



# 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 Samuel A. May*

*Interim City Attorney Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A.*

*City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh*

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Wednesday, March 6, 2019

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

In Attendance:

City Manager Samuel A. May  
Interim City Attorney James A. Cherof  
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. [ID 2019-083](#) BRAEDEN BENNER, KINDERGARTEN, MARGATE ELEMENTARY

### 1) PRESENTATION(S)

A. [ID 2019-089](#) SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO LAUREN RUBENSTEIN, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL, IN HONOR OF SCOTT BEIGEL (Presented by Julie Jones, Margate Resident)

JULIE JONES, 7871 NW 1ST STREET spoke on this Item.

B. [ID 2019-096](#) MARGATE 12U SOCCER - SECOND PLACE

VICE MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO discussed the sports programs in Margate and the proposed renovation projects for the Parks.

MARGATE YOUTH SOCCER COACH spoke on this Item.

### STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

C. [ID 2019-084](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: GABRIEL CASIMIRO (Student);  
COACH DON FARRELL (Teacher)  
(Mrs. Stacy Angier, Principal and/or Mrs. Renate Ramirez, Assistant Principal)

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: LAIYLA GANGA (Student); FELECIA

LOPEZ (Teacher)  
(Mrs. Diane Eagan, Principal and/or Ms. Jounice Lewis, Assistant Principal)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: MORGAN LONG (Student); DIANE MANUSKY  
(Teacher)  
(Mr. David J. Levine, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: AMARIAH MOORE (Student); IDA ROMERO  
(Teacher)  
(Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: RAYMOND GOUPEE (Student); ERIN BROMEL (Teacher)  
(Mr. Earnest Toliver, Principal and/or Assistant Principal)

RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: KAITLIN  
WILLIAMS (Student); HANNAH POWELL (Teacher)  
(Dr. Adriana Guerra, Principal)

WEST BROWARD ACADEMY: DOWAYNE TUCKER (Student); NATASHA  
JEAN-SPRINGER (Teacher)  
(Ms. Donna Baggs, Principal)

## 2) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE highlighted the Broward.org website pertaining to the Penny Sales Tax for transportation where further information could be obtained for proposed City projects. She explained that she received a request for those who sit on the dais, to speak into the microphone and to avoid cross chatting when someone was speaking as it was difficult for those outside of the live meeting to hear. She said that there was also another request for the Commission to stop digressing from the main topic. She requested an update on lighting the marquee for Calypso Cove.

CITY MANAGER SAMUEL A. MAY said that he would need to speak to the Parks and Recreation Director and report back to her with an update.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO explained that he had a list of topics he wanted to discuss. He said that apart from grass clippings which was causing some confusion, he had not received any negative feedback pertaining to garbage. He explained that he recently opened up a private business and read an email, which he believed to be an attack, asking if he wanted to sell homes for 13th Floor which would be a conflict of interest. He said that he operated with care, was ethical and followed the law. He discussed crime in schools and referenced an article from Margatenews.net and also spoke about other unreported incidents at schools within Broward County.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO said that he agreed with Commissioner Arserio and that he was also against the Broward County's Promise Program. He asked that at the next meeting, if this could be added as an Agenda Item, under Resolutions, for Margate to be removed from this program.

MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO said that this would be discussed when it comes on

the Agenda but he was in agreement of what the Chiefs were saying by tweaking the program.

COMMISSIONER ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ questioned if every municipality decided on whether or not they want to be a member of this program. She said that if we do not see those incidents reported, it could be that the City had an agreement with the School Board not to do so on certain offences but said she would have to check this information with the Chief of Police.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO discussed the position for the new Director for Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES).

CITY MANAGER SAMUEL A. MAY said that he would prefer to have the conversation as a sidebar.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO said that he wanted to let the residents know.

Discussion ensued on the DEES Director position.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY JAMES A. CHEROF said that it was inappropriate for the City Manager to discuss this under the terms of the Charter.

