 73RD AVENUE, provided an update that their roads in Paradise Gardens IV would be resurfaced next Spring together with placing concrete swales. He questioned if he could place a "no parking" sign bearing the times of midnight - 7:00am. He also questioned whether McDivot's Restaurant would reopen and also referenced the fountains.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS requested Mr. Kemp to leave his contact information and advised that the City would review thereafter. He explained that after the trial period, they planned to re-overlay the roads which he said would be more durable.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ discussed the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

MAYOR CAGGIANO advised on hurricane preparedness.

VICE MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO highlighted the City's upcoming Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Disposal event. He hoped the Chipotle Mexican Grill would open on September 25th. He referenced BCPA Kiar and property values increasing in Margate and discussed land value and the decrease in taxes. He advised that the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Property Improvement Program Grant was still available and advised that the City's Property Improvement Grant Program (PIP) would possibly be available in the New Year. He also listed a number of the City's forthcoming social events.

Discussion ensued on the apportionment received from BC from the City's additional

revenue from land value and the City being awarded a 2023 Gold Civic Experience Award for the Property Improvement Grant Program (PIP).

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that they received a \$1,000,000 matching grant for Southeast Park.

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO provided examples that the property market in Margate was strong. He discussed the topic for school zone speed cameras and referenced that Miami Dade County Schools had approved this and advised that Palm Beach County also reviewed it. He expressed his intent to be the first city in Broward to introduce this initiative. He asked if there was CONSENSUS to ask City Manager Curtis to formerly start that process of looking at companies and reverting back to the City Commission with some feedback.

MAYOR CAGGIANO informed that he would like City staff to produce the data.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ referenced that the cameras would have a dual purpose and confirmed that she had no problem with this on the provision that there was not a legal challenge.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS to allow City Manager to look into program/companies for school zone speed cameras.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ discussed problems pertaining to the tailback of cars at Margate Middle School and advised that this needed addressing and recommended a traffic study.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO highlighted the City's Trunk or Treat forthcoming Halloween event.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CURTIS congratulated and discussed the staff who attributed to the PIP and repeated that the City won the 2023 Gold Civic Experience Award. He also congratulated the staff on another great fiscal year and everyone who was involved in the project process.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY DAVID N. TOLCES thanked the staff and the residents of Margate for the opportunity to continue to serve the City.

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.

- A.** [ID 2023-298](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES: AUGUST 23, 2023
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING @ 6:30PM, AUGUST 23, 2023

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING @ 7:00PM AND AUGUST 31, 2023
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING @ 10:00AM

- B. [ID 2023-318](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF JULIET BROWN AGAINST THE CITY OF MARGATE FOR \$110,000 WITHOUT ADMISSION OF LIABILITY.

APPROVED

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2023-316](#) RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF MARGATE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION RATE FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY ON BEHALF OF THE MCRA PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MCRA AND CITY OF MARGATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, that this Resolution, should be approved. This carried as follows:

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

- B. [ID 2023-319](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING PARKS BOND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - ORIOLE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE I - LED SPORTS LIGHTING AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$466,750; UTILIZING A PIGGYBACK OF CLAY COUNTY RFP NO. 18/19-2; PROVIDING FOR CONTINGENCY FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, that this Resolution, should be approved. This carried as follows:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

Jennifer M. Johnson, City ClerkDate:

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