



# 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*

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Wednesday, April 19, 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 2023-090](#) PRESENTATION FROM BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER MARK D. BOGEN

BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER, MARK D. BOGEN, referenced health checks and advised that the leading cause of death was from heart attacks. He worked alongside doctors to prove that there was a preventive test which could detect potential heart attacks. He informed that last year, the Broward County Commission approved to set aside \$10,000,000 to perform a computed tomography angiography (CTA) preventative test to 10,000 – 15,000 Broward County residents for free and he continued to discuss the same.

A question and answer session ensued between Broward County Commissioner Bogen and the City Commission.

### 2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

TRACY VAN WINKLE, 1020 SW 61ST AVENUE, voiced her concerns with the Residential Rental Unit Inspection Program application (RRUIP).

A SPOKESPERSON ON BEHALF OF FLORIDA STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE HUNSCHOFSKY'S OFFICE read a statement providing an update on several bills that would be heading to the House Chamber to be voted upon which included House Bill 33 - Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact and HB 655 - Suicide Prevention. She also highlighted that tomorrow, the Office District Aide would be hosting mobile office hours.

RUSSELL E. HORN, 6100 NW 18TH ST, discussed the roofing Ordinance within Margate.

JONATHAN A. KRALJIC, 7357 FLORES WAY, read a statement where he believed that there was a violation of the State Statute by not allowing the Public to comment at the last City Commission meeting

DONNA L. FELLOWS, 6108 NW 9TH COURT, thanked City Clerk Johnson.

JULIE JONES read a statement pertaining to the behavior in Margate.

RICH ALIANIELLO, 7631 NW 23RD STREET, liked the new Fire House 58.

GRANT R. O'DONNELL, 3011 HOLIDAY SPRINGS BOULEVARD, #205, thanked the City for the Property Improvement Grant Program (PIP) and said that the Assistant to the City Manager, Popick, was amazing. He also praised the Fire Department.

COMMISSIONER ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ responded to Mr. O'Donnell's comments.

MARGATE RESIDENT, NINA CULVER, discussed black mold and referenced Fire Station 98 where she addressed health concerns.

MAYOR CAGGIANO requested more information on Ms. Culver's alleged comments pertaining to Fire Station 98.

FIRE CHIEF ROBERTO LORENZO said that the health and safety of all their firefighters at every station was absolutely paramount and important. He referenced the Fire Impact Payment and advised that they were looking at different options and contractors for a reasonable price to re-do the Fire Station and that Public Works had cleaned up the shower.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS said he was unaware of this but would address it tomorrow with the Fire Chief and would update the City Commission accordingly.

Discussion ensued where the City Commission sought an immediate update and suggested that the other Fire Station should be reviewed too.

RICHARD ZUCCHINI, 380 LAKEWOOD CIRCLE E, #B referenced internal inspections and discussed the RRUIP.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ questioned Mr. Zucchini on the RRUIP.

Discussion ensued on the RRUIP.

### 3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO had no comment.

VICE MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO addressed Mr. Horn's comments on the roofing Ordinance. He suggested that when the PIP re-opened, they should utilize the \$6,000,000 exclusively to roofing. He addressed Ms. Van Winkle's comments and said that he did not agree with the RRUIP. He received a letter from a Margate resident who complimented the PIP and also they praised Assistant to City Manager, Popick and Business Development Coordinator Robinson. He asked Mayor Caggiano to consider reintroducing Zoom to residents for their participation. He advised that he would converse with some of the other cities pertaining to a public safety system for all four cities. He discussed his concerns about mold at the Fire Station and asked if the bathroom could be renovated within a week. He referenced that Budget time was approaching and that he had never once voted to raise the millage and that the City should think of other ways to bring in revenue. He indicated that the City owned property along Rock Island Road where it could be utilized, possibly for parking. He advised everyone to stay tuned to the radio on May 5th as he would be making a big announcement pertaining to the City.

