



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, March 1, 2023

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

Webinar ID: 814 6563 4401

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano

Vice Mayor Ruzzano arrived at 6:32 pm

MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) PRESENTATION(S)

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

A. [ID 2023-040](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: OLIVIA HOLMES (Student), CINDY BUCKLAND (Teacher), (Mrs. Stacy Angier, Principal and/or Mrs. Renate Ramirez, Assistant Principal)

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: NEYTEN PIERRE (Student), JULIE MILLER (Teacher), (Mrs. Shereen R. Reynolds, Principal and Dr. Latonya Cooper, Assistant Principal)

BROWARD MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOOLS: ELAINE REID (Student), GEMA WARD (Teacher), (Mr. Hasan Kose, Principal and/or Assistant Principal Mrs. Shahna Clark)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: KAMYL QUESADA (Student), LIADAN SUSOEFF (Teacher), (Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Assistant

Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: JULIA ANUNCIACION (Student), MICHELLE ROBBINS (Teacher), (Mrs. Sabine Phillips, Principal and/or Assistant Principal)

PHYL'S ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL: ABIGAIL MAXIMEA (Student), YOLANDE GEORGE (Teacher), (Ms. Afua Baptiste, Principal)

RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: KAELYN SMITH (Student), BASAK ESMER (Teacher), (Dr. Adriana Guerra, Principal)

PROCLAMATION(S)

- B.** [ID 2023-005](#) IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH - MARCH, 2023 (presented to Mark Donavan, Ancient Order of Hibernians Representative)

MARK DONAVAN spoke on this Item.

COMMISSIONER ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ invited Hector Arteaga and Nicole Cangelosi-Collins to give a special presentation that was not on the Agenda.

HECTOR ARTEAGA thanked and presented Vice Mayor Ruzzano with a gift.

VICE MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO thanked Mr. Arteaga for the gift. He discussed the baseball league.

NICOLE CANGELOSI-COLLINS thanked Vice Mayor Ruzzano and the Police Department for everything they did for their opening day last weekend. She also provided a gift to the City and to the Police Department.

MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO thanked Ms. Cangelosi-Collins for the gift.

Discussion ensued.

Meeting went into Recess.

Meeting Reconvened.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

JONATHAN A. KRALJIC, 7357 FLORES WAY, read a statement on the discontinuation of Zoom and the submittal of reading comments at the City Commission meetings and the City's monthly car allowance.

DONNA L. FELLOWS, 6108 NW 9TH COURT, commended the Water Department and discussed the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) pertaining to a voting issue.

JULIE JONES thanked IT Director Garmon and presented him with a gift.

MARILYN A. KNEELAND, 7955 NW 5TH CT, APT 108, provided an update on the

Keep Margate Green Committee and also referenced Mr. Fimiani's involvement with Broward County Waterway Cleanup.

RICH ALIANIELLO, 7631 NW 23RD STREET, gave credit to the landscaping in Margate. He also thanked and appreciated the City Commissioners for all they did.

TRACY VAN WINKLE, 1020 SW 61ST AVENUE, referenced negativity and positivity in the City and discussed the City Commissioner's behavior on the dias. She requested a "do not block" sign on the intersection of State Road 7/441 and Barry Road opposite Denny's and also highlighted that there had been an increase in drivers honking their horn.

VALERIE PERRY, 6812 DOGWOOD LANE, made comments about the change orders that were submitted during the last City Commission meeting pertaining to the Fire Station 58.

PAMELA GOSS, 710 NW 73 AVE, referenced the Property Improvement Grant Program (PIP) and questioned whether this would reopen.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE complimented IT Director Garmon. She wished everyone well and requested that they check the City's calendar and website for upcoming City events.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ listed the events to be held in Margate. She concurred with Ms. Perry's comments pertaining to the Fire Station. She questioned City Manager Curtis if the PIP would be reopened.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS explained that he anticipated reopening the PIP in the future as they would end up having some funds leftover.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ advised Ms. Perry to keep an eye on the City's website pertaining to the PIP.

MAYOR CAGGIANO discussed attending an amazing Black History Month event at Atlantic West Elementary with Commissioner Schwartz. He thanked City Manager Curtis and Interim City Attorney Tolces pertaining to a resident's question about roads. He discussed his conversation with the Founder and President of South Florida Ostomy and Tube Feeding/HPN Support Group and appealed for any non-financial donations. He referenced the forthcoming Sounds at Sundown event.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO discussed the PIP process and anticipated that it would reopen. He referenced resident, Grant O'Donnell and informed that they were not taking comments from the public via Zoom. He said that Mr. O'Donnell relayed his gratitude to the City Commission and Assistant to the City Manager, Popick, pertaining to the PIP that he received. He advised that there was a possibility of opening up a grant for those who were in the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) location. He indicated that they had been voting over the telephone for years. He discussed the Fire Station and said that he would not vote for it. He wished his wife a Happy Birthday.

