



City of Margate

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Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Commissioner Lesa 'Le' Peerman, Commissioner Joyce W. Bryan, Commissioner Frank B. Talerico, Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano and Mayor Joanne Simone

In Attendance:

City Manager Douglas E. Smith
City Attorney Eugene M. Steinfeld
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ID 14-811 REGAN HENDERSON, 3RD GRADE, MARGATE ELEMENTARY

1) PRESENTATION(S)

- A. ID 14-872** 2014 JOHN LAND YEARS OF SERVICE HONOREE AWARD PRESENTED TO COMMISSIONER FRANK B. TALERICO BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES.
- B. ID 14-870** POLICE OFFICER DANIEL SHAW - OFFICER OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER 2014.
- C. ID 14-871** POLICE OFFICER ARMANDO HERNANDEZ - LIFESAVER COMMENDATION.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

- D. ID 14-873** ARMANDO HERNANDEZ, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 15 YEARS
- ANNE CLARKE, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 10 YEARS
- MICHAEL G. DRUZBIK, POLICE SERGEANT - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 10 YEARS

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

- E. ID 14-866** SOFTBALL: KAYLEY DALEY, 12 YEARS OLD
(Margate Pony Elite Baseball and Softball League, Margate Wildcats)

PROCLAMATION

- F. ID 14-809** 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SALVATION ARMY- 2015 (presented to Jim Moyer, MBA, Donor Program Manager)

2) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN asked whether the City Manager could be directed to determine if a bridge could be installed across Winfield Boulevard to Firefighters Park. She wanted to know if someone owned the property on the other side and what the cost would be to build the bridge. She also wanted to look into the logistics with regard to parking, lighting and police safety. She asked that the City Manager also determine the cost of putting a bridge from Firefighters Park to where the future Dog Park was. She did not want to pay \$65,000 to install a right turn lane and add parking, when a bridge could be added and people could park at Firefighters Park. She suggested that the bridge be a driving bridge.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO said that he agreed with the bridge from Winfield Boulevard. He asked whether the purpose of the second bridge was because of impact fees in the future.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN explained that to be able to enter from the right turn lane the cost was \$75,000. She noted that there was already a right turn lane down by Firefighters Park. She felt that adding the bridge would avoid having to deal with the County.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO said that he agreed with having the bridges; however, he felt that the drive-over bridge would be costly.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN mentioned bridges on the west coast where wooden driving bridges were used. She stated that the canal was not very wide to build a bridge over.

COMMISSIONER BRYAN previously asked the City Manager what steps were needed to look into having the bridge between Winfield Boulevard and Firefighters Park for the convenience issue.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN noted that she was informed that part of the property was owned by the Carolina Club; therefore, there might be a liability issue. She said that she heard that the Army Corps of Engineers could build it for free. She asked that the City Manager look into that issue as well.

MAYOR SIMONE stated that Staff was aware of these two situations and was starting to work on them.

CITY MANAGER DOUGLAS E. SMITH said that he would report back to the Commission regarding both of the items.

COMMISSIONER TALERICO mentioned the swimming lessons, and CITY MANAGER SMITH noted that February 7, 2015, was Water Safety Awareness Day; however, there were no lessons occurring that day.

COMMISSIONER TALERICO encouraged everyone to take the free swimming lessons.

COMMISSIONER BRYAN congratulated Jim McGinn, Florida League of Cities, for his award and his support of Margate. She also thanked the Police Officers and mentioned the Police Officers in Boston who were having a difficult time after the marathon.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO congratulated Commissioner Talerico. He mentioned the new non-emergency phone number, and discussed providing a package when new residents came to the City, similar to what he was provided when he moved to Margate. He said that City information could be provided, as well as some restaurant coupons from the Chamber of Commerce. He noted that Baseball was starting on Saturday and that there was no shade in the stands. He said that he sent some information to the City Manager and was informed of the Parks and Recreation plans. He said that he was informed of some possible seating; however, he felt that would not happen for at least another year or two. He asked that the City Manager show the Commissioners the information he provided regarding portable shade canopies for the stands. He said that if the stadium was changed the canopies could be taken to the Soccer field or to Firefighters Park.

CITY MANAGER SMITH said that he would bring the information back to the Commission.

MAYOR SIMONE stated that the City did a great job on the magnets, which were available at the Reception Desk at City Hall. She noted that they would be given out at City events. She stated that she met with Representative Hazelle Rogers who informed her of the Sunshine State Senior Games, for those 40 years old and older. She said that there would be a breakfast at 9:00 a.m. with a Dominos Tournament at 11:00 a.m. on February 7, 2015. Lauderhill City Hall Annex with \$20 registration fee. She mentioned that the Stage Door Theater had an ad in the paper indicating their location as Margate. She reminded everyone about the Movies in Park.

3) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ALEX PERRI, 6812 Dogwood Lane, mentioned the alarming number of motor vehicle accidents occurring on Rock Island Road. He felt that the Police and Fire Chief were aware and could provide details with regard to how many accidents, injuries and deaths that have occurred on Rock Island Road between Royal Palm Boulevard and West Sample Road. He believed that in 2014, there were at least 50 accidents and most were horrific. He explained that most residents enjoyed walking, jogging, bike riding or driving; however, the residents wanted to be able to do so safely. He noticed that Police cars were parked in different locations to deter speeding; however, a quick fix would be selective enforcement with a zero tolerance for speeders. He stated that other areas of the City needed the same enforcement, which would cause the Police officers to be moved. He noted that there was a height restriction of 24 inches for shrubbery in the medians. He felt that many accidents were caused due to inability to see beyond the shrubbery, such as when traveling West bound on 30th Street and turning to go south on Rock Island Road. He noted that the shrubbery at that location was above six feet, which made it impossible to see vehicles coming south on Rock Island Road. He stated that enforcement of the Code would correct the obstruction and prevent a T-bone collision at the intersection. He suggested adding traffic lights at the intersection because of the heavy traffic coming from four large neighborhoods and the Carolina Country Club. He stated that the landscaping looked great, but help was needed regarding the accident problem.

