



# 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, October 18, 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)

#### ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

- A. [ID 2023-339](#) SOCCER: BENJAMIN ZELAYA, 13 YEARS OLD (Margate Middle School)

#### EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

- B. [ID 2023-330](#) WILLIAM A. EVANS, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 30 YEARS

TODD M. WOLOSH, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 25 YEARS

JEFFREY A. ARBOGAST, POLICE SERGEANT - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 10 YEARS

RICHARD A. BRAVO-BROWN, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 10 YEARS

SCOT P. SAWYER, POLICE SERGEANT - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 10 YEARS

MICHAEL H. GILLIAM, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 5

YEARS

PEDRO STIASSNI, PROJECT MANAGER - ENVIRONMENTAL AND  
ENGINEERING SERVICES - 5 YEARS

### PROCLAMATION(S)

- C. [ID 2023-314](#) FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK - OCTOBER 16-22, 2023

MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO spoke on this Item.

CHIEF OF POLICE, JOSEPH GALASKA, spoke on this Item. He also discussed the promotional ceremony that he conducted earlier for three employees.

### PRESENTATION(S) CONTINUED

- D. [ID 2023-358](#) PRESENTATION - GOVRATES MUNICIPAL ADVISOR PRESENTATION ON  
THE CITY'S WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY RATE STUDY

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS asked for CONSENSUS to move 7) A. ID 2023-359.

MAYOR CAGGIANO said that was not a problem.

GOVRATES CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO), BRYAN MANTZ, introduced himself.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS intervened by announcing to the City Commission that there were some technical issues and that the volume was not being broadcasted on Channel 78. He understood that it was a Comcast issue which they were trying to resolve.

Discussion ensued.

Meeting went into Recess.

Meeting Reconvened

GOVRATES CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MANTZ, presented the results of the Water and Wastewater Utility Rate Study. He discussed the Utility Overview and advised that it provided an essential service on a continuous basis and it was also a highly regulated entity. He advised that it was an enterprise fund where the operations were primarily funded through user rates and that there had been no rate adjustment since fiscal year 2021. He also discussed the substantial infrastructure under City Management where the sole cost of assets was approximately \$137,000,000 and that the replacement costs could be as high \$360,000,000. He also spoke at length about the major cost factors affecting the water and utility system which included three bond issues between 2024 – 2030 and that the capital projects were essentially being funded through existing operating reserves which were unsustainable. He highlighted the cash position with no rate adjustments and said that the first adjustment would be 25% which was anticipated to become effective in January 2024 and he continued to discuss the proposed rates. He explained the projected need for revenue adjustments and also referenced that the projected financial position could fund operating expenses and said that the existing rates would not allow the utility to be sustainable. He referenced competitiveness and said that although the existing rates were the second lowest in the area, there was no point in having low rates if they had, for example, yellow water or a 60 year old infrastructure that

was failing. He said that in terms of the user rate design was concerned, they were not recommending any changes to the existing rate structure but the elimination of the annual hydrant maintenance of charge due to a number of complaints. He explained that they were recommending across the board, Wastewater waste adjustments and maintenance of the 25% outside the City's surcharge which was allowed by Florida statutes and it applied to customers in Coconut Creek and North Lauderdale service areas.

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO questioned whether the cities were going to receive an additional 25% on top plus the current increase.

GOVRATES CEO MANTZ replied to Commissioner Arserio and said that they already had 25% applied to the rates and would receive the same percent increase as everybody else.

Discussion ensued.

GOVRATES CEO MANTZ continued with his PowerPoint presentation and advised that Margate's impact fees were right in line with everybody else. He said that there were other miscellaneous service charges such as meter and installation charges, turn on/off, etc. which were outlined in the Ordinance and for the City's consideration. He also informed that there were other considerations for determining these business charges such as the current utility cost to provide service in comparison with similar charges of other Florida utilities and the City's policies. He finalized his PowerPoint presentation and summarized the following recommendations:

- Adopt the proposed schedule of water and wastewater user rates for fiscal years 2024 – 2028;
- Adopt the proposed water and wastewater connection/impact fees;
- Adopt the proposed other/miscellaneous service charges; and
- Update financial and rate plan as needed.

MAYOR CAGGIANO thanked Govrates CEO Mantz for the presentation which he said was critical for the future of Margate's sustainability. He repeated City Manager Curtis' request for Item 7) A. ID 2023-359 to be moved up. He thanked Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES) Director Keyser and DEES Assistant Director Reczko and discussed his tour of the water plant.

VICE MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO questioned whether it was correct that Coconut Creek was at the bottom of the chart and anticipated that the public were unaware that Margate supplied them with a portion of water. He also questioned whether it was cheaper to have your own water and sewer than to import it from another city. He referenced the three bonds and questioned the period of when these would be utilized. He said that the City was being proactive, that he enjoyed the presentation and was in favor of this Item.