Discussion ensued.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY CHEROF advised that something could be put on the Agenda to discuss the DEES Director position in the form of an evaluation.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO requested an update on the City Attorney hiring process. He believed that the City Manager should not be playing this role in terms of recruitment and recommended that the City Clerk, in terms of administration, should work with the Commissioners pertaining to the job applications. He also discussed the Fire Chief applications.

CITY MANAGER MAY explained that he was not involved in the process until Ms. Narloch stepped down as it was handled between Human Resources (HR) and Commissioner Schwartz.

HR DIRECTOR LAURIE MEYER explained that they had advertised on eight different websites for the position of a City Attorney and to date, had received eight applications. She said that they were looking for the Commission's direction on how they would like to proceed on reviewing the applications.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ questioned whether it was normal to ask for background checks after they had selected a candidate and were possibly negotiating a contract.

HR DIRECTOR MEYER advised that the normal process was that once a conditional offer of employment was made, the background screening process would commence. She explained that they left the advertisement for the position "open until filed" and that some advertising was time limited in terms of costs.

Discussion ensued.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO suggested that the HR Director could forward applications to the Commission and they could respond back to her with any preferred candidates.

CITY MANAGER MAY advised that they could schedule one-on-ones with all the applicants. He recommended giving the applications to the Commission to review and then return to the HR Director with their selected candidates for interviewing and organize a Workshop.

Discussion ensued.

MAYOR CAGGIANO suggested that they should select four candidates and do the background checks.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE spoke about the application process and additional information being provided by HR.

HR DIRECTOR MEYER said that she had looked on search engines pertaining to job applicants to see if they had an active license.

Discussion ensued including the previous applicants that were offered contracts as a City Attorney.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO questioned the whereabouts of the City Attorney's vehicle.

CITY MANAGER MAY said that there was no City Attorney vehicle as it was in the general fund and was moved over to the Public Works Director.

Discussion ensued on the City vehicles.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO said he spoke about social media and said that he was in favor of going to high definition pertaining to the camera in Chambers. He compared Margate's live streams to other neighboring cities and said that he was in favor of the City moving into the 21st century.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ discussed Waste Management 2019 Regulations distributed to residents about the new bulk pick-up. She identified that there were mixed messages from the information about the number of days to leave out bulk that was detailed within the Regulations pertaining to City Code and suggested that they should decide on what should be the right course of action. She discussed the previous School Town Hall meeting when Mrs. Rupert was still the Chair of the Broward School system and matters pertaining to Margate's schools. She also discussed the Broward County School Board meeting that took place on March 5, 2019 and referenced the single door entry system at schools. She asked if someone could take up the issues pertaining to Margate's school.

Discussion ensued on funding schools and the single entry system.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ requested that new hires should be introduced at City Commission meetings. She referenced an "In the Biz Tuesday" through the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and said that new businesses should be highlighted in the City. She suggested that the City Manager should work with Development Services about reinstating a type of meet and greet.

CITY MANAGER MAY advised that they had discussed this at a recent meeting.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ reminded everyone about daylight savings on March 10, 2019.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO discussed the recent Margate Clean Up of the water ways which he heard was a great success and thanked Margatenews.net, Manny Lugo and the Commissioners who were in attendance helping out. He referenced the School Board and said that he had a conversation with Nora Rupert. He discussed the recent vote of confidence for Broward County's Superintendent and said that he would like to see new leadership. He requested if someone could be appointed to represent Margate and attend the School Board meetings.

Discussion ensued on the state of Margate's schools and appointing a representative.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ confirmed that she would volunteer to attend the School Board meetings but that it would be impossible to attend most Workshops.

Discussion ensued on appointing a resident.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO said that they could appoint a resident and confirmed that he would be willing to act as a back-up if Commissioner Schwartz could not attend.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO advised that tonight was the last day to submit Board applications as they would be appointing new Board members at the next Commission meeting.

