



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 Janette M. Smith
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

6:30 PM

Virtual Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83383493956>
Webinar ID: 833 8349 3956

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner Caggiano attended via Zoom

Commissioner Simone attended via Zoom

Commissioner Ruzzano attended in person

Vice Mayor Arserio attended via Zoom

Mayor Schwartz attended in person

City Manager Curtis attended in person

City Attorney Smith attended via Zoom

City Clerk Kavanagh attended in person

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH read a statement pertaining to the virtual public meeting pursuant to the City's Emergency Ordinance 2020-6 and Governor DeSantis' Executive Order.

1) PRESENTATION(S)

A. [ID 2021-035](#) UPDATE FROM DISTRICT 96 STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE

HUNSCHOFSKY

MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ introduced Florida State Representative Christine Hunschofsky.

DISTRICT 96 - FLORIDA STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE HUNSCHOFSKY thanked the City for inviting her to the meeting. She gave an update on matters that had occurred since being elected which included a number of Committee assignments. She advised that she filed a House Bill 217 to designate the coral reef conservation area that they named after their former State Representative, Kristen D. Jacobs. She also provided an update on the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccine and indicated that the Florida Department of Health (FoH) and Broward County were supposed to be setting up a new system, which should be more efficient and easier to work with in comparison to the current system. She advised that she was advocating for a COVID-19 vaccine site in the City of Margate and that she had been working with the City Commission and the City Manager in this respect. She said that she was still awaiting the City's appropriations request but forewarned of an extremely tight budget year.

Discussion ensued including the Broward League of Cities Smoking Restriction Board.

B. [ID 2021-001](#) HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

1st PLACE- EDWARD DEIMLING, 6675 NW 17TH COURT
(\$100 VISA GIFT CARD)

2ND PLACE- PATRIA & JUAN RODRIGUEZ, 5809 NW 20TH STREET
(\$50 VISA GIFT CARD)

3RD PLACE- SKIP VANDELINDE, 5801 NW 20TH STREET
(\$25 VISA GIFT CARD)

Discussion ensued including creating a category for "best community".

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

C. [ID 2020-453](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: SAMANTHA HOPKINS (Student); ANA BRANDAO (Teacher), (Mrs. Stacy Angier, Principal and/or Mrs. Renate Ramirez, Assistant Principal)

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: KHAZAVI GRAY (Student); TACOYA JEAN BAPTISTE (Teacher), (Mrs. Shereen R. Reynolds, Principal and/or Dr. Latonya Cooper, Assistant Principal)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: PARIS GORDON (Student); KATIE ROBERSON (Teacher), (Mr. Matthew Whaley, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: ANNIYAH JULES-SAINTILUS (Student); CAROLYN QUINTAL (Teacher), (Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: CANAI DWYER (Student); MARISHA DAVIS (Teacher), (Mrs. Sabine Phillips, Principal and/or Assistant Principal)

PHYL'S ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL: ANIYA GAYLE (Student); YANNICK PRESMY (Teacher), (Dr. Jan Codling, Principal)

RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: HANNAH BOKSINER (Student); NATALEE WHYTE (Teacher), (Dr. Adriana Guerra, Principal)

WEST BROWARD ACADEMY: GIANELLA PADRON (Student); JESSICA RUIZ (Teacher), (Mr. Derrick Hugue, Principal and/or Assistant Principal Ms. Rossana Padron)

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH explained the protocol for submitting a Public Discussion. He also advised that he had received a few emails to read into the record. He read an email and illustrated photographs from Tracy Van Winkle of 1020 SW 61st Avenue that pertained to an article on Margatenews.net regarding the cleanup of signs in Margate and referenced the Code Officers.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ requested if Ms. Van Winkle could provide the addresses for the signs so that they could ask Code Officers to remove the same.

CITY CLERK KAVANAGH read an email from Julie Jones recognizing resident, Tami Tumbarello's hard work and dedication in the City, congratulated Police Officer Speziale who made an arrest in December 2020 and praised the Police Department for being opened 24/7.

CITY CLERK KAVANAGH read an email from Mitch Pellecchia, Executive Director of Margate Waterfront Foundation, who provided an update of the annual waterway cleanup being scheduled for March 6th, 2021 and was seeking a minimum of a \$500 site sponsor from the City and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

EARLY LEARNING COALITION (ELC) OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, PABLO CALVO 1475 WEST CYPRESS CREEK BOULEVARD provided an update on the School Readiness Program and explained his request for a donation.