Discussion ensued on the Item for the Fire Station being removed from the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda.

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO highlighted the forthcoming International Day Festival. He referenced the Fire Station and said that he sought further information from the Interim City Attorney in terms of contractual obligations. He indicated that the

City Commission remained accessible to the residents. He provided his contact details and informed that he recently launched a newsletter where he received positive feedback.

MAYOR CAGGIANO commented on providing the correct information to the residents.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CURTIS had nothing to report.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES provided an update on the Agenda Item, Fire Station 58 and explained why it was removed from the Regular City Commission Meeting agenda.

Discussion ensued on the contract for Fire Station 58.

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 2022-504](#) A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT NEW UTILITY AND ACCESS EASEMENTS FOR SANITARY SEWER AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND VACATE EXISTING UTILITY EASEMENT BOTH LOCATED AT 4990 COCONUT CREEK PARKWAY, AND OWNED BY SOONER EIGHT, LLC. AND APPROVE THE EASEMENTS TO ENABLE THE CITY OF MARGATE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN THE NEWLY INSTALLED WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES.

APPROVED

- B. [ID 2023-022](#) A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT NEW UTILITY AND ACCESS EASEMENTS FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCATED AT 5301 W. COPANS ROAD (N/W/C OF COPANS ROAD AND BANKS ROAD), AND OWNED BY FR5355 NORTHWEST 24TH STREET LLC. AND APPROVE EASEMENTS AND THE BILL OF SALE TO ENABLE THE CITY OF MARGATE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN THE NEWLY INSTALLED WATER FACILITIES.

APPROVED

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Simone, 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 2023-029](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING A ONE-TIME \$5,000.00 ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENT FOR FEDERATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

- B.** [ID 2023-038](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH RAZORBACK, LLC FOR BID NO. 2023-002 "AERIAL UTILITY CROSSING REHABILITATION", IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,012,481.80 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

CITY MANAGER CURTIS confirmed that this Item pertained to the Enterprise funds.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- C.** [ID 2023-041](#) ~~A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA TO AUTHORIZE A CHANGE ORDER FOR BID NO. 2020-014 FIRE STATION NO. 58 DEMOLITION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$277,525.00 FOR INCREASES IN THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.~~

- D.** [ID 2023-043](#) TEMPORARY USE PERMIT (TUP) APPLICATION FOR MARGATE SPRING BREAK FAIR, AT 1000 NORTH STATE ROAD 7, FROM MARCH 17, 2023 TO APRIL 2, 2023.

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

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ explained that she had a real issue with the operational hours as she did previously. She read an excerpt from a letter from the Police Department and said that she could not support this Item.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS provided clarification on the operational hours that the CRA approved as a conditioning use of the property.

Discussion ensued on the operational hours being amended.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES read an excerpt from the Resolution pertaining to the operational hours.

Discussion ensued.

MS. FELLOWS discussed the contract and explained why she was against this Item.

MS. VAN WINKLE said that they did not want the Carnival in Margate.

MR. KRALJIC read a statement pertaining to the Carnival.

MS. PERRY read a statement requesting the City Commission to deny the temporary use permit to Hildebrand Amusements.

MS. JONES had concerns about the operational hours.

MR. ALIANIELLO advised that they should iron out the problems the next time around.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES clarified that in the recent application that was completed following the CRA meeting, it detailed the hours that were approved by the CRA. He advised that the City Commission's motion should be consistent to what the CRA had already approved.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO clarified that his motion to approve be consistent with the CRA Approval.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE explained that in her opinion, there should not be a next time for this Carnival and read extracts of Major Stransky's letter pertaining to the same. She could not understand and also questioned why they would want this fair to come to Margate.

This carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Arserio, Vice Mayor Ruzzano and Mayor Caggiano

No: 2 - Commissioner Schwartz and Commissioner Simone

7) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING

- A.** [ID 2023-036](#) ORDINANCE - AMENDING CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE V, RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNIT INSPECTION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR VACATION RENTALS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arserio, seconded by Commissioner Simone, to table this Item to be determined (TBD) date.

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

8) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A.** [ID 2023-042](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - UNITED WAY OF BROWARD COUNTY ANNUAL MAYORS' GALA - APRIL 29, 2023.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Ruzzano, seconded by Mayor Caggiano, that they purchase a table the same as last year and the year before.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ advised that last year, there was a cheaper alternative than what was advertised.

The motion 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 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: _____

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