Discussion ensued on the deadline to submit applications.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO referenced Facebook and discussed a burn in the Everglades. He questioned whether the Everglades could notify Margate when the burns were going to occur as he received a couple of calls from residents including one that suffered from asthma. He asked about DOXO.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY CHEROF explained that DOXO was not authorized to use the City seal on their site and that he had prepared a letter requesting them to cease from doing so. He said that he could also add to the letter or draft a new letter, advising them not to use the Vice Mayor's Ruzzano's email address.

Discussion ensued.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO explained that DOXO was a third party payment company launched by Jeff Bezos and indicated that the service fee could be up to \$9. He said that he was notified last week that the City's logo and his email address was on the website. He advised that a resident used that site and their payment was not cleared until five days thereafter and subsequently, lead to the water being shut off. He said that he wanted to inform the residents that this was a non-affiliated group with Margate and advised the public to be careful when going onto third party websites to pay the water bill. He said that he received an email that David Beckham was looking to purchase property from Broward County to start a secondary soccer field for practice at Lockhart Stadium and was looking for 30 acres with shops and a top golf. He said that Chief Gary from Coconut Creek was in attendance and requested a meeting with their City discussing the future of Margate/Coconut Creek Fire and public safety.

Discussion ensued.

CITY MANAGER MAY explained that the next plan was trying to get a meeting of four cities set up for dispatch.

Discussion ensued on setting up a meeting with Margate and Coconut Creek pertaining to the Fire Department and selecting a new Fire Chief.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO asked if the City has to accept payment from DOXO.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY CHEROF said that he would have to research this as he would be surprised if they could reject payment from a third party.

Discussion ensued if litigation could be used.

MAYOR CAGGIANO requested to move Item 6D before Public Discussion.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission to move Item 6D before Public Discussion.

MAYOR CAGGIANO advised that Margate Middle School had been recognized as a Magnet School of Distinction.

**6) RESOLUTION(S)**

- D. [ID 2019-081](#) APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK AND THE CITY OF MARGATE PROVIDING FOR DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS.

This Item was heard before Public Discussion.

RESOLUTION 19-024

**A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, that this Resolution, be discussed.**

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO said that he spoke both with the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager and that he was comfortable moving forward.

**This motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**3) PUBLIC DISCUSSION**



Public Discussion was heard after Item 6D.

MRS. JONES thanked the Mayor again for putting the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School presentation on the Agenda. She discussed her recent attendance at the Town Hall Meeting for School Safety at JP Taravella School and said that she would attend future School Board Meetings and Workshops. She referenced Phil's Comic Shoppe and said that she agreed with Commissioner Schwartz about highlighting new business in Margate. She also highlighted the Margate Spring Clean-up event on March 16th.

CHARLIE ARTNER, 6631 NW 22ND COURT discussed 13th Floor Homes pertaining to the Carolina Golf Course and said that there was not enough green space requirement in Margate. He requested that the 13th Floor Homes project be rejected.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO discussed his initial meeting with the 13th Floor approximately nine months ago.

Discussion ensued on 13th Floor Homes.

MR. ARTNER explained that he was awaiting a response to his email requesting that they should work on an Ordinance that lobbyist meetings have to be recorded and made a public record.

RICK RICCARDI, 4829 SOUTH HEMINGWAY CIRCLE discussed the United Way outreach program which looked at legislation that affected the communities. He discussed two controversial legislations, Needle Exchange and Vaping, which were currently being discussed in Tallahassee.

LILLIAN RUSH, 6832 NW 26TH STREET said that she was very disturbed with hearing the situations in schools. She also referenced the building of new homes and was concerned about the people it may attract. She appreciated if they voted no for 13th Floor Homes' development.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO highlighted that Ms. Rush was a Board member for the Pines which was also part of Coral Lake Estates and asked if she received feedback from residents pertaining to 13th Floor Homes.

Discussion ensued.

MS. RUSH volunteered to provide assistance with sitting at the School Board meetings.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ asked Ms. Rush to provide her contact details to the City Clerk. She also made a statement about the Carolina Golf Course update and commented on social media posts.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO queried that after the meeting, if a resident wearing a green shirt could discuss with the Commission, their views on the 13th Floor Homes project.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY CHEROF replied yes.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO recommended that the green shirt wearers or residents could ask the Commission questions individually, after the meeting.