MAYOR CAGGIANO highlighted the forthcoming International Festival on April 29th.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ had no comment.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE said that the current situation with roofs needed to be addressed and she had doubts whether bringing back a PIP pertaining to the same would be the answer as the materials may not necessarily be available. She referenced that there was too much unnecessary violence in the world today but hoped that everybody stayed well and requested that people should spread kindness through their deeds, words and actions.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY DAVID N. TOLCES explained that there was a potential trial coming up and requested an attorney/client session in the case of Ebony Blount vs. City of Margate and their outside Counsel, Mr. Reynolds Jr. for April 26th, 2023 at 3:30pm. He advised that he would work with City Clerk Johnson for the notice to be posted. He reviewed the information provided by Sisca Construction pertaining to the change order request for Fire Station 58 in order to determine whether there was any legal obligation that the City Commission approved a change order to the amount of \$277,525. He informed that both he and City staff reviewed additional information received from Mr. Sisca and he did not find that there was any legal obligation to pay the change order in the requested amount. He also did not believe that the City Commission had to take any further action although they had the opportunity to add that Item to an Agenda. He informed that he would be speaking on the topic of Community Redevelopment agencies (CRA) at the 46th Annual Local Government Law in Florida Conference in Palm Coast where he would also represent the City and Margate's CRA during his presentation.

Discussion ensued on the Annual Local Government Law in Florida Conference and on Sisca Construction.

#### **4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

CITY MANAGER CURTIS provided a status update on the PIP and explained that they had distributed approximately \$475,000. He said that he was proud of the PIP and looked forward to it continuing.

Discussion ensued on the PIP.

CITY CLERK JENNIFER M. JOHNSON advised that her son was playing in the championship games for Margate Basketball at Firefighters' Park.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO discussed the recent storm in South Florida and said that Public Works did a great job.

Discussion ensued on the recent storm in South Florida.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that Josh Baer was acting as the City's Emergency Manager. He explained that Mr. Baer was also on the Broward County request for assistance and provided other cities with much needed equipment during the storm.

## 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 2023-105](#) MOTION - ACCEPTING THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

**APPROVED**

- B. [ID 2023-059](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES: MARCH 14, 2023 CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING AND MARCH 15, 2023 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

**APPROVED**

- C. [ID 2023-106](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF BIDDING REQUIREMENTS DUE TO NO BIDS BEING RECEIVED FOR BID NO. 2023-009 - TRAILER-MOUNTED POWER WASHING SYSTEM. APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A POWER LINE INDUSTRIES HD35 MEGA PROFESSIONAL PACKAGE TRAILER-MOUNTED POWER WASH SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,995.00 FROM POWER LINE INDUSTRIES, INC. PER QUOTE NO. PW0311023; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**APPROVED**

- D. [ID 2023-109](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SIXTY (60) MONTH SERVICE AGREEMENT TO CINTAS CORPORATION FOR THE SUPPLY OF RENTAL UNIFORMS AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE UTILIZATION OF PRICING ESTABLISHED UNDER OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. R-BB-19002, FOR ALL DIRECTLY MATCHED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR A JULY 1, 2023 AGREEMENT COMMENCEMENT DATE TO COINCIDE WITH THE SUNSET OF THE CURRENT UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARGATE AND CINTAS CORPORATION.

**APPROVED**

- E. [ID 2023-110](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AWARDED BID NO. 2023-006 FURNISH AND DELIVER SODIUM HYDROXIDE 50% BY

WEIGHT TO UNIVAR SOLUTIONS USA, INC. AS PRIMARY SUPPLIER FOR TRUCKLOAD DELIVERIES AT A COST OF \$2.9265 PER GALLON, AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOAD DELIVERIES AT A COST OF \$3.5429 PER GALLON. AWARDED ALLIED UNIVERSAL CORPORATION AND BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH, INC AS SECONDARY SUPPLIERS OF LESS THAN TRUCKLOAD DELIVERIES AT A COST OF \$4.44 PER GALLON AND \$4.98 PER GALLON RESPECTIVELY; WITH THE CITY OF MARGATE ACTING AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE GROUP; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**APPROVED**

- F. [ID 2023-123](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MARGATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE CITY OF MARGATE PROVIDING THAT THE CITY SHALL PAY THE COST OF BROKERAGE SERVICES PERFORMED BY COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL FLORIDA, LLC ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND THE MARGATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR ANY CITY PROPERTY FOR WHICH COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL FLORIDA, LLC PROCURES A DEVELOPER WHICH RESULTS IN THE CITY ENTERING INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THAT DEVELOPER FOR THE APPLICABLE CITY PROPERTY.