Discussion ensued including funding for the ELC.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO read a letter from Jill R. Cerchione from Michelle's International Learning House who was concerned about the decrease in childcare subsidy due to the pandemic and had requested an increase from the City.

Discussion ensued on Ms. Cerchione's letter, the financial situation of the cities, the need for receiving more funding and a 1:1 match in dollars.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS said that he looked forward to receiving ELC's paperwork for this year's donation and he also clarified that the City's current policy on donations only allowed \$1,000 to non-profit organizations and anything above and beyond that figure was at the City Commission's discretion.

Discussion ensued.

MARILYN A. KNEELAND wished everyone a Happy New Year, discussed the development of the Executive Golf Course and corrected a Facebook exchange on the ownership of the land.

Discussion ensued on the Executive Golf Course.

MS. KNEELAND continued her discussion on the Executive Golf Course and holding a future Make Margate Green meeting.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO discussed the Executive Golf Course.

Discussion ensued on the Executive Golf Course and zoning and a request for a Town Hall or City Workshop.

FIMIANI DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PRESIDENT MICHAEL J. FIMIANI read a statement pertaining to the Executive Golf Course.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO addressed Mr. Fimiani's comments.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO addressed comments from Mr. Fimiani's statement.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ said that there was a fourth option and questioned why Mr. Fimiani did not offer the site to someone who wanted to run it as a golf course.

FIMIANI DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PRESIDENT FIMIANI responded to the City Commission's comments.

Discussion ensued including an appraisal on the Executive Golf Course.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO read a statement congratulating their new President, Joseph R. Biden and wished him tremendous success. He also referenced the Martin Luther King Day holiday and the COVID-19 pandemic in his statement.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO congratulated new President Joseph R. Biden. He discussed his recent visit at Michelle's International Learning House and referenced receiving donations for people who sought help and thanked the community in coming together. He read a letter from a Margate resident Jessica Bouvia pertaining to problems in the area and the Code Enforcement Department. He explained that Margate was an old City and that it needed a workshop to address the Code issues in the City. He spoke about mold at the Firehouse. He thanked several people who were involved with the Margate Flag Committee.

VICE MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO said that he had an upcoming meeting with the Code Department and would support having a Code Workshop. He congratulated newly elect, President Joseph R. Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. He spoke about the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine and thanked Congressman Ted Deutch's office for a recent meeting on the same and referenced Florida State Representative Hunschofsky. He asked the City Manager for information on a COVID-19 vaccine site.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that they had submitted five potential locations to

Broward Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and that they had plans in place should the City get the opportunity to operate a vaccine pod. He indicated that the potential sites could either be located at the CRA lot, Sports Complex, Firefighters Park, North West Focal Point Senior Center (NWFPS) or possibly, Oriole Gardens.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO continued to discuss establishing vaccine sites and suggested that future Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding should go directly to the cities. He provided a telephone number for the Veterans Affairs (VA) who was also administering COVID-19 inoculations. He was pleased to announce that the Police Station was open 24/7 and that they were doing teletype.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that the teletype service used to be outsourced through Coconut Creek but it was now operating in-house and he provided the non-emergency telephone number.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO said that he was a big supporter of community oriented policing and had suggested to Chief of Police Shaw about beautifying the Police lobby. He said that he had a meeting with their newly elected State Attorney Harold Pryor, City Attorney Smith and Chief of Police Shaw. He thanked the Chief of Police Shaw for the work from his department. He said it was a very good experience touring the City buildings and meeting with the department heads and staff. He provided an update on his first attendance at The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) introductory and workshop meetings, highlighted a Coconut Creek project pertaining to a pedestrian sky-bridge and requested that the City and the MPO have a joint workshop to discuss future projects. He thanked Home Depot and residents from Margate and Coral Springs for their generous and kind donations. He asked for CONSENSUS to have the City Manager look into creating a Resident/Volunteer Landscape Committee and report to the City Commission.

The City Commission gave CONSENSUS (5-0).