Discussion ensued on whether the Commission could express their views on the 13th Floor Homes.

VINCENT G. BONVINO, 7640 PINEWALK DR. S discussed his attendance at the "Reach Out" meeting at Holiday Springs that was held in January pertaining to 13th Floor Homes.

Discussion ensued.

LESA B. PEERMAN, 6921 NW 4TH PLACE discussed a social media post pertaining to the Commission on 13th Floor Homes. She advised that since Joyce Bryan left in 2016, Margate did not have a representative on the School Advisory Committee. She recommended that they should take advantage of all four School Board members. She also spoke about Broward County's Promise Program. She said that it was perfectly okay for the Mayor to say "my City".

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO discussed the Facebook post pertaining to Lennar Homes.

JOAH BRANDAO, 2217 E. HOGAN HOLLOW ROAD said that he recently graduated from Ascend Academy Charter High School and discussed school security. He thanked Commissioner Arserio and Julie Jones for discussing school safety.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO appreciated Mr. Brandao's input and said that he wanted to clarify that when he read the statistics pertaining to school incidents, it was a report to law enforcement which did not necessarily lead to arrests.

MANNY LUGO, 1129 EAST RIVER DRIVE said it was good to see leadership by the Margate City Commission and thanked Commissioner Arserio. He questioned whether Vice Mayor Ruzzano had been removed from being able to vote on 13th Floor.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY CHEROF said that he did not know the facts and could not provide an opinion.

Discussion ensued on 13th Floor Homes.

MR. LUGO questioned that if there was some form of development, whether Development Services would be first to determine if their plan would comply with the current Comprehensive Plan pertaining to land use for the golf course.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO said that 13th Floor Homes proposal was totally against the City's Comp Plan.

Discussion ensued on conforming to the current Comp Plan.

JULI VAN DER MEULEN, 2913 NW 68 LN. MARGATE begged the Commission not to re-zone the golf courses. She agreed with Commissioner Schwartz's view that Margate was a drive-thru City. She referenced Vice Mayor Ruzzano's talk on soccer and requested an update. She also spoke about the lawsuit made against the CRA.

ERIK J. OLMER, 3400 BANKS ROAD, APARTMENT 103 spoke on the success of the recent waterway clean up and gave kudos to the Police and Fire Departments, the Explorers and Commissioner Simone, who all pitched in and did a good job. He read a statement pertaining to the Carolina Golf Course and 13th Floor Homes.

VALERIE PERRY, 6812 DOGWOOD LANE discussed the possibility of the rezoning of any recreational space and said that they did not need any more residential development



in their City. She said that they needed more places to go and things to do in Margate such as new restaurants and also referenced beautification of the City. She also discussed and expressed her concerns about the vision plan from Development Services.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ discussed the lack of support for a previous City project pertaining to the CRA which had ended in a lawsuit.

COLIN NORRIS, 2657 NW 79TH AVENUE said that he moved back to Margate from Parkland for the golf course view and referenced the construction of new homes. He said that they had to pay an additional \$11,000 to live on the golf course side and was against any new construction in their area.

Meeting went into Recess.

#### 4) CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Reconvened.

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 2019-087](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES: JANUARY 30, 2019 - REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING.

**Approved.**

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

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

#### 5) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER MAY thanked Mary Beazley and her entire staff for the timely completion of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the 2018 fiscal year. He advised that this award would be formally presented to the Commission at the March 20, 2019 meeting.

#### 6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2019-066](#) APPROVING AN 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 A JOINT LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT TO BROWARD

COUNTY FROM SHIP FUNDS, AT THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT ALLOWED BY SHIP GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FEES AND EXPENSES; PROVIDING FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2022; PROVIDING FOR TERMINATION.

RESOLUTION 19-021

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

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ spoke on this Item.

Discussion ensued.

RICHARD ZUCCHINI, 380 LAKEWOOD CIRCLE E, #B questioned the amount of percentage that Margate paid for this program.