GOVRATES CEO MANTZ did not know the exact reason why Coconut Creek were positioned lower. He said that usually, they would issue bonds to fund two or three years of projects and that the next bond would not be issued until they spent or planned to spend all the proceeds.

Discussion ensued on bonds.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission to move 7) A .ID 2023-359.

## 7) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING

- A. [ID 2023-359](#) ORDINANCE - AMENDING CHAPTER 39, "WATER AND SEWERS, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES," ARTICLE III, "REGULATION OF SEWER USE," SECTION 39-28, "VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE; PENALTIES; LIABILITY FOR RESULTING DAMAGE," ARTICLE VII - "UTILITY RULES, REGULATIONS AND RATES," SECTION 39-70, "RULES AND REGULATIONS," SECTION 39-71 "RATES ESTABLISHED," SECTION 39-72, "SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE MANDATORY; WATER SHUTOFF NOT SEPARATION FROM SYSTEM; PROCEDURE FOR EXCUSE FROM SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE; RECONNECTION TO SYSTEM," SECTION 39-73, "CONNECTION CHARGES," SECTION 39-74, "IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY RATES OUTSIDE OF MARGATE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING FOR RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES TO BE APPROVED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR PROSECUTION, ENFORCEMENT, PENALTY, AND RECOVERY OF COSTS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

TRACY VAN WINKLE, 1020 SW 61ST AVENUE, disagreed with comments made by the City Commissions' pertaining to the DEES' waterplant.

DONNA L. FELLOWS, 6108 NW 9TH COURT, referenced yellow water and requested that if the City Commission vote for this Item, that Margate gave the public the quality of water they deserve.

RICHARD ZUCCHINI, 380 LAKEWOOD CIRCLE E, #B made comment on things not featured in the PowerPoint presentation and suggested that they should invest in technology. He also questioned how far the City had got with relining the pipes.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO said he was a huge component of reverse osmosis plants (RO) and responded to the public speakers' comments.

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

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

## 2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR CAGGIANO explained the protocol for speaking under Public Comments and the Consent Agenda and questioned if there was any one on Zoom.

JONATHAN A. KRALJIC, 7357 FLORES WAY, opposed Consent Agenda Item 5) C for individual donation accounts for City Commissioners and said that Margate was not a charity and continued to read a statement on the same. He also spoke on the City's water infrastructure.

TINA N. TOEPFER, 6704 NW 28TH CT, disagreed with the City Commission voting themselves a pay raise and bonuses.

MS. FELLOWS thanked the Chief for the wonderful job he did.

DONNA L. FELLOWS, 6108 NW 9TH COURT, referenced yellow water and requested the public have the quality of water they deserve.

JULIE JONES discussed the attendance for a vigil at the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) meeting which also included the attendance of a Rabbi which she said was from the request of Vice Mayor Ruzzano. She read a list of people who she believed cared for the City and questioned why some board members and donation receivers did not attend the City Commission meetings.

### 3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO highlighted the forthcoming City events for the month of October.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO said that he had been receiving a lot of calls about the maintenance of the golf course and said that he thought that they may be going before next Tuesday's Special Magistrate. He appreciated City Manager Curtis for being accessible outside of office hours and asked the public to take a drive on E. Palm Drive to see a house decorated beautifully for Halloween. He said that he would also be hosting a Christmas party at his house.

MAYOR CAGGIANO concurred with Commissioner Arserio and Vice Mayor Ruzzano's comments and said that he was very proud of the Police Department. He encouraged the public to attend this month's City's events.

COMMISSIONER ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ congratulated the Police personnel that received promotions. She reminded the people that the daylight-saving time ended on November 5th. She addressed a public comment pertaining to pay rises for City Commissioners and agreed with Vice Mayor Ruzzano.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE highlighted the forthcoming National Prescription Drug Take Back Day event at Walgreens. She congratulated all of the Police Officers for their years of service and DEES Project Manager, Stiassni for his outstanding work at the Wastewater and Water Treatment Plant together with all of the employees that worked there.

### 4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CURTIS referenced the last City Commission meeting and that direction was given to him to move forward with having discussions with a vendor regarding the school zone and speed cameras. He said that an initial study was conducted and reviewed but said that there were some irregularities with the numbers that were provided. He advised that the Police Department was going to do an additional study at the end of month and they would compare numbers to numbers and hoped that they would return

back in November to present on the findings from that study.