CITY MANAGER DOUGLAS E. SMITH stated that the Police Department did pay attention to the roadway and had already started gathering information. He said that he would ask the Police Department to look into each of the specific items recommended by Mr. Perri and provide a response to him.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO thanked Mr. Perri for coming to the meeting to speak about his problem. He mentioned almost having an accident himself at that location and agreed that the bushes were high.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN stated that the landscaping for the area was the responsibility of the Carolinas. She said that Code could inform them that they were not in compliance.

RICH POPOVIC, 6066 Winfield Boulevard, stated that the bridge was received from the Army Corps of Engineers; however, it was not installed yet. He said that the easement was not owned by anybody, was a public thoroughfare and was used as a green space by the County. He commented about the new Public Discussion Cards. He commented on the former Police Chief Dana Watson double dipping. He wanted to know what was being done regarding the City Attorney leaving shortly, and whether the City Attorney would pick his own predecessor.

RICH ALIANIELLO, 7631 NW 23rd Street, commended Commissioner Talerico. He said that the Resurfacing program in his neighborhood was almost complete; however, it was bad for the residents. He noted that residents had to drive slow because of the pebble and gravel on the streets. He expressed concern regarding future plans to do other streets. He asked that residents be informed to be careful with the children and being careful not to fall. He said that Rock Island Road had giant Palm Trees that needed to be looked into because some were split at the bottom, rotted out and would fall during Hurricane Season. He noted that the area was near McDivot's and the next block, and that three or four looked dangerous. He mentioned that the Police were picking people at random to pull over today on Banks Road, to check for license and insurance, and he felt that the City should continue to do that because of the many people who did not have insurance.

JIM MOYER, Salvation Army, congratulated Commissioner Talerico and thanked the Commissioners for the Salvation Army Proclamation. He noted that he was with the Salvation Army 18 years and had a family store at 320 North State Road 7 for 32 years. He mentioned that he liked the new motto, "Together We Make It Great". He understood that there was no Dr. Martin Luther King Day parade in Margate, and asked the Commission to consider having it and putting the new motto into practice. He offered to help by being on a committee if needed.

COMMISSIONER BRYAN stated that she previously mentioned to the Commission that she marched in the Pompano Beach Dr. Martin Luther King Parade and asked the Commission to look into having something in Margate or joining with the sister Cities.

GERALDINE LEONE, 6770 NW 9th Court, said that she previously came before the Development Review Committee (DRC) and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) who assisted her and her husband to have a Car Show and to assist with the Food Bank for Cokesbury United Methodist Church. She provided some handouts and asked for sponsorship or door prizes for the Car Show, and asked the Commission to assist however they could. She noted that if sponsoring, the City's new Logo would be displayed on the sponsor banner on the main tent.

4) CONSENT AGENDA

No items on Consent Agenda.

5) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER DOUGLAS E. SMITH noted that he received a request from the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitor's Bureau for the filming of a commercial in Margate in the roundabout area. He said that it would be a Ford Focus commercial. He explained that part of Margate Boulevard would be closed down, as well as part of

58th Avenue and the roundabout on February 6th. He said that access to shops and housing would still be provided. He added that off duty Police Officers would be hired for traffic control. He said that for the remainder of the day starting from noon until late in the evening, the Bureau would like to use the CRA vacant lot, which could be considered at a brief CRA Board meeting next week. He asked for a consensus to move forward in order to give direction to the filming company.

MAYOR SIMONE asked for a consensus, and all Commissioners agreed 5-0.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO questioned whether the Margate picture would be in the commercial.

CITY MANAGER SMITH said that he heard of a similar commercial filmed in the area, which was real quick.

CITY MANAGER SMITH stated that the public input phase for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process was beginning soon. He announced that there would be an Open House Public Meeting scheduled as part of the process. He stated that the Movie in the Park event was scheduled this Saturday night with more events coming up. He mentioned events such as the Water Safety Awareness Day on February 7th and the Sounds at Sundown on February 7th as well. He said that a follow up to the recent Commission Workshop regarding the Transit Oriented Corridor (TOC) Gateway Zoning District was that the associated ordinance to change the height pertaining to two stories would come back to the DRC on February 12th. He added that follow up revision work would be done on the shed definition based on a comment made at the last meeting regarding Ted's Sheds being secured to the foundation. He noted that there would be an amendment to the Shed definition that would also be coming back to the DRC. He noted that last year the City received \$100,000 from the State of Florida for the Sewer Piping Rehabilitation Grant. He stated that the work had been submitted for the reimbursement request for the full \$100,000, as the work had been completed. He added that requests would be submitted in the next Legislative Session as well. He said that he recently met with Representative Hazelle Rogers and had another upcoming meeting where the City could present its Legislative priorities, funding requests for water projects and build relationships with the Legislative Delegation.

6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. ID 14-841** RESOLUTION - APPROVING THE UTILITY EASEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES AT 777 S STATE ROAD 7.

Resolution 15-011

A motion was made by Commissioner Talerico, seconded by Commissioner Bryan, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Peerman, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Talerico, Vice Mayor Ruzzano and Mayor Simone

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Carol DiLorenzo

Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Date: _____