**APPROVED**

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, 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 2023-124](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE FIVE MEMBER MARGATE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR A TERM COMMENCING APRIL 19, 2023 - MARCH 19, 2024.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, to appoint Charles Presser, to the Board of Adjustment. This carried as follows:**

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

## 7) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING

- A. [ID 2023-125](#) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX A - ZONING, ARTICLE XVI - MULTIPLE DWELLING R-3

DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR VEHICLE STORAGE AREAS WITHIN MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO requested if this Item could be discussed as the Planning & Zoning (P & Z) Board made some recommendations.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ said that there was no back-up and was considering tabling this Item as she wanted to read the Minutes.

Discussion ensued on this Item.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS confirmed that this Item would not limit or restrict any parking that the City had as it was providing a space in multi-family Homeowners Associations (HOA) to a common area space for recreational or commercial vehicles to park.

Discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Ruzzano, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, that this Ordinance, First Reading, should be discussed.**

MR. ZUCCHINI highlighted the parking issues in his community. He referenced converting their unused tennis court to overflow parking.

MAYOR CAGGIANO questioned if Mr. Zucchini's situation was just unique in his community or whether this would be better addressed at a Board of Adjustment meeting rather than make a rule for the whole City.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO indicated that the parking issue was not exclusive to Mr. Zucchini's community.

Discussion ensued.

MR. KRALJIC confirmed that he was in agreement with Commissioner Schwartz and Mayor Caggiano that this Item should be tabled as no background information was available.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO discussed his concerns on this Item.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that they were trying to establish a storage lock for trailers, boats and the intent for the fence was to have some sort of screening around it.

Discussion ensued.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES clarified that the purpose of this Ordinance was to provide for a permitted use on certain properties within the R3 zoning districts. Currently,

the common storage area for vehicles that Mr. Zucchini had been discussing was not allowed and in order to provide for the ability for them to have this parking in their zoning district, the Ordinance provided for that.

Discussion ensued on the possibility of a third party company doing parking along Rock Island.

**A motion to table was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, that this Ordinance, First Reading, should wait until they are in receipt of the Planning and Zoning Minutes. This carried as follows:**

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

## 8) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A.** [ID 2023-067](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - FUNDING REQUEST BY DISCOVER THE BEAUTY WOMEN EMPOWERMENT, INC.

There was no discussion or action on this Item.

- B.** [ID 2023-108](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - SPECIAL EVENTS FUNDING/DONATION REQUEST PROGRAM - GOODMAN JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF BROWARD COUNTY

GOODMAN JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES (GJFS), GRANT WRITER, REBECCA REICHERT, explained that they were asking for the same as last year and were seeking financial assistance for their clients.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO hoped that this Item passed and that he appreciated Ms. Reichert for attending and providing clarity on the donations uses.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ questioned Ms. Reichert whether her organization provided services to Margate.

GJFS GRANT WRITER, REICHERT, confirmed that they serviced the Margate area and that they received grants from a variety of cities.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE explained that although Ms. Reichert had a very good organization and that they did a good job, she would be voting against this Item. She explained that she was not in favor of the City providing funds and using the taxpayer resident money for any donation purpose and also referenced that the GJFS received large financial assistance from other organizations.

Discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Ruzzano, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, that the funding request for \$1,000, should be approved.**

MR. KRALJIC referenced a previous request that there should be some kind of allocation to each City Commissioner to grant gifts and this had not come to fruition. He also suggested that contributions should be taken from City Commissioners' bonuses to assist with this.

MS. JONES indicated that she had done charity for a number of years and had never asked for a financial donation and also said that 'charity begins at home.' She also discussed Firehouse 98.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO highlighted a discussion at a previous meeting where each respective City Commissioner utilized an allocated amount to provide to their own charity and they would be accountable to whom they would provide this to.

**This carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Simone

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

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Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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