Discussion ensued on other vendors pursuant to speed cameras

CITY MANAGER CURTIS said that the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) board made a recommendation to the City Commission to approve Phase II of the code update which would come before the City Commission at next month's meeting. He thanked Development Services Director Taschereau and her team for getting through that strenuous section of code. He congratulated the Police Departments new sergeant and lieutenant. He also acknowledged Finance Director Diaz for making some changes to their investment policy.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ discussed the maintenance of the Golf course and referenced changing the rules pertaining to fines.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO said that as a resident of that community, he constantly received complaints and explained that he raised an issue of a sidewalk with concrete showing. He discussed the lack of grass maintenance at the golf course and suggested that they needed to hire professionals but it was not the City's problem. He referenced the Special Magistrate and Building Code Compliance and said that it was unacceptable as the rules were being exploited.

Discussion ensued.

## 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 2023-353](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 CITY COMMISSION BUDGET HEARING AND SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

**APPROVED**

- B. [ID 2023-328](#) A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BROWARD COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN (LMS); PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**APPROVED**

- C. [ID 2023-340](#) APPROVING A DONATION OF \$2,000.00 TO THE "BROWARD VICTIM'S RIGHT COALITION" PROVIDING FOR FUNDING FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND

**APPROVED**

- D. [ID 2023-341](#) APPROVING A DONATION OF \$2,000.00 TO THE "SOUTH FLORIDA REHAB AND EMERGENCY SUPPORT TEAM" (SFREST), ALSO KNOWN AS THE CANTEEN; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT

TRUST FUND

**APPROVED**

- E. [ID 2023-343](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING WAIVING OF BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN (115) NEW GLOCK 9MM PISTOLS 45MOS AND (135) HOLOSUN 509T X2 SIGHTS WITH ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM LOU'S POLICE DISTRIBUTOR'S, INC. DECLARING GLOCK 45 9MM WITH NIGHT SIGHTS AS SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE SURPLUS PISTOLS AND SIGHTS BE UTILIZED AS A TRADE-IN TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF THE NEW GLOCK PISTOLS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$98,000.00

**APPROVED**

- F. [ID 2023-347](#) RESOLUTION - REQUESTING THE BROWARD DELEGATION OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PRIORITIZE AND DRAFT A BILL TO BE CONSIDERED DURING THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ADDRESSING THE REMOVAL OR RELOCATION BY UTILITY OPERATORS OF OBSOLETE OR OUT-OF-SERVICE UTILITY HARDWARE AND O T H E R INFRASTRUCTURE; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**APPROVED**

- G. [ID 2023-348](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AWARDED BID NO. 2023-018 - SUPPLY AND DELIVER CIBA MAGNAFLOC LT25 AND CIBA ZETAG 7878FS40 POLYMERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES TO STERLING WATER TECHNOLOGIES LLC; PROVIDING FOR MAGNAFLOC PRICING AT \$170.78 PER BAG AND ZETAG PRICING AT \$1803.49 PER DRUM; PROVIDING FOR AN INITIAL ONE-YEAR TERM AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR RATE ADJUSTMENTS UPON RENEWAL NOT TO EXCEED THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE APPLICABLE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AS STIPULATED IN THE BID DOCUMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**APPROVED**

- H. [ID 2023-349](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AWARDED BID NO. 2023-015 - SUPPLY AND DELIVER ALUMINUM CHLOROHYDRATE (ACH) 50% BY WEIGHT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES TO HAWKINS, INC. / DBA HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP AT A COST OF \$0.45 PER POUND; PROVIDING FOR AN INITIAL ONE-YEAR TERM AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR RATE ADJUSTMENTS UPON RENEWAL NOT TO EXCEED THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE APPLICABLE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AS STIPULATED IN THE BID DOCUMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN



EFFECTIVE DATE

**APPROVED**

- I. [ID 2023-354](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AWARDING RFP 2023-012 - PREQUALIFICATION FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR SERVICES TO THE FIRMS OF RPM GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC., AND HRT CONSTRUCTION GROUP LLC; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MATERIALS MARKUP AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LABOR RATE SCHEDULES; PROVIDING FOR FUTURE ADMINISTRATIVELY AWARDED CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION PROJECTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**APPROVED**

- J. [ID 2023-355](#) APPROVING FY 2023-2024 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF) \$1,000,000 GRANT AGREEMENT: LW761 SOUTHEAST PARK PROJECT WITH A CITY MATCH OF \$1,000,000; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**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 2023-356](#) RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A LETTER TO THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF THE MARGATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUNSET DATE TO THE END OF THE 2046-2047 FISCAL YEAR

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that GENERAL ANALYTICS INC. (GAI) Consultants were available on Zoom to answer any questions or provide any updates.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ questioned GIA whether they had done this before.

GAI CONSULTANTS, SENIOR DIRECTOR, THOMAS KOHLER, said that they were in the process of negotiating a couple in Orange County and claimed that counties were not the biggest supporters of Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRA). He also informed that they had some conversations with Broward County (BC) staff and that they were following their lead on how to proceed.