CITY MANAGER MAY said that the grant would be approximately \$600,000 - \$700,000 and the City would pay 10 percent which would equate to \$60,000 - \$70,000.

Discussion ensued on employing a Grants Manager/Writer and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

**This motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Arserio, Commissioner Schwartz and Mayor Caggiano

**No:** 1 - Vice Mayor Ruzzano

**B. [ID 2019-065](#)** APPROVING THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP) FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA UNDER THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) PROGRAM, FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019-2020, 2020-2021, AND 2021-2022. AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE LHAP THAT PROVIDES FOR RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE BUT NO CHANGE OF TERMS, WITHOUT FURTHER COMMISSION ACTION; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 19-022

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Ruzzano, seconded by Mayor Caggiano, that this Resolution, be approved.**

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO said that he was all for this program and would prefer to have the City run it rather than go into CDBG funds in the future to leverage the two.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ said that if they were going to give up to \$65,000 to a

homeowner to repair their roof, windows and air conditioning, she would prefer the money to be spread around to those who required roofs or air conditioning or to a community but not for an entire house to be rehabbed. She said that she disagreed with leveraging the money and that the threshold should be lowered.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, CALE CURTIS confirmed that they could remove leveraging.

Discussion ensued including leveraging and the sum being capped.

**An amendment was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, to have no leveraging, except for the American Disabilities Act (ADA) and to have State Housing Initiatives Partnership program (SHIP) at \$25,000 with no leveraging.**

BROWARD COUNTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, FINANCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RALPH STONE explained they were doing the rehab programs on approximately 15 cities and that the Rehab Manager advised him that approximately 90 percent of the homes were over \$25,000 but were not up to \$45,000, \$55,000 or \$60,000. He said that they would follow the City's direction and policy and reminded them of the expenditure deadlines which had to be spent within two years. He recommended that if they set it at \$25,000, they did allow some ceiling or leveraging.

Discussion ensued.

**Commissioner Simone withdrew her Motion to Amend.**

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ requested a quarterly report on how they were spending the money.

**An amendment was made by Vice Mayor Ruzzano, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, to increase SHIP to \$40,000 for ADA and no leveraging.**

**The amendment carried by the following vote:**

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

- C. [ID 2019-079](#) APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR BROWARD COUNTY STAFF SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH HEARINGS BEFORE THE UNSAFE STRUCTURES BOARD.**

RESOLUTION 19-023

**A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, that this Resolution, be approved.**

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO questioned if it was due to the fact that they did not have an Unsafe Structures Board.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY CHEROF explained that the City had an Unsafe Structures Board but it proved difficulty to get the members together to meet.

Discussion ensued.

**The motion carried as follows:**

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

- E. [ID 2019-086](#) APPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 23.1225 (1) (2) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES, KNOWN AS THE FLORIDA MUTUAL AID ACT.

RESOLUTION 19-025

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Simone, that this Resolution, be approved.**

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO asked the Police Captain if there were any significant changes in the Agreement that they should be aware of.

POLICE CAPTAIN LAURA SUDMAN confirmed that there were no significant changes.

**The motion carried as follows:**

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

**7) ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING**

- A. [ID 2019-088](#) AMENDING CHAPTER 30 PERSONNEL, ARTICLE II-CIVIL SERVICE, DIVISION 2-INITIAL APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES, SECTION 30-39 - HIRING POLICY, (5) HIRING PROCESS, SECTION 30-45 DISQUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS, AND SECTION 30-56 - IN-HOUSE APPOINTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR DRUG SCREENING AND CVSA IF REQUIRED; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



ORDINANCE 2019-2

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arserio, seconded by Commissioner Simone, that this Ordinance, Second Reading, be approved.**

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ spoke about the history of the Civil Service Board and questioned if they were still a force to be reckoned with.

Discussion ensued.

MS. PEERMAN explained that it may have been put on a previous ballot question to take some of the power away from the Civil Service Board.

Discussion ensued.