MAYOR SCHWARTZ said that both she and Commissioner Caggiano were present for the recognition of two members of the Fire Department and thanked the respective Fire Chiefs of Tamarac and North Lauderdale for their attendance. She advised that Battalion Chief Paul Phillips received the 2020 Dave Foster Paramedic of the Year Award and was also recognized for another award by the Fire Chiefs Association of Broward County. She also advised that Captain Carlos Pumariega received the 2020 Elizabeth Jordan Educator of the Year Award. She discussed how vaccines were regulated and located in Broward County in comparison to other counties. She said that she had conversed with Broward County Mayor Steven Geller about volunteers administering the COVID-19 vaccine and queried whether they could return some of the \$400,000 CARES Act funding. She asked the City Clerk to call each Commissioner to schedule a Code Workshop in the near future and referenced a parking study in 2000. She also spoke about the swearing in of the new President.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CURTIS wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed everyone back to the dais. He was very pleased to announce that their Police lobby was now operating on a 24/7 basis to the public, residents and those seeking non-emergency assistance and that they accepted walk-ins and telephone calls. He said that last September, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) agreed to install neighborhood lightbulbs in the cul-de-sacs along Margate Blvd and noted that they had begun their construction portion of that work. He said that they had also spoken about vaccination pods and that they had identified sites and had put plans in place in Margate and he appreciated all the City Commission's support with speaking with elected officials in

attracting attention. He advised that they had submitted over \$1,600,000 in CARES Act reimbursements to the County and to date, they have received checks from the County of approximately over \$1,000,000 and that he did not anticipate any issues. He said that City Clerk Kavanagh would poll the City Commission on an appropriate date for the Code Workshop.

CITY CLERK KAVANAGH wished the City Commission and staff a Happy New Year.

CITY ATTORNEY JANETTE M. SMITH wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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 2021-004](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES: NOVEMBER 4, 2020, REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING; NOVEMBER 18, 2020, REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING; DECEMBER 2, 2020, REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING; DECEMBER 9, 2020, REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING.

APPROVED

- B. [ID 2020-388](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING TOWER SITE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH CROWN CASTLE SOUTH, LLC TO UTILIZE THE EXISTING TOWER AT 5400 NW 15TH STREET AND APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT (BU 828746) WITH T-MOBILE USA TOWER, LLC, FOR THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF LAND FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER AT VINSON FIELD; PROVIDING FOR EXTENSION OF THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2021 TO JANUARY 31, 2051; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-001

APPROVED

- C. [ID 2020-447](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-002

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

6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2020-455](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE CITY’S HOME PURCHASE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY; PROVIDING FOR SUBORDINATION SUBJECT TO EQUITY COVERING THE NEW MORTGAGE AND BALANCE DUE ON THE GRANT LIEN; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-003

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

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO sought clarification if this Item was on the Purchase, Home Purchase and Rehabilitation program.

Mayor Schwartz confirmed that it was.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO said that he absolutely supported this Item.

Discussion ensued.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- B. [ID 2021-017](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO AND RESTATEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SURTAX INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY, THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AND PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES; PROVIDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND FISCAL YEAR 2020 ALLOCATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION, RANKING, AND RECOMMENDING FUNDING OF PROJECTS IN FUTURE BROWARD COUNTY ANNUAL FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS.

RESOLUTION 21-004

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

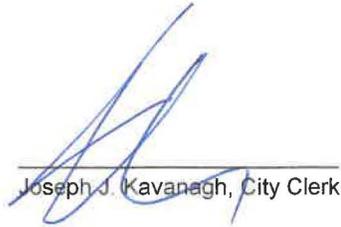
- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Arserio and Mayor Schwartz

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards



Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Date: 3/23/2021

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.

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One or more members of the City of Margate advisory boards may be in attendance and may participate at the meeting.

Per the unanimous approval of Emergency Ordinance 2020-8 on December 9, 2020, the City Commission finds that it is in the best interests of the City Commission, Boards, Committees, City personnel, and citizens and residents of the City to authorize the City Manager to provide for the City Commission, members of the various Boards, Committees, Magistrate, staff, and the public to be able to attend meetings electronically during a declared public health emergency, pursuant to the City's Charter, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Section 4 D of Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-52, and the City's home rule authority, including that set forth in Article VIII, Section 2(b), Florida Constitution, and Section 166.021, Florida Statutes.

Consistent with the authority contained in the Emergency Ordinance, and in order to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Margate's residents and employees, the City of Margate finds that it is in their best interests to hold this virtual public meeting.

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- Any comments related to any item on the agenda can be submitted to the City of Margate via the following e-mail address: JJKAVANAGH@margatefl.com.

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