Discussion ensued.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO advised that Mr. Kohler was involved in Orlando's CRA. He also questioned whether the City would need to write a letter.



Discussion ensued.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO questioned whether the City Commission was able to express their feelings to County Commissioners about this matter.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY DAVID N. TOLCES said that there was nothing that would prohibit the City Commissioners from approaching County Commissioners but advised that they should do that and consult with their consultant to make sure that they were made aware and that the message was consistent and not crossing wires.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO forewarned for the last eight months that he had mentioned that many items had come in front of the City Commission that were a part of a Broward County initiative that they desperately needed.

MR. ZUCCHINI explained that as an additional incentive, the City should speak with the CRA and buy-up as many property purchase options of property as possible as it could be another leverage in negotiating a tactic that they could use with BC.

**A vote carried as follows:**

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

**B. [ID 2023-338](#)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING PARKS BOND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - CALYPSO COVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE I - ACTIVITY CENTER AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$604,727.32; UTILIZING A PIGGYBACK OF NATIONAL PURCHASING PARTNERS (NPPGOV) RFP 2060 PARK, PLAYGROUND, AND RECREATION EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO said that this item was a good water feature for the kids. He questioned whether they planned on doing anything on the basketball courts and referenced pickleball courts. He also questioned Calypso Cove's playground with the sand and said that he would no longer fight for a lazy river.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS said that currently, they did not have any plans for the basketball courts but they had converted a couple of tennis courts into pickleball courts at Coral Gate Park. He said that the sand would be gone at the Calypso Cove playground.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO said that he was onboard with the lazy river at the time and discussed the difficulties of implementing and sustaining that initiative. He questioned

whether there would be a height restriction on a slide that was going to be incorporated into a playground area.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ said that there were no height restrictions which City Manager Curtis concurred with.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE questioned whether this Item included the basketball court.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS confirmed that it was just the playground equipment and said that there would be another contract to install the same.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO referenced the timeline and believed that the goal would be to complete by Summer. He questioned whether the slides and the other pools would still be opened if they could not complete certain areas by next Summer.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS indicated that currently, he could not see why they could not have those two areas opened.

Discussion ensued.

MR. ZUCCHINI referenced the lazy river and suggested that they could use the canals as a concession. He advised that there were complaints via social media of people getting shocked from the metal slides.

**This carried by the following vote:**

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

- C. [ID 2023-351](#)** RESOLUTION - APPROVING THE AMENDED SPECIAL EVENTS FUNDING/DONATION REQUEST PROGRAM FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONER ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING FOR BUDGET LINE ITEM FUNDING REQUESTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO said that he had spoken to City Manager Curtis and advised that all 501(C)3s were non-profit which he had asked for and indicated that the applicant must register with the State.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ concurred with Vice Mayor Ruzzano.

MAYOR CAGGIANO did not have a problem with the non-profits.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO indicated that he wanted a process where the applicants did not have to return to the City Commission.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained the process for donations and said that once the paperwork had been finalized and reviewed, the City Manager's Office (CMO) would email the City Commission seeking their authority to sponsor the same. He said that if he received a response from a City Commissioner approving to sponsor, the CMO would approve that administratively but if there was more than one response, the same would go on the Agenda for the City Commissioner to split or one of them being the sponsor.

Discussion ensued including amending the original motion.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ questioned if there was a change from the original where organizations could ask up to \$1,000.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS confirmed that organizations could ask for \$1,000 and individuals could ask up to \$500.

Discussion ensued.

**A motion to amend was made by Commissioner Schwartz, to include the option to submit the 501(C)3, (C)4 and (C)6 notification (if applicable) and that the applicant must also submit the letter from The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) related to their ability to solicit for contributions, seconded by Vice Mayor Ruzzano.**

JULIE JONES questioned who vetted the charities.

MS. FELLOWS raised a question on the procedure for applicants.

Discussion ensued.

MR. ZUCCHINI expressed that it was a good Resolution and was glad that the City was handling it this way.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO questioned if they could make their own advisory board for contributions.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY, DAVID N. TOLCES, confirmed that either the City Commission or a City Commissioner could form a board to discuss donations.

Discussion ensued on the vetting process, creating an advisory board and the waiving of fees for the City's sports field.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS questioned if there was a CONSENSUS from the City Commission that they would not want to allow those donations to be used for the rental of City fields.

Discussion ensued.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS said that they would not process those types of applications.

**The motion to amend carried as follows:**

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


MAYOR CAGGIANO thanked the Department Heads that were in attendance for all the amazing jobs that they did and encouraged the public to attend the forthcoming City events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

  
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Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: 12/7/2023

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[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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