**The motion carried as follows:**

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

**8) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**A. [ID 2018-439](#) SPECIAL EVENTS FUNDING/DONATION REQUEST PROGRAM - EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF BROWARD COUNTY.**

EARLY LEARNING COALITION (ELC) OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, PABLO CALVO explained the background of the organization. He also advised that they were a non-profit organization and that they administered Florida's publically funded early childcare and education programs all within Broward County. He said that he could arrange a tour with some of the providers in the community and they could also meet the teachers. He indicated that he had some handouts based on individual city and other statistics contained therein.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ questioned if they were the same group as Family Central.

MR. CALVO explained that the ELC was previously administered by Family Central and then for a brief period, it was administered by the Broward Regional Health Planning Council. He said that the Board of Directors had brought the services in-house which resulted in many costs savings.

Discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Ruzzano, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, that this Item be approved. This carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Arserio, Commissioner Schwartz, Vice Mayor Ruzzano and Mayor Caggiano

No: 1 - Commissioner Simone

MAYOR CAGGIANO asked if this item should be placed in the budget as a line item.

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH said that he would get with the City Manager to discuss before the Budget Workshop.

**B. [ID 2019-091](#) CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT TO THE BROWARD COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arserio, seconded by Vice Mayor Ruzzano, to appoint Mr. Richard Zucchini to this position.**

MAYOR CAGGIANO recommended that they have a two-week application process similar to the other Boards so that anybody who had an interest, was given the same opportunity.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO explained that Mayor Caggiano brought up a valid point but his level of frustration was that it was discussed at the last Commission meeting to put on this Agenda. He questioned that if it was the route the City wanted to go, why did they not previously ask for candidates to apply.

Discussion ensued.

MS. PEERMAN suggested that they need to put this out there for other candidates to apply and referenced qualifications that may be required for that position.

**An amendment was made by Mayor Caggiano, seconded by Commissioner Simone, to solicit applications for a two-week period.**

COMMISSIONER SIMONE believed that it was an oversight as at the last Commission meeting, a motion and a second was made for one person and that was the reason why this item was written this way.

Discussion ensued.

MR. ZUCCHINI explained that as he was highly qualified for the position as he had a dual engineer background as well as being qualified as a real estate broker and that he could bring additional communication from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). He questioned whether this position would exclude him from also being able to participate as a Board member on the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO said that Todd Angier served on two Boards.

MR. ARTNER questioned the process for someone applying for a position if there was no



application form.

Discussion ensued.

**The amendment failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Arserio, Commissioner Schwartz and Vice Mayor Ruzzano

**No:** 2 - Commissioner Simone and Mayor Caggiano

MS. PEERMAN made reference to the P&Z Board meetings and alleged that Mr. Zucchini had disrespected the Commissioners and a resident.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE questioned if anyone from the other Boards expressed an interest in applying for this position.

CITY CLERK KAVANAGH said that he would have to do a research of his emails.

Discussion ensued.

MR. ZUCCHINI said that he was critical of one Commissioner and questioned if he could not be both a friend and a critic of the Commission.

Discussion ensued.

**The original motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Arserio, Commissioner Schwartz, Vice Mayor Ruzzano and Mayor Caggiano

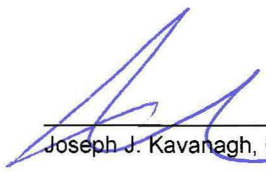
**No:** 1 - Commissioner Simone

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

  
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Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Date: 4/18/19

PLEASE NOTE:

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, the person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Anyone desiring a verbatim transcript shall have the responsibility, at his/her own expense, to arrange for the transcript.

[Appendix A – Zoning – Section 3.3] Any representation made before any City Board, any Administrative Board, or the City Commission in the application for a variance, special exception, conditional use or request for any other permit shall be deemed a condition of the granting of the permit. Should any representation be false or should said representation not be continued as represented, same shall be deemed a violation of the permit and a violation of this section.

Any person with a disability requiring auxiliary aids and services for this meeting may call the City Clerk's office at (954) 972-6454 with their request at least two business days prior to the